



Class VII

ENGLISH

Topic: Comprehensive Language Practice

Dear Students

- This e-lesson is in the form of a worksheet and aims at giving you practice in comprehension, letter writing and grammar.
- The vocabulary enhancement activity is to be attempted in the English notebook.
- The answer key to the previous assignment is at the end of this e-lesson.

COMPREHENSION

1. As I sat in a restaurant, enjoying my tea, the sounds of giggles and laughter drifted over from the next table. I turned to see what was happening! There, at the table, sat a family with two teenage daughters, who were laughing and giggling. The mother grew more and more impatient with her girls' inability to control themselves. After some time with a stern expression she said, "Girls, that is enough laughing for today."
2. The girls, however, tried to convince their mother that they were using up their quota of laughter reserved for Monday. "Anyway," they said, "we won't be able to laugh tomorrow as much because we will be in school."
3. It seemed to me that the girls almost said, "We don't have to wait to be happy." It was then, I realised, that instead of waiting for things and events around us to make us happy, we must find them.
4. All of us know that laughter is good for us but we often feel that there is nothing to laugh about. In this situation, try some laughter techniques. Keep your eyes and ears open for things that can inspire laughter. Most important, learn to laugh at yourself. Always remember- laugh with others but not at them.
5. Doctors have found that laughter is indeed the best medicine. It often helps to reduce high blood pressure. A hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving the muscles relaxed for almost forty-five minutes. It improves the function of the blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can protect you against heart problems. Laughter, therefore, is a priceless medicine – free, easily available, easy to use and without any side effects!

Q1. On the basis of the reading of the above passage, answer the following questions briefly.

- 1) **Where was the narrator in the beginning of the passage and what was he doing?**

2) Why were the girls laughing uncontrollably?

3) Explain the laughter technique suggested in the passage.

4) How does laughter relax the muscles?

5) How is laughter a priceless medicine?

6) Give a suitable title to the passage.

7) Laughter protects against _____ problems as it improves blood flow and the function of blood vessels.

8) Heart b. blood c. lungs d. kidney

9) One must always keep in mind to laugh with others and not _____.

10) With them b. from far c. loudly d. at them

GRAMMAR

Q2. Rearrange the words and phrases given below to form meaningful sentences.

- i) part/ many athletes/ in the competition/ were taking
- ii) a prize/ the boys/ each of/ was given
- iii) come back/ till/ I/ wait here
- iv) at time/ ill/ I am/ stay/ since/ I must
- v) hungry/ is crying/ he is/ because/ the child
- vi) sympathy/ who lacks/ an animal/ is like/ the person

Q3. There are six errors in the paragraph. Spot the errors and correct them.

		ERROR	CORRECTION
e.g. It is long been known to mankind		is	Has
and music has invisible powers - the	a.		
power to calm, to heal, to rouse but	b.		
to evoke emotions: Good music touch	c.		

the soul. It is say that music	d.		
puts a spell even on the animal like	e.		
snakes and dear. It brings about an change	f.		
in human behaviour.			

Q4. There are six errors in the paragraph. Spot the errors and correct them.

		ERROR	CORRECTIO N
e.g. One morning the, Nawab call		call	called
his minister and said him	a.		
that I wanted the length and	b.		
breadth from the whole earth	c.		
measured. He also feel the	d.		
need to have the stars count.	e.		
The minister find the task impossible.	f.		

WRITING SKILL (Letter Writing – Informal)

Q5. Write a letter to your cousin, Neha / Nitin, who lives in Mumbai. You were supposed to visit your cousin during summer break this year. However, the nationwide lockdown has made it impossible. Express in the letter how you were looking forward to the visit and mention the fun you had the last time both of you were together. End your letter with a hope that you will meet each other soon and how you plan to stay connected till then. (100-120 words)

VOCABULARY ENHANCEMENT

Let us learn a few words that are associated with the current scenario (COVID-19).

1. Transmission
2. Crisis
3. Isolation
4. Airborne
5. Confinement
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

TASK

Read an article (newspaper, internet etc) related to the current scenario and pick five new words. Add them to the list mentioned above.

Now, write the meaning of these ten words and form suitable sentences with any five of these words.

ANSWER KEY TO THE ASSIGNMENT DATED 12 MAY 2020

Ans1. 1) a 2) a 3) an 4) an 5) a 6) an 7) a 8) an 9) a 10) a 11) a 12) a
13) a 14) an 15) an 16) an 17) a 18) a 19) a 20) a

Ans 2.

1. --- money doesn't always lead to --- happiness.
2. **The** finals will be played in **the** O2 arena.
3. **The** more you eat, **the** fatter you'll get.
4. --- aluminium is made from --- bauxite.
5. The old woman was not afraid of --- death.
6. --- fruits and --- vegetables have got a lot of --- vitamins.
7. **The** moon travels around **the** earth.
8. The ship was seen off **the** coast of Florida.
9. We are going to **the** Netherlands next summer.
10. Do your parents ever go to --- church?
11. He wrote a book about **the** lives of former presidents.
12. My sister kissed me on **the** cheek.
13. --- Mount Everest is the highest peak on --- earth.
14. Liverpool will probably win **the** Champions League this year.
15. **The** Mississippi River is **the** largest in North America.
16. As a tourist you have to visit **the** Tower of London and --- Piccadilly Circus.
17. He will not have a chance to compete at **the** 2020 Olympics.
18. --- cancer is a very serious disease.
19. People say that **the** British are very polite people.
20. --- public transport is an effective way of travel.
21. Someone stole valuable paintings from **the** gallery last week.
22. **The** last time I saw him he was preparing for --- university.
23. One of **the** most serious environmental problems is --- pollution.
24. He went to --- prison because he had mugged an old lady.

Ans3.

1. We are planning on having **the** wedding in --- early fall, probably in --- September.
2. The plane was climbing up through **the** sky.
3. Winston Churchill was **a/the** Prime Minister who led England during --- World War II
4. Our father ruled our family with **an** iron fist.
5. --- Marmalade is usually made from --- oranges.
6. She is currently driving at **an** enormous speed.
7. The TV show portrays the lives of **the** Royal Family.
8. She gave us **an** umbrella because it started to rain.
9. Carol's father works as **an** electrician.
10. We left Rome and flew across **the** Alps to Munich.
11. Most --- children like --- sweets.
12. Have you got **an** idea about how we can solve **the** problem?
13. Our friends, the Millers, moved to **the** Netherlands last winter.
14. Our children go to --- school by --- bus.

15. She likes ---Indian tea but she doesn't like **the** tea that comes from Sri Lanka.
16. The two countries reached --- peace after **a** long, disastrous war.
17. We needed **a** place to live whenever we were in London.
18. Over 20 people were buried by **an** avalanche last weekend.
19. She had laughing eyes and **a** very charming expression on her face.
20. We need to be at **the** airport in just over **an** hour.
21. --- Milk is rich in --- nutrients.
22. Some people say --- money is **the** most important thing in --- life.

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