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I would like to bestow my sincere thanks on the members of the editorial and writer boards as well as on the staff of the Educational Publications Department who have strived to offer this textbook to you.

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#### A Word to the Teacher

The Board of Writers and Editors are honored to be a part of this national endeavour to write and edit the Grade 11 English textbook and workbook for the students of this country. The textbook is designed to help the students to learn and use language in different situations locally and internationally. The book also contains additional information for the teachers in the form of competency levels and the corresponding activities with the hope of making the task of teaching easier. Furthermore, the book is designed to accommodate the different and varying proficiency levels of the students with the hope of addressing the needs of the larger student population of this country. In addition, the lessons are chronologically sequenced to avoid any confusion that may arise in the teaching process.

It is recommended that this book be used as guide to the teachers and the students on the expected national standards and teachers are encouraged to use supplementary material as much as possible in the classroom. We thank all those who worked with us and hope that we will be able to make a difference in the lives of our students who are keen and enthusiastic to learn English.

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Dear Student,

Please do not write anything in this book. Use your exercise book to do the activities that appear here.

### 1 OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Activity I

#### Act out

Vikum and Chamindu meet each other in the bus on their way to school.

Vikum	- Good morning Chamindu! The bus is crowded today. Give me
	your school bag or would you rather sit here?
Chamindu	- Good morning! Thank you Vikum. It's not too far. Just keep
	my bag.
Vikum	- Sure. By the way, did you manage to find facts for the debate
	next week?
Chamindu	- Yes. I've planned to visit the local library too.
Vikum	- We've got to propose the idea "Discipline cannot be achieved
	only through laws".
Chamindu	- Yes. I've read some articles about it. My sister also
	downloaded some articles from the internet. It's quite an
	interesting topic, isn't it?
Vikum	- Of course! My mother says it's a timely topic that all school
	children should be made aware of.
Chamindu	- I think so too. Discipline cannot be imposed only through laws.
Vikum	- Hmm It will be an interesting debate.
Chamindu	- There is an article on vandalism too in my sister's collection of
	articles.
Vikum	- What's that? I've never heard that word before. Can you please
	repeat the word?
Chamindu	- Van-da-lism. Let's read my sister's articles and discuss more at
	school.
Vikum	- Oh! Here comes a pregnant mother. I'll offer my seat to her.
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Identify the following punctuation marks in the dialogue between Vikum and Chamindu.

Copy one sentence as an example for each into your writing book.

- a. Full stop
- b. Question mark
- c. Apostrophe used in contractions
- d. Apostrophe used to show possession
- e. Inverted commas
- f. Comma
- g. Exclamation mark

#### Activity 3

Chamindu visited the library and needed the help of the librarian to find information for the debate. Write the conversation he had with the librarian using appropriate punctuation marks. Enact it in the class.

Start like this...

Librarian	- Good afternoon! Can I help you?
Chamindu	(greets and tells what he wants)
Librarian	(asks for the topic of the debate)
Chamindu	(gives the topic)
Librarian	(expresses his ability to help and asks whether he needs to borrow books)
Chamindu	
Chamindu Librarian	(expresses his thanks and says he wants to borrow books) (describes where the books are)
	and says he wants to borrow books)
Librarian	and says he wants to borrow books) (describes where the books are)
Librarian Chamindu	and says he wants to borrow books) (describes where the books are) (says he will go and find them)

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#### **Reading / Writing**

This is the article Chamindu's sister found on vandalism. Read it and do the activities that follow.



#### VANDALISM /vændəlizəm/

**Vandalism** is an offence that is caused when a person deliberately destroys, alters or defaces someone else's property without permission. <u>It</u> is mostly aimed at public property such as public transport

services, bus stops, parks, road signs and other public places. It can also occur at individual level too such as scratching someone's car or distorting the information on a person's website.

Among many reasons, personal attitudes and basic social problems are at the root of vandalism. It may occur because of a lack of meaningful activities, disciplinary problems, and negative feelings such as revenge, boredom, anger, and frustration. It can be the result of peer group pressure, playfulness, curiosity and pleasure too. Although most **vandals** do not have a clear motive for their acts, and may consider it as a simple act of fun or art. However, it is a punishable crime with imprisonment, monetary fines, or both as laws exist in a country to prevent vandalism.

Certain effects of vandalism are considered insignificant while others are considered extremely severe. However, it is a problem that affects everyone in some way or other.

It can affect one's family, friends, and the community. When facilities, such as public transport services, parks and public restrooms are **vandalized**, it makes using such places unpleasant and demoralizing. As a result of vandalism, fire and emergency services are affected by increased workloads. Citizens of a country pay their taxes in order to build a better community for the future generation. But when public property is vandalized, <u>they</u> are the ones who have to pay for the damage.



There are different approaches that can be taken to prevent vandalism. It can be done by educating individuals, especially the young people about its consequences and nature. Another way to prevent vandalism is to use property designs such as ceramic tiles on walls which are easy to clean. In addition, rough textured surfaces where



scrawling with graffiti is impossible, reduce vandalistic behaviour in public places. An essential approach to reducing vandalism is to monitor the condition of a property regularly. Studies reveal that vandalism carried

out by individuals of all ages increases when people think they are left out from the society or community. Thus, involvement in community activities can encourage a sense of belonging and pride which will help them to respect and think positively about their community. Everyone should understand the duties and responsibilities of a citizen and decide what is right and what is wrong. Therefore, in preventing vandalism, self-discipline plays a bigger role than laws. i) In column A there are some actions related to vandalism. Match them with their meanings in column B.

А	В
destroy	changing the form or structure
alter	damaging a surface in a visible manner
deface	damaging beyond use or repair
distort	giving false or misleading information

ii) Indicate whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

a.	Vandalism can occur both at personal and public levels.	(	)	)
b.	Vandals always have a clear reason for their vandalistic behaviour.	(	)	)
c.	Vandalism has negative effects on the whole community.	(	)	)
d.	Educating people about the negative effects of vandalism is a good			
	way to prevent it.	(	)	)
e.	Laws of a country play the most important role in preventing			
	vandalism.	(	)	)

- iii) Write answers to the following questions.
- a. What is vandalism?
- b. Give two reasons for vandalism.
- c. How is vandalism punished?
- d. Write down two effects of vandalism on people living in a community.
- e. List down two ways that can be used to prevent vandalism.
- f. Copy the sentence which says that vandalism can be prevented by making the young people aware of it.
- g. What do the following pronouns underlined in the passage refer to?
  - i. it (paragraph 1)-
  - ii. they (paragraph 3)-

iv)

- 1. List out the acts of vandalism that can occur in your school.
  - e.g.: Scrawling graffiti on school textbooks.

2. Work in small groups. Suggest ways to prevent vandalism at school level.

Activity 5

Writing

Involvement in community activities can encourage a sense of belonging and pride which will help people to respect and think positively about their community.

Imagine you are the secretary of the Youth Society of your village or town and you are going to organize a community activity for the local residents. Write a notice informing the public about the activity and requesting their help.

e.g.: Clearing the mosquito breeding grounds in the area Cleaning the children's ward in the local hospital



Note how the following words are formed using suffixes.





#### **Prefixes and Suffixes**

• Adding a prefix to the base

Affixes added before the base form of a word are called prefixes. Prefixes do not generally alter the word-class.

e.g.: in-, mis-, un-, re-, , im-, ir-, dis-

significant (adjective) (adjective)

• Adding a suffix to the base

Affixes added after the base form of a word are called suffixes. Unlike prefixes, suffixes frequently alter the word-class.

e.g.: -ize, -ful, -less, -ness, -fully, -er, -est, -ly, -tion, -sion, -ment, -ance, -ous, -some



#### Activity 6

Go through the passage on **vandalism** once again and find examples for words with

- 1. prefixes
- 2. suffixes
- 3. both prefixes and suffixes

Indicate the word class of the words you find and their base forms. Follow the example given.

e.g.: Prefixes

pleasant unpleasant (adjective)

#### Activity 7

How would you advise someone to be a responsible citizen? Write as many instructions as possible using the following modals. Follow the example given.

need, ought to, must, should, can

e.g.: You should always help others.

#### Activity 8

Write five sentences based on the following picture, using the above modals.



#### Listening

You are going to listen to a set of rules to be followed by road users. Put the relevant numbers of the rules against the different types of users. Some rules are applicable to many users.

USER	RULE
Pedestrians	
Motor cyclists	
Car drivers & Passengers	
Bus drivers & Passengers	

#### Activity 10

#### Writing

Read the following letter written by Farah to her friend Kalani and fill in the grid.

18, Lake Drive, Pannipitiya.

27th January 2016

Dear Kalani,

How are you? I hope you are doing fine. Thank you very much for your letter and the birthday card. I **was waiting** for a letter from you when the postman **delivered** it. It's a lovely card made out of natural flowers and leaves which we all **admired**.

As you **mentioned** in your letter, I'm a year older now. I totally agree that we have to think seriously and plan our future. We have to take the responsibility of our own lives.

Kalani, I will tell you how I **celebrated** my birthday. On my birthday, I **donated** some books to the local library. My parents **said** that it **was** a very thoughtful deed. My father **had visited** the library a week before he **organized** this for me. We were given a list of books that they **needed**. In fact, the librarian **had been waiting** for a long time to get those books for the library. We were happy to donate some of them. I **went** with my mother to purchase the books. On my birthday, we **went** to church in the morning and then **delivered** the books to the library. I **felt** happy as I **did** something useful on my birthday this year. You know what? My brother has already made similar plans for his birthday too.

So Kalani, how are things going on for you? Hope you are having a fantastic time in Nuwara Eliya. Hope to hear from you soon. Give my regards to your parents.

Best Wishes, Farah.

Activity done	
By whom	
Who helped	
Why it was done	
How he/she felt afterwards	

Imagine that one of your friends is interested in donating books to a library. Write the instructions you would give him or her to complete the work successfully. Follow the example given.

e.g. : First you should visit the library.

Then...



#### Activity 12

Write a letter to one of your friends describing a good deed you have done. Include the following:

About your good deed When and where it was done Who helped you How you felt on this day

#### Grammar

Pay attention to the following sentences taken from Farah's letter. They are all in different forms of the past tense.

- 1. On my last birthday, I donated some books to the local library.
- 2. I <u>was waiting</u> for a letter from you when the postman <u>delivered</u> it.
- 3. My father <u>had visited</u> the library a week before he <u>organized</u> this work for me.
- 4. He <u>had been waiting</u> for a long time to get those books for the library.



#### Past Tense

The **Simple Past Tense** is usually used to express a single action done at a particular point of time in the past.

*e.g.*: On my last birthday, I <u>donated</u> some books to the local library.

The **Past Continuous Tense** is usually used to express an action still going on at a point of time in the past.

e.g.: I was waiting for a letter from you when the postman delivered it.

The **Past Perfect Tense** is usually used whenever we wish to say that some past action had been completed before another action started.

*e.g.*: My father <u>had visited</u> the library a week before he organized this donation for me.

The **Past Perfect Continuous Tense** is used to describe an action that began in the past and went on for some time in the past.

*e.g.*: He <u>had been waiting</u> for a long time to get those books for the library.

#### Activity 13

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets. You need to revise all three tenses to complete this activity.

- 1. Ravindran is a clerk. He ..... (work) in a bank.
- 2. "You can't meet the teacher now. She ...... (conduct) a lesson."
- 3. Mr. Bandara ..... (sell) his car last week.
- 4. Suwimali ...... (sweep) the classroom by the time the teacher started the lesson.
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- 5. "I ...... (lend) you the story book if you promise to return it before Friday."
- By the time we reached Kandy, my father .....(drive) non-stop for nearly two hours.
- 7. Nisali ..... (finish) her homework. She can play with her brother now.
- 8. Venura ...... (play) badminton with his sister every evening.
- 9. "You can't talk to my brother now. He ......(sleep)."
- 10. "It ...... (rain) since last night. I wonder when it will stop."



Activity I

#### Speaking

Look at the pictures. Work in pairs. What are the activities shown in these pictures?



#### Vocabulary

Challenge !

Copy the following phrases into your writing book.

Match the phrases with the above pictures.

Water rafting, Fall with gravity, Outdoor activity, Team activity, Adventurous, Riding on waves, Pole vaulting, Natural /artificial waves, Three major styles, Parachuting, Inflatable raft, Challenging, Need speed and flexibility, Surfboard, Popular, Skydiving, Rough water/white water, Exiting, An aircraft, Jump high up/land safely

#### Activity 3

#### **Reading**/ Writing

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.

Water rafting is an <u>adventurous</u> outdoor team activity. It is done in white water or different degrees of rough water using an <u>inflatable</u> raft. This sport is <u>challenging</u> and considered to be dangerous, if the necessary safety <u>precautions</u> are not followed. **This** has now <u>become</u> a popular sport. However, it is necessary to minimize the impact of this sport on nature. There should be a "leave no trace" policy when <u>engaging</u> in rafting. The sportsmen should learn to dispose of waste <u>properly</u>, leave what they find in the wilderness, respect wild life, keep fires small etc.

There is another popular action sport called skydiving. This is also known as <u>parachuting</u>. Skydiving is done by jumping out of an aircraft and falling for as long as one safely can before opening the parachute. Once the sportsmen jump out of the aircraft they fall freely with the aid of gravity. The real challenge is to slow down the fall and reach the earth with the help of the parachute. This sport is practised even during the 18<sup>th</sup> century and it is said that in 1797, Andre Jacques Garnerin jumped from a hot air balloon with a parachute. It was the first incident of truly modern skydiving. In the military it is used as a back up safety <u>mechanism</u> for airmen. Many modern militaries <u>use</u> skydiving for troop

deployment. Wildfire fighters also parachute to reach remote sites, so that they can be on the ground <u>quickly</u>. At present, it is a well-known recreational sport.

Surfing is done with the help of a <u>surfboard</u>. This is an act of riding on a wave, especially a sea wave. This can be challenging when the waves become rough. There are three major styles of surfing. This is done in natural waves as well as in artificial waves. This sport has developed into a number of other types, including skateboarding, wakeboarding, skimboarding, and windsurfing among others. Skateboarding is popular among teenagers. This is an action sport which <u>enables</u> riding and performing tricks on the skateboard.

Pole vaulting is a challenging sport. In this track and field event, the sportsman uses a long, flexible pole as an aid to jump over a bar. Pole jumping competitions were known to the ancient Greeks, Cretans and Celts. The sportsman should have a speed of a sprinter, the flexibility of a gymnast, and the vertical jump of a jumper. **This** needs courage to jump up in the free air with a pole. The sportsmen need not only to jump a considerable height but also to land <u>correctly</u>. This has been a full medal event at the Olympic Games since 1896 for men and since 2000 for women.

A) State whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.

1. Water rafting is an outdoor sport.	(	)
2. Skydivers do not need parachutes to land.	(	)
3. Surfing is not a challenging sport.	(	)
4. Surfing is done only in natural waves.	(	)
5. Pole vaulting is done by both men and women.	(	)

B) Answer the following questions.

- 1. How can water rafting be dangerous?
- 2. What are the environment friendly practices followed in water rafting?
- 3. What is skydiving?
- 4. For which purposes is skydiving used?
- 5. What are the types of surfing mentioned in the text?
- 6. What are the abilities a pole vaulting sportsman should have to become successful?
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C) What do the following words refer to?

- 1. this (in paragraph 1)
- 2. it (in paragraph 2)
- 3. this (in paragraph 4)

D) Find similar words to the following from the text.

- 1. throw away
- 2. reduce
- 3. help

E) Copy the following grid into your writing book and place the underlined words in the above text in the correct column.

Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs	Adverbs

F) Write a subtitle for each paragraph.

G) Give a suitable title to the text.

#### Activity 4

#### Writing

Work in groups. Discuss the activities shown in the pictures given below and write a description.





#### Act out

Nithya	: This time we have to organize the morning assembly.
Kamalesh	: Really? That sounds interesting.
Sahas	: Yes, each class is given a chance to do it every month.
Sujith	: Who is going to conduct the assembly?
Kamalesh	: I think you can do it better, Sahas.
Sahas	: Me? Oh no!
Nithya	: Don't worry, we will help you.
Sahas	: Alright, I'm ready to take the challenge.

#### Activity 6

#### **Speaking / Writing**

- 1. What is this discussion about?
- 2. "I'm ready to take the challenge." What does Sahas mean by this?
- 3. Do you consider this to be a challenge? Why?
- 4. Discuss in pairs and write the programme of the assembly.

#### Activity 7

#### Listening / Writing

i) Listen to the short announcements and number the events of the programme in order.

ii) Kamalesh is going to deliver a speech on "Challenges make us strong." Write the announcement for this event and present it to the class.

#### Writing

Kamalesh prepared a mind map when organizing his speech. Work in groups to develop the mind map into a speech and write it in your writing book.





Complete the blanks using should / shouldn't / must / mustn't.

- 1. You ..... brush your teeth before you go to bed at night.
- 2. The children ..... play too much when they have to do homework.
- 3. You ..... cross the road when the traffic lights are red.
- 4. The parents .....allow children to do risky things.
- 5. You ..... always speak the truth.

#### Activity 10

Describe each sign given below using 'should'/ 'should not'.




#### **Reported Speech**

#### $Present \rightarrow Past$

i) Sahas said, "<u>I'm ready to take the challenge</u>".
Sahas said that <u>he was</u> ready to take the challenge.

#### $Will \rightarrow Would$

ii) Nithya said to Sahas, "<u>We will</u> help you." Nithya told Sahas that they <u>would</u> help him.

## Activity 11

Write the following in reported / indirect speech.

- 1) "I'm very interested in music," he said.
- 2) The children said, "We will clean our classroom."
- 3) My sister said," I can finish this project in two weeks."
- 4) "You must study hard," our teacher said to us.
- 5) Kamal said, "I bought a new dictionary yesterday."

## Activity 12

## Writing

Read the following poem. Add more lines to it using the clues given.

If bees stay at home Rain will soon come If they fly away Fine will be the day

If you see; a rainbow, some dark clouds, mist in the morning

# Writing

Re-order the following pictures. Write a sentence for each picture to build a story on your own.



#### Reading

Read, enjoy and answer.

#### The Challenge

Blessed is the man, indeed, Who in this life can find; A purpose that can fill his days, And goals to fill his mind!

The world is filled with little men Content with here they are; Not knowing joys success can bring, No will to go that far!

Yet, in this world there is a need, For men to lead the rest To rise above the "average" life, By giving of their best!

Would you be one, who dares to try, When challenged by the task; To rise to heights you've never seen, Or is that too much to ask?

This is your day a world to win Great purpose to achieve; Accept the challenge of your goals And in yourself, believe!

You will be proud of what you've done, When at the close of day; You look back on your battles won, Content, you came this way!

by Dr. Heartsill Wilson

- 1. According to the poem who are "blessed men" and "little men"?
- 2. What type of people does this world need?
- 3. Write two qualities that people who lead the world should have.
- 4. How many stanzas are there in this poem?
- 5. What are the rhyming words found in the poem?
- 6. What is the message given in the poem?



## Activity I

## Act out

Last Sunday, some of Kishan's friends met at his house to prepare a booklet on Sri Lanka for a class assignment. Kishan was watching a cricket match when Suresh and Suranga came in.

Suresh	: Hey, Kishan, what's the score?
Kishan	: Hi Suresh, hi Suranga. England has scored 23 for 01.
Suranga	: Are they still batting?
Kishan	: No. It's the lunch break now.
Suranga	: Here, watch this.
Suresh	: What's it? Ah yes, this would be useful for us.
Kishan	: Great! It's a documentary about Sri Lanka.
Suranga	: Let's watch it.
Suresh	: There, the others are also coming.
Kishan	: Hi friends, we have something interesting to watch.
Vihangi	: What's it?
Suranga	: Shh Let's watch it first.

# Listening

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The friends sat down to watch the programme. Listen to the narration and complete the blanks.

A) 1.The match is be	eing played in		·
a) Pallekele	b) Sooriyawewa	c) Dambulla	d) Galle
2	is the special fis	shing technique me	ntioned in the narration.
a) Netting	b) Angling	c) Stilt fishing	d) Spearing
3. The cricket c		ed different places	in the country on the
a) first day	b) second day	c) rest day	d) third day
4	are t	he commentators.	
a) Jack and David	d b) Boon and John	n c) David and Jan	nes d) David and John
5. When flying or country.	ver the country they	y saw the	of the
a) inhabitants	b) greenery	c) vegetables	d) cultivators
6. They visited	and st	topped at	for lunch.
,	naruwa b) Pol- lle d) Trincomale		malee
B)			
7	won the toss.		
	runs		
•	lost wic	:ket/s.	
10	trail by 489 runs.		
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# Writing / Speaking

Look at the following map of Sri Lanka. Find the picture clues and mention what each place/city is famous for.



#### Speaking

Read aloud the conversation the friends had after watching the documentary and answer the questions that follow.

- Radhika : Well, that was good.
- Rikaz : Yes it was. Did you see the beautiful scenery they had captured?
- Vihangi : Yes, I wish I could go back to our past, to the time of our ancient kingdoms.
- Suresh : Me too. Shall we discuss our booklet now?
- Radhika : What about the presentation?
- Suranga : Alright, what's your plan?
- Suresh : Shall we decide on the topics first and then find the necessary information?
- Kishan : Oh good, I see your point, Suresh.
- Madeena: Then, I'll write on beautiful places of the country.
- Vihangi : Very well, Madeena, I'll find information on our kings.
- Rikaz : Leave some topics for us too.
- Radhika : Alright.
- Suranga : I'll work on important historical places.
- Radhika : I want to write about endemic animals, birds, trees...
- Rikaz : Ah, you'll have a lot of work to do.
- Suranga : No, that's fine. We each have something to do.
- Suresh : You left out my favourite topic.
- Madeena: What's that?
- Vihangi : I'm sure it's technology.
- Suresh : Yes, you got it.
- Suranga : Now we can do a detailed presentation.
- 1. What was the purpose of their discussion?
- 2. What are the topics they discussed?
- 3. How many friends were engaged in the conversation?

## Writing

Complete the table given below.

Name of the friend	Topic to be done for the presentation

## Activity 6

# Writing

(i) Find the adjectives used in the conversation.

e.g.: <u>beautiful</u> scenery

(ii) Use them and make your own sentences.

# Activity 7

**Speaking / Writing** 

Discuss in groups and do a presentation on Sri Lanka.



# Simple Past Tense

We use the **simple past tense** when writing or talking about things that happened in the past.

e.g: Some of Kishan's friends met at his house last Sunday.

## Writing

Find the past form of the following verbs and make sentences. e.g.: Go – went

1. hear	_
2. put	_
3. return	_
4. inquire	_
5. reply	_
6. say	_

## Activity 9

## Writing

i) Follow the facts given on one of the kings of Sri Lanka and write a short composition.

King Buddhadasa

- son of King Jettatissa
- Anuradhapura kingdom
- 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.
- a just king
- did many meritorious deeds
- good physician
- cured even animals
- saw a sick snake one day
- operated and cured the snake
- ii) Write a short composition about any famous king you know.

## Reading

Madeena has found some photographs related to Sri Lanka. Read the descriptions.



This is a map of ancient Sri Lanka. The name Ceilan is written on the top left-hand corner. A bay and several points can be seen on the map. There is a ship shown on the map. The country is surrounded by the sea. The map shows a lot of mountains, trees and animals such as elephant, deer, fox etc.

The map includes names of different places, sea and other important landmarks in a different language.



The big rock in the background of the picture is Sigiriya. King Kashyapa built a fortress on top of it. Now, it is listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. There is a group of tourists riding on an elephant. The mahout who is on the elephant has a goad in his hand. The tourists seem to be enjoying the natural beauty of the surroundings. Sigiriya has long been a popular tourist destination because of its natural beauty and historical value.

a) State whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.

1. Madeena has a map of ancient Ceylon in her collection of photographs.	()
2. The map is marked in a different language.	()
3. King Ravana built the Sigiriya rock fortress.	()
4. Sigiriya is considered as one of the wonders of the world.	()
5. Sigiriya is a famous tourist destination.	()

b) Refer to a dictionary and find synonyms for the following words.

- 1. ancient -
- 2. important -
- 3. popular –
- 4. built –
- 5. different -

Activity 11

# **Speaking / Writing**

i) Select any one of the pictures given below and describe it.



ii) Write the description in your writing book.

Write a description on one of the famous tourist destinations in Sri Lanka. You may include,

- The location
- The speciality
- Why you like that place
- Things to see etc ....

#### Reading

Kishan started practising that presentation.

Good morning, dear teacher and my dear friends! This presentation is on the irrigation system of Sri Lanka which dates back to 300 BC. We, Sri Lankans are proud of the many wondrous water managing systems of the ancient civilizations. We were the first to build water reservoirs to store water which are known as tanks (*wewa/kulam*). Many Sri Lankan kings such as King Pandukabhaya, King Wasabha, King Mahasen, King Dhathusena, King Agbo I, King Agbo II and King Parakramabahu the Great built tanks to improve farming in Sri Lanka. The ancient kings followed the advice of the Buddhist monks and ruled the country. This led to the ancient concept of 'tank and stupa'.

I'm sure that you all know the reason why these great kings built tanks. Can you tell me why? Well, it's pretty obvious that the kings had a vision to cultivate the land and to make the country self-sufficient. Now I'll show you a cross section of a tank.



Well, friends I have some more key points to discuss. I need your help to finish the rest.

## Writing

Work in pairs. Continue the presentation using the rest of the facts given below. Add more details.

- Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa are the kingdoms where we find most of the tanks
- This irrigation agriculture helped in making ancient Sri Lanka a selfsufficient country
- Sri Lankans have two seasons for farming
- Rice, the staple food of Sri Lanka
- Man-made lakes
- The royal master builder of tanks was King Parakrambahu the Great (1164 1196 AD)
- Constructed or restored 165 dams, 3910 canals, 163 major tanks and 2376 minor tanks
- Sri Lanka came to be known as the Granary of the East



#### Activity I

#### Act out

Practise this television interview.

Presenter : Good Morning! Once again we join you in your favourite programme "For a Better Tomorrow." Our topic today is "Polythene and the Environment." To share some valuable ideas on this topic, we have with us one of the eminent environmentalists in the country, Mr. Sunil Weerasinghe.

Welcome to the programme, Mr. Weerasinghe.

**Sunil Weerasinghe** : Thank you. It's a pleasure to be here.

- Interviewer : As we are well aware, polythene has become a major environmental issue. Talking about polythene and the environment, what is the biggest problem related to polythene?
- Sunil Weerasinghe : The biggest problem is that most types of polythene don't decay. They accumulate in the environment, and that, in turn, creates many other problems.
- Interviewer : I'm sure our viewers would like to know about these problems. Could you tell us something about them?



#### Sunil Weerasinghe

Well, it seems that a lot of people have the habit of throwing polythene bags carelessly and haphazardly into the environment. This often leads to problems like land pollution and land

infertility. Polythene also blocks sewage systems and water sources. Another problem is that rain water collected in polythene bags provides breeding grounds for mosquitoes. This is really unfortunate. We will be living in an extremely unhealthy environment if such a situation is to continue.

Interviewer	:	Can't we burn polythene instead?
Sunil Weerasinghe	:	Unfortunately, that doesn't help much. Burning
		polythene creates a lot of harmful gases and
		substances. They are harmful to all living things.
Interviewer	:	How about the effect of polythene on animal life?
Sunil Weerasinghe	:	Sadly, a lot of animals die after eating polythene as it is
		not digested.
Interviewer	:	So, what are your suggestions? Should we stop using
		polythene?
Sunil Weerasinghe	:	Not exactly. I think we should try to minimize the
		use of polythene. Taking reusable bags when
		marketing is a possible way of reducing the use of
		polythene. Recycling polythene is another solution.
Interviewer	:	Reduce, reuse and recycle. We should all think about
		it. With that thought we come to the end of
		our programme. Thank you for joining us today, Mr.
		Weerasinghe.
Sunil Weerasinghe	:	Thank you for inviting me.
Interviewer	:	We hope to meet our viewers next week at the same
		time. Have a good day!
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1. Match A and B.

#### A

- 1. Most types of polythene do not decay.
- 2. Polythene bags are thrown into the environment.
- 3. Rain water is collected in polythene bags.
- 4. Animals eat polythene.
- 5. Polythene bags are collected in water sources.

#### B

- a. It causes land pollution.
- b. They die because of undigested polythene.
- c. Water is polluted.
- d. Mosquitoes breed in them.
- e. They accumulate in the environment.
- 2. Find the adjectives used in the conversation to describe these words.

e.g.: favourite programme

..... problem ..... ideas ..... pollution ..... environmentalist ..... gases

- 3. Find the sentences/ phrases used to:
- 1. start the TV programme
- 2. introduce the environmentalist to the viewers
- 3. ask the environmentalist's suggestions on something
- 4. disagree to an idea
- 5. end the TV programme

4. Find the adverbs used in the conversation.



The words underlined in these sentences are used incorrectly. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

- 1. Plants grow <u>quick</u> in the rich soil.
- 2. Some factories discharge their waste <u>direct</u> into water bodies.
- 3. I <u>usual</u> use recycled paper for my greeting cards.
- 4. Our project was successful because everybody worked efficient.
- 5. Awareness programmes on public health should be conducted regular.

#### Activity 4

#### Writing

Write a paragraph about "The three R's" using the given tree diagram.



You may include sentences like:

- Reduce, reuse, recycle; known as the 3 R's are three great ways to minimize waste and protect our environment.
- We should always try to reduce the waste we create.
- Reusing is an environmentally friendly habit.
- Recycling is another good way to cut down the accumulation of waste.

#### Activity 5

#### Group Work

Write a script for an interview on one of the following topics and conduct the interview in the classroom. You can have a live interview with the whole class as the audience. They could be allowed to ask questions.

Topics : The Dengue Epidemic, Effects of Deforestation, Noise and Air Pollution

## Writing

Convert these sentences to reported speech.

- 1. The invitee said, "It's a pleasure to be here."
- 2. The interviewer asked, "Should we stop using polythene?"
- 3. The scientist said, "I'm conducting a research on global warming."
- 4. Mr. Soyza said, "I visited Sinharaja forest last month."

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5. Mrs. Fernando said, "I have been to Yala National Park."

# Activity 7

#### **Reading / Writing**

Read the following posters and write the message conveyed by each one.



" Water scarcity is now the single biggest threat to global food security."





Use low energy low wattage bulbs. 3 Turn off lights when they are not needed. Make use of natural light in classrooms and offices by opening windows and blinds.

Share newspapers and magazines.

Recycle wastepapers.

Reuse folders, envelops etc.

Do not use fertilizers and pesticides excessively.

They destroy beneficial soil organisms.



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Poster Number	The message it conveys
C	Save water
	Don't waste water

## Activity 8

Complete these sentences using the adjectives and adverbs found in the posters.

natural, soil, global, single, excessively

- 1. We have to preserve ..... resources for the future.
- 2. Accumulation of polythene in the environment has become a ..... environmental issue.
- 3. Cutting down trees causes ..... erosion.
- 4. Water is precious. We should not waste a ..... drop.
- 5. The monsoon rains were ..... heavy this year.

## Listening

Your teacher will read out an announcement. Listen to it and select the correct answer.

- 1. This announcement is issued by:
- i. Colombo South Municipal Council
- ii. Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council
- 2. This announcement is about:
- i. a power interruption
- ii. a water supply interruption
- 3. The areas that will be affected are:
- i. Giragama, Kiribathkumbura and Elugoda
- ii. Maskeliya, High Forest and Nanuoya
- 4. The date of the interruption is:
- i. 30<sup>th</sup> of November
- ii. 13th of November
- 5. The time of the interruption is:
- i. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ii. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 6. The reason for the interruption is:
- i. Shortage of water due to drought
- ii. Cleaning of the storage tanks

#### Group Work

Select one of the areas given below. Fill in the missing information on your own and prepare an announcement about a scheduled power interruption. Present it to the class. The other groups can note down the information.

Area	Date	Time Duration	Affected Areas	Reason
e.g.: Diyathalawa	01/02/2016	08.00 - 16.00	Kandekumbura, Rathnodagama	Repairs to the transformers
Anuradhapura			Kekirawa, Horowpathana	Installing generators
Trincomalee	12/08/2016		Kinniya, Morawewa	Pruning trees near power lines
Peradeniya		13.00–17.00	Muruthalawa	
Colombo		9.00 - 12.00		

#### **Reading / Writing**

## Animals on the Verge of Extinction

#### <u>Polar Bears</u>

Polar bears live across the Arctic in Canada, Alaska, Greenland, Russia, Denmark and Norway. They are the first animals to be threatened because of global warming. They need a cold climate, snow and ice of the Arctic regions to survive. When the snow and ice in the polar regions melt, these animals lose their natural habitat. Scientists say that polar bears are in danger of becoming extinct in about 50 years.





#### <u>Lions</u>

Lions were wide-ranging animals. In the past, They wandered freely in Africa, Asia, Europe and India. Now they are confined to Africa and to a small area in India. Loss of habitat, loss of prey and sport hunting have made this majestic animal endangered. Scientists warn that if these activities are to continue, African lions could very well be extinct by 2050.

#### Blue Whales

Blue whales live in all the oceans except the polar seas. They have become endangered due to being hunted for blubber and body parts. For this reason they have been declared protected animals since 1966. Global warming also harms blue whales. Temperature changes in water due to global warming may induce migration to wrong places where food supply could be low. It is believed that 10000 to 25000 blue whales swim in the oceans of the world.



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#### <u>Elephants</u>



Elephants, world's largest animals on land are now listed as endangered. The Asian elephant, which lives in South and Southeast Asia, is threatened due to high human population in the region. Forests are decreased day by day due to the clearance of land for settlements, agriculture and development projects. The African elephant is endangered mainly due to poaching for ivory.

i) Read the descriptions and complete the table.

Name of the animal	Habitat (Where it lives)	The reason for it being endangered

ii) Match the words with their meanings.

1.	Global warming	a.	threatened with extinction
2.	Natural habitat	b.	no longer existing or living
3.	Extinct	c.	the illegal hunting, killing and capturing wild animals
4.	Endangered	d.	the natural environment in which a group of species lives
5.	Poaching	c.	the increase of the earth's average surface temperature due to the effect of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide



## Capitalization

- The first letter of a sentence
  - e.g. Lions are endangered animals.
- Names of people and places
  - e.g. Weerasinghe, Radhika, Diyathalawa, Canada, Asia
- Pronoun "I"
  - e.g. Where did I put my spectacles?
- The days of the week and months of the year

Sunday, January

Titles

e.g. Mr., Dr., Mrs., Ms.

• The first letter of a sentence that is a direct quote

e.g. The interviewer asked, "Should we stop using polythene?"

Names of bodies of water

e.g. Indian Ocean, The Nile

Names of the planets

e.g. Mars, Jupiter, Earth

Names of nationalities, languages and religions

e.g. Indians, English, Buddhism, Christianity

Names of government bodies

e.g. Municipal Council

#### Activity 12

Rewrite the following essay with correct capitalization.

flying kites is a favourite pastime of mine. not only is it enjoyable and exciting, it is also an environmentally friendly recreational activity. it takes us out of doors into the fresh air as well.

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every year in july and in august my friends udaya, rishan and i go to panadura beach to fly kites. we make kites of various shapes and sizes. udaya's uncle, mr. perera always helps us with our work. he is very good at making kites.

apart from flying kites, we enjoy looking at kites. it is so exciting to see many colourful kites fluttering in the sky. we usually select sundays because that's when you can see the most beautiful collection. rishan says that the chinese believe that looking up at a kite improves your eyesight.

i think we are fortunate that sri lanka is an island surrounded by the indian ocean. that is why we have a plenty of wind to fly kites.

Activity 13

#### **Capitalization Practice**

Rewrite the sentences using capitals where necessary.

- 1. scientists have not yet found out if mars holds favourable climatic conditions to support life on it.
- 2. the municipal council takes our garbage to recycling centres every saturday.
- 3. the river nile originates in east africa, flows through many countries including ethiopia and egypt, and empties its water into the mediterranean sea.

Activity 14

#### Writing

Write an essay titled "Let's Protect Our Environment".

Activity 15

Group Work

## Speaking

Discuss the statement given below. Engage in a debate.

"It is possible to achieve development without harming the environment".



## Activity I

## Speaking

Read the following sayings.





A MAN WHO DARES TO WASTE ONE HOUR OF TIME HAS NOT DISCOVERED THE VALUE OF LIFE. CHARLES DARWIN

- a) Do you agree with these sayings?
- b) Discuss with your partner and find the message conveyed by them.

#### Act out

Rajan	: Hey, Samith! Where are you going in such a hurry?	
Samith	: We are late for cricket practices. If we hurry up, we can be there on	
	time.	
Hassan	: Take it easy. We are also going there.	
Rajan	: Yes, we needn't run. Most of our friends will be late today.	
Samith	: Can't you remember the cricket scholarship?	
Rajan	: Oh, no! I completely forgot that. But not to worry, we'll be late only	
	by a few minutes.	
Samith	: But, it'll matter. Remember that the early bird catches the worm.	
Rajan	: Alright, carry on. You can be the early bird. We'll come slowly.	

- Hassan : Yes, we'll see you there.
- Samith : Bye, see you.

#### Activity 3

## Speaking / Writing

Work in groups and discuss the advantages of working on time. List them out.

## Activity 4

#### Listening

Samith was on time for cricket practices. There were only 6 students. The master in-charge of cricket introduced a special guest who was a representative from the Minstry of Education. He briefed them about the cricket scholarship. Samith listened to him attentively and jotted down the important points.

- 1. Number of scholarships offered:
- 2. Number of areas to be completed in the application:
- 3. Where to paste the photograph:
- 4. Age limit:
- 5. Tests to be faced by the applicants:
- 6. Duration of the scholarship:
- 7. Facilities:
- 8. Monthly allowance of the scholarship:

Hassan and Rajan came late. They were looking for Samith. They saw some other friends writing something.

Complete their conversation using the phrases given.

Hassan	: Hey, Kishan, have you seen Samith?
Kishan	:
Rajan	: What is he doing there?
Sadeesh	:
Hassan	: Oh, what are you doing?
Kishan	:
Rajan	: An application form? What is it for?
Dilan	:
Hassan	: Where can we also get one?
Kishan	:
Rajan	: I hope we are not late.

- We're filling in an application form.
- From the representative.
- He must be in the pavilion.
- It's for a cricket scholarship to Australia.
- He's speaking to the representative from the Ministry of Education.

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#### **Read aloud**

When Hassan and Rajan met the master in-charge, he showed them the following poem which was pasted on the wall of the staff room.

#### TIME

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

*To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.* 



To realize the value of one minute: Ask the person who has missed a train, bus or plane.

*To realize the value of one second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.* 

*To realize the value of one millisecond: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.* 

*Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.* 

You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

~Author Unknown~

# Writing

Complete the table following the example given.

Time lost	Who would know the value of it?
e.g.: One year	a student who has failed a final exam.

b) What is the message given in the poem?

# Activity 7

# Writing

Hassan and Rajan apologized to their master-in-charge for being late.Write the conversation they had with the master in-charge. Include their excuse and the master -in-charge's advice.

## Writing

Study the following newspaper advertisement.

# VACANCY Gajaba Sports Club is looking for a cricket coach for the senior cricket team with following qualifications. - Should possess more than 10 years of experience in a similar capacity. - Should be an energetic person with a proven track record. He will be paid an attractive remuneration. Walk-in interviews every weekday from 8 a.m to 2 p.m at Gajaba Sports Complex building. Call Mihira – 0178255944 or email: <u>gajaba.club@schoolmail.</u>com for more information. Secretary Gajaba Sports Club

Imagine that you are a cricket coach who wishes to apply for the post advertised. Write an email to the Secretary of the Gajaba Sports Club asking for more details (working hours, days and other facilities given). You may use the given format.



#### Writing

Read the following article and answer the questions that follow.

Anyone who prepares for an exam will have to plan and study according to a timetable. What is the best time of the day to study? For some, it is the daytime and for some others it's at night. However, there are some students who struggle to find a suitable time to study due to many reasons.

After a good night's sleep, people tend to have more energy and become more active during the day. Since most of the people are contactable during the day, it is easy to communicate with teachers, friends and others to clarify any questions that you may have. Furthermore, the natural light you get during the day is better than the artificial light that you use at night.

On the other hand, studying during the night can also be beneficial. During the night, the environment is very quiet. This creates a setting to study peacefully. Hence, there are fewer distractions than the day time. When you study during the night, your creativity will increase and this in turn will help you to understand theories and concepts easily. Your analysing ability also will be greater.

However, the best time to study depends on an individual's personality, nature of the exam, time management, the natural sleep cycle of the person, the resources the person has etc.

Whatever the time you choose to study, it is important to be methodical. First, set a target and keep on recalling your target. Next, give yourself enough time to study and organize your study space. It will also be advantageous to work according to a timetable, use flow charts and diagrams to concentrate on daily lessons, practise past question papers, discuss your answers with others, get necessary clarifications from teachers, organize study groups and associate with friends who have a spirit to study. You should not forget to take regular breaks, eat nutritious food, drink plenty of water and spend time with your family too. Above all, be positive and have faith in yourself. Then, no one can stop you from achieving your target.

A) Complete the table given below on advantages of studying during daytime/ night.

Advantages of studying during the daytime	Advantages of studying during the night

B)

- a) What are the steps you have to follow when studying?
- b) What time of the day do you study? Why?
- c) Give a suitable title to the article.

# Writing

Study the following pie chart. It shows the percentage of time spent on different activities by a Grade 11 student. Write a description about the chart. The phrases given may help you.



Lowest percentage ..... Highest percentage.... Equal amount (of).... More time..... Less time.....


Complete the table following the example. You may use a dictionary.

appreciate, calculate, admire, desire, move, tolerate, economy, care, beauty, wonder, fashion, honour, accept, capital, lazy

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
e.g.: acceptance acceptability	accept	acceptable	unacceptably

Use the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the following story.

One day Mithun ...... (want) to see a dentist to get a tooth extracted. He ...... (make) an appointment with the dentist. Mithun was ..... (give) a date and a time. So he ..... (keep) on recalling the date and time. But, he .... (be) unsure about the time. However, on the day of the .......(appoint), Mithun went to see the dentist. When he ..... (enter) the clinic, a lady greeted him ...... (warm) and talked to him ...... (polite). She .... (ask) for his details and .... (give) him an appointment number. Mithun put it ..... (careful) into his pocket and waited ...... (patient). He ..... (check) the number several times. His number .... (be) 6 and he entered the room ... (quick) when it .... (be) his turn. In the room, there ..... (be) two nurses and both were .... (wear) masks and it was difficult to identify them. Nobody ..... (utter) a word. Mithun was .... (direct) to a chair. *What happened next*?

Continue this story and write a suitable ending.

#### Activity 13

Match the following idioms with their meanings.

Example:

A month of Sundays - a very long period of time

1. Better late than never	To go back to the past
2. Beat the clock	Being old fashioned
3. Turn back the hands of time	The top level of a profession
4. Behind the times	Succeed in something before time is up
5. The big time	Better to do something late than not do it at all



Activity I

# Act out

# Let's Watch a Drama

Minuri	:	Hi! Where are you going? What's in <b>that</b> box you are carrying?
Rizna		We are preparing for <b>the</b> drama competition. I'm taking <b>some</b>
		costumes for the actors.
Minuri	:	What drama competition? Is your class organizing one?
Rizna	:	No, not <b>our</b> class. It's the annual Inter-House Drama
		Competition. The English Literary Association is organizing it.
		They conduct it <b>every</b> year.
Minuri	:	Of course. Will there be <b>many</b> dramas?
Rizna	:	There will be <b>four</b> dramas-one from <b>each</b> house.
Minuri	:	What's the drama your house is performing?
Rizna	:	"The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by the German playwright
		Bertolt Brecht.
Minuri	:	How about the other houses?
Rizna	:	One house is doing "The Christmas Carol." Another
		'The Merchant of Venice." I think your house is performing
		"Everyman."
		I have read that play. Are you also acting?
		Yes, of course.
		Which character are you?
Rizna	:	I'm Grusha, one of <b>the</b> main characters in the play. <b>All the</b>
		students are invited. Don't forget to come.
		Definitely. I'd love to see it.
Rizna	:	Well, I have to go. The others have been practising since 8
		o'clock.
Minuri	:	Okay. If you need <b>any</b> help with the preparations, please let me
		know.
Rizna	:	I sure will. Thanks.

# Writing

Answer these questions.

- What is Rizna preparing for?
- What is in Rizna's box?
- Who is organizing the drama competition?
- How many dramas will be staged? List them out.
- What character is Rizna going to play?



# Determiners

Note the following underlined words.

- What's **<u>that</u>** box you are carrying?
- We are preparing for <u>the</u> drama competition.
- We are going to have <u>four</u> dramas.
- Is **your** class organizing one?
- It's <u>a</u> play by the German playwright Bertolt Brecht.

The words underlined in the above sentences function as **determiners**. A determiner is used to modify a noun. They tell us whether the noun phrase refers to someone/something specific or general.





#### Writing

Copy these sentences into your book and underline the determiners.

- The vacation we spent in Nuwara Eliya was wonderful.
- My uncle works in that factory.
- She is the lady I saw at the village market yesterday.
- Mr. Sumanasena can speak many languages.
- Which house is yours?
- This work is very easy. Any child can do it.

# Writing

Complete the sentences using the given determiners.

- There are .....books on agriculture in the library. I am sure you can find what you need.
- I would like ..... glass of milk, please.
- Aren't there ..... mangoes in the basket?
- Only ..... seats are available for the show.
- She brought ..... little brother to the concert.

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#### **The Present Continuous Tense**

- For an action happening at the moment of speaking *e.g*: I'm taking some costumes for the actors.
- For an action happening at present but not necessarily at the moment of speaking

*e.g*: We are preparing for the drama competition.

#### **The Present Perfect Tense**

- For past actions which are connected or relevent to the present in some way. The exact time of the action is not usually mentioned.

*e.g*: I have read that play.

#### The Present Perfect Continuous Tense

- For actions that began in the past and are still continuing.
  - *e.g*: The others have been practising since 8 o' clock.

# Activity 5

# Writing

Complete the sentences using the above tenses.

1	A: Have you been to Trincomalee?
	B: No, I it usually
	(take) to get there by bus?
2.	You (study) since early morning.
	Please take a rest.
3.	Thisuri is a good friend of mine. I(know) her since childhood.
4.	I (go) to the library. Would you like to come with me?
5.	The southwest monsoon usually (bring) a lot of rain.
6.	My brother (study) hard for an examination these days.

## Writing

Jerome saw this notice on the school noticeboard. Read it and complete the information sheet.



AUDITIONS

Would you like to take part in the Inter-house Drama Competition?

# Then, come join us!

We are casting for : Everyman The Cauco

The Caucasian Chalk Circle The Merchant of Venice The Christmas Carol

Auditions will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2 p.m. at the school Main Hall.

Secretary English Literary Association

This notice is about: ..... Date: ..... Time: ..... Place: ....

# Writing

Jerome's friend Faruk likes acting but he is absent today. Imagine you are Jerome and write a note to Faruk informing him about the auditions.

#### Activity 8

# Writing

Prepare a notice for any one of the following.

- Calling for new members for the school band/choir.
- Calling for new members for the school dance troupe.

## Activity 9

Reading

# Forms of Entertainment

Entertainment is a performance or an activity that provides enjoyment to an audience. There are many forms of entertainment. Among them, films, dramas, music, dancing and opera are the most popular. All of these are art forms in which the medium of expression is different.

A drama is a piece of writing that tells a story and is meant for performance. Originally, dramas were meant to be acted on stage before a live audience. Radio and **television** dramas were later developments.

A film is a similar art form, where a series of images creates the **illusion** of continuous movement on a screen. Both dramas and films provide an audio-visual realistic experience to spectators who often tend to identify themselves with the characters.

Music is another popular form of entertainment. Music is considered "the universal language of mankind". That is because a piece of music has the ability to appeal to listeners who are not even familiar with its language or the culture. That is why some **musicians** are famous all over the world even though their fans may not understand the language in which they sing.

The rhythmic movement of the body and feet to music is called dancing. Dancing exists in all cultures in different forms and styles.

Opera is an art form in which music, singing, drama, poetry and dancing are all combined together. Opera can be defined as musical drama. This is a classical form of entertainment preferred mostly by adults.

People need to engage in enjoyable activities in order to balance their busy lives. Entertainment helps people to become relaxed. At the same time, it is not good to spend too much time on entertainment.We may become addicted to it and neglect important things such as **education** or work. Maintaining a proper balance between work and pleasure will help us to lead a productive life.

1) Read the above article and complete the following sentences.

• Some examples for different forms of entertainment are
Both dramas and films provide
• Entertainment helps people to
• Spending too much time on entertainment could

2) Find definitions for the following words from the text.

entertainment, drama, film/movie, dancing

# Writing

Read these words aloud. Select and write words for each group.

electrician, nation, beautician, election, politician, addition, expression, passion, profession, discussion, decision, condition, magician, mention, optician, technician, admission, accommodation, promotion, description, occasion, commission, session, mathematician, permission, illusion

-sion	-ssion	-tion	-cian
e.g.: Television	Expression	Education	Musician

#### Reading

Read the poem and answer the questions.



1."Stand and stare" in line 2 means:

- a. relax and look around us.
- b. do nothing.
- c. stand in one place.
- d. stare at something.

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- 2. According to the poet, why can't we see where squirrels hide nuts? Because ...
  - a. they run away when they see us.
  - b. we are too busy to stop and enjoy the beauty of nature.
  - c. we dislike animals.
  - d. there are no squirrels in the woods.
- 3. "Streams full of stars; like skies at midnight" means:
  - a. stars are reflected in the streams at midnight.
  - b. when the rays of the sun fall on the streams, the stones beneath glitter like stars in the sky.
  - c. stones in the streams in the area are shaped like stars.
  - d. shooting stars fall into the streams at night.
- 4. Which of these is **not** a theme of this poem?
  - a. the importance of leisure.
  - b. relaxing and appreciating nature.
  - c. the beauty of nature
  - d. idling and wasting time.
- 5. Find the rhyming words in the poem.
- 6. This poem creates a lot of images in our mind. What are they? e.g.: stand under the branches of green trees
- 7. Read the given explanations and answer the questions based on the poem.

Stanza: A group of lines in poetry that forms a smaller unit by themselves.

# Some examples for stanzas:

- **Couplet** : a stanza with two rhyming lines.
- Quatrain : a stanza with four lines that may or may not rhyme.

**Simile** : an expression that compares two different things showing similarities.

**Repetition** : repeating a word, phrase, line or stanza to draw attention to an idea.

- a. How many stanzas are there in this poem?
- b. What type of stanzas are they?
- c. Are there any similes used in this poem? What are they?
- d. Is repetition used in this poem? Show some examples.

Activity 12

# Speaking

Practise this conversation with your friend.

Mrs.Ganeshan phoned 'Star Cinema,' a movie theatre to book some tickets to watch a film.

Ticket Clerk	: Good evening, Star Theatre.	
Mrs. Ganeshan	: Good evening, can I reserve some tickets for	
	the 2.30 show of "The Mountain Adventures" on the 10 <sup>th</sup> ?	
<b>Ticket Clerk</b>	: I'm sorry, madam. They are all sold out.	
Mrs. Ganeshan	: Is that so? Do you have any tickets available for the other	
	shows?	
<b>Ticket Clerk</b>	: Yes, madam. There are tickets available for the 4.30 and	
	6.30 shows.	
Mrs. Ganeshan	: That's great. Could you tell me the prices please?	
<b>Ticket Clerk</b>	: Certainly. Balcony tickets are 300 rupees. The others are	
	priced at 150 and 250 rupees.	

Mrs. Ganeshan	: Is there a booking fee?	
<b>Ticket</b> Clerk	: No, madam.	
Mrs. Ganeshan	: I'd like to book four 250 rupee tickets.	
<b>Ticket Clerk</b>	: May I know your name please?	
Mrs. Ganeshan	: Ganeshan. G. A. N. E. S. H. A. N.	
<b>Ticket Clerk</b>	: How would you like to pay? In cash or by credit card?	
Mrs. Ganeshan	: In cash. Can I pay when I collect the tickets?	
<b>Ticket Clerk</b>	: Yes, madam. Please purchase your tickets before 5.30 p.m.	
	otherwise this booking will be cancelled.	
Mrs. Ganeshan	: I understand. Thank you.	
<b>Ticket Clerk</b>	: You're welcome. Have a nice day!	

#### Listening

Write numbers from 1 to 6 in your exercise book. Your teacher will read out 6 sentences based on the above telephone conversation. Listen to them and mark them true (T) or false (F).

#### Activity 14

#### Group Work

Write a telephone conversation for one of these situations. Present it to the class.

- To reserve train tickets.
- To make an appointment to visit the planetarium during your trip to Colombo.
- To make an appointment to see a doctor/dentist.
- To reserve tickets to see a musical programme.

# REVISION POINT

# **Masculine and Feminine Nouns**

**Grammatical gender** is a system of noun classification. Masculine nouns are words for men, boys and male animals. Feminine nouns are words for women, girls and female animals. There are nouns that do not fall into the above two categories. They are gender neutral.

# Activity 15

Fill in the table with the correct noun.

god, lass, empress, grandchild, stallion, toddler, ram, lad, goddess, duke, wizard, heir, emperor, steward, ewe, landlord, mare, heiress, witch, landlady, duchess, stewardess

Masculine Form	Feminine Form	Gender Neutral



Activity I

# Speaking /Writing

Look at the following pictures. Write an instruction for each picture. Follow the example given.



e.g: (a) Don't eat junk food.

#### Listening

- 1. Shashi is a ..... year-old boy.
  - a) 15
  - b) 16
  - c) 17
  - d) 18

2. He is the ..... in the family.

- a) only child
- b) youngest
- c) eldest
- d) middle child
- 3. Shashi's father is a .....
  - a) Supervisor
  - b) Security Guard
  - c) Security Officer
  - d) Office Assistant
- 4. Shashi's mother is an/a.....
  - a) Representative
  - b) Office Assistant
  - c) Executive
  - d) Manager
- 5. Shashi's sister is ..... years old.
  - a) 12
  - b) 13
  - c) 14
  - d) 15

6. The radio announcement was about a.....

- a) water cut
- b) power cut
- c) bus strike
- d) train strike
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# Writing

Write a paragraph on what you and your family did last weekend.

# Activity 4

# Act out

Rashmika	: Here! I've got a <b>bunch of grapes</b> to share with you.		
Anuradha	: Thanks.		
Rashmika	: You seem worried. Is anything wrong?		
Anuradha	: You know it's not always good to be the youngest in a family.		
Rashmika	: Why is that?		
Anuradha	: Because I always get		
	hand-me-downs and		
	what my brother has		
	used.		
Rashmika	: So, what's wrong with		
	that?		
Anuradha	: I don't get anything new.		
Rashmika	: Don't say that, Anuradha.		
	Our parents always try to		
	give us the best.		
Anuradha	: Yes. It's true for my brother, but not for me. I have to use his		
	cricket gear. Remember the <b>pile of story books</b> I have? I got		
	them from my brother.		
Rashmika	: Oh really? But your <b>collection of books</b> is the best among ours.		
	: But they were passed down to me after my brother used them.		
	: Come on, my friend. Don't worry. Even I use my brother's <b>box</b>		
	of mathematical instruments and his old school bag.		
Anuradha	: No, Rashmika, I don't like it. I am so upset.		
	: Hey, be cool. Come, I'll show you an interesting article.		
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# Vocabulary

Form collective nouns using the words in the two boxes.

bunch flock herd	directors bees sticks
pack swarm team	elephants flowers newspapers
pile board	wolves players
bundle	birds

# Activity 6

# Writing

Complete the following grid.

Collective Nouns				
People	Animal	Others		
A group of men	A flock of birds	A stack of wood		
A team of players	A hive of bees	A fleet of ships		
A gang of thieves	A pack of wolves	A group of		
A panel of	A herd of	A bunch		
A regiment of		A chest of		

#### Writing

Complete the following collective nouns.

- A bouquet of .....
- A sheaf of .....
- The band of .....
- A team of .....
- A string of .....
- Three bouquets of .....
- Sheaves of .....
- The bands of .....

# Activity 8

#### Reading

Read and answer.

Given below is the article shown to Anuradha by Rashmika.

When we study the history of the world, we can see that many religious leaders, political leaders and social activists lived simple lives as minimalists. This quality attracted many disciples and followers around the world.

Mahathma Gandhi is considered as the Father of the Nation by the Indians. He was an inspiring philosopher and a leader who led a simple life. Gandhi was actually born into an affluent family and had a very privileged upbringing. Gandhi accumulated little, ate the amount



he needed to eat, dressed simply and led a simple stress free life. He was a man who believed in being non-possessive and didn't even own a house. When Gandhi died, he had less than ten personal possessions including a watch, a pair of spectacles, a pair of sandals and his eating bowl. Although some considered him to have died a pauper, he influenced the lives of many. Even today his way of life continues to inspire many others around the world. However, at present it is believed to be difficult to minimise the living conditions to such an extent. One must learn to use, buy, or do things that they really ought to do rather than doing them just because the others do.



Life becomes easy when one learns to reuse, recycle and give things away. Self-sufficiency also is a good trait of a person who leads a simple life. If one can manage his own work such as painting one's room, clearing the garden or mending a shoe etc, it makes life easier. In addition if one is in the habit of growing fruits and vegetables for one's own

consumption, that person saves a lot of money for a worthy cause. A person who leads a simple life is stress free and has the opportunity to live a life that is inspired or inspiring.

1) State whether the following are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F) according to the text.

- a) Minimalists live a simple life.
- b) Mahathma Gandhi was born into a poor family.
- c) Gandhi had only ten things of his own when he died.
- d) Self-sufficiency is a trait of simple life.
- 2) Find similar words/phrases from the text for the following.
  - a) Wealthy b) Collected
  - c) Gains
- 3) Find opposites for the following.
  - a) Easy
  - b) Complex
  - c) Maximise
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- 4) Give a suitable title to the text.
- 5) What are the good practices of a simple life style? Discuss and list them out.
- 6) Write a speech on the value of leading a simple life and present it to the class.

#### **Reading / Writing**

Read aloud the following text and do the activities that follow.

# The Last Wishes of Alexander the Great

The name of Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.) still lives in the legends of the East, and traces of his swift conquest are still stamped upon the fabric of Western Asia. His name is famous as a conqueror and as the King of Macedonia. Alexander the Great was born in the Pella region of Macedonia on July 20, 356 B.C., to King Philip II of Macedon and Queen Olympia. This young, dark-eyed and curly-haired prince was tutored by the great philosopher, Aristotle. Alexander the Great conquered half the known world in thirteen years. This ruler swept aside the mighty armies of the Persian Empire and established his rule as far as Punjab.

Alexander the Great was far more than a general and a leader of armies. His colossal victories were followed by sympathetic, understanding administration and had won the loyalty of the defeated. Alexander, after conquering many kingdoms, was returning home. On the way, he fell ill. Knowing that his death was nearing, he longed to see his mother's face. However, he realized that his sinking health would not permit him to reach his mother as he was far from his homeland. Alexander the great realized that all his wealth and his conquests, his great army, his sharp sword would not help him to save his life.



He called his generals and said, "I will depart from this world soon, I have three

wishes, please carry them out without fail."

With tears flowing down their cheeks, the generals agreed to abide by their king's last wishes.

1) "My first desire is that", said Alexander, "my physicians alone must carry my coffin."

2) After a pause, he continued, "Secondly, I desire that when my coffin is being carried to the grave, the path leading to the graveyard be strewn with gold, silver and precious stones which I have collected in my treasury".



3) The king felt exhausted after saying this. He took a minute's rest and continued. "My third and last wish is that both my hands be kept dangling out of my coffin".

All who were around were in tears. But, there was none who was brave enough to inquire the reasons for the wishes except for

the favourite general. As a reply this great ruler said, "I would like the world to know of the three lessons I have just learnt. I want my physicians to carry my coffin because people should realize that no doctor on this earth can really cure anybody. They are powerless and cannot save a person from the clutches of death. So let not people take life for granted. The second wish of strewing gold, silver and other riches on the path to the graveyard is to tell people that not even a fraction of gold will come with me. I spent all my life in greed for power, earning riches but I cannot take anything with me. Let people realize that it is a sheer waste of time to chase wealth. About my third wish of having my hands dangling out of the coffin, I wish people to know that I came empty handed into this world and empty handed I go out of this world".

Leaving these three important lessons, this great conqueror let death conquer him.

1. Complete the following chart.



2. Find synonyms for the following from the text.

- a. Medical practitioner
- b. A box in which the dead body is placed/burried/cremated
- c. Hanging
- d. A person who takes possession of land by force
- e. Funds of the government
- f. A wise person who has specialized philosophy
- 3. Pronounce the following words.

a)	Philosopher	d)	Physician	g)	Conqueror
b)	Practitioner	e)	Coffin	h)	Sympathy
c)	Physics	f)	Treasury	i)	Cure

4. Answer the following.

i.Do you consider King Alexander the Great as a great king? Why?ii.What is the lesson you learn from this great king?iii.Find more information about Alexander the Great and some other leaders. Write a composition on the title "What we can learn from great personalities".

# Activity 10

Act out

Manjitha	: Hey, Kavindu! Why are you in a bad mood?	
Kavindu	: Today, I have to do everything all by myself.	
Riyaz	: Why is that?	
Kavindu	: Both my mother and father left home early in the morning.	
Manjitha	: Wait! Today is Sunday! Do they go to work during the weekend too?	
Kavindu	: No, they had to go to see my grandfather.	
Riyaz	: What's wrong with him?	
Kavindu	: He's had a fall. It happened last night.	
Manjitha	: Oh! I'm sorry.	
Kavindu	: I have to take care of everything at home.	
Riyaz	: Don't worry, my friend. We'll help you.	
Kavindu	: There will be some visitors too.	
Manjitha	: So, we'll get together and arrange something for them.	
Riyaz	: Yes.	
Kavindu	: Give me five minutes. I'll make tea for you.	
Manjitha	: No thanks. We've just had some tea. Let's prepare something for the visitors.	

# Speaking

Answer these questions orally.

- 1. Why was Kavindu in a bad mood?
- 2. Who visited him?
- 3. What had happened to Kavindu's grandfather?
- 4. Did Kavindu prepare tea for his friends? Why?
- 5. What were they going to do next?

#### Activity 12

#### Grammar

Read the text aloud, paying special attention to the highlighted phrases.

One evening Kavindu's parents received a call from his aunt. It was bad news. Kavindu's grandfather **had had** a fall. His aunt **had taken** him to the doctor and the doctor **had prescribed** a cast. Kavindu's parents decided to visit him. Kavindu and his sister agreed to stay at home.

The following morning, when the children got up, their parents **had left** for the hospital. Kavindu, the eldest, had to take care of his little sister. When the sister got up, Kavindu **had already** got up, and **had prepared** their bed tea. He **had had** his and **had put** his sister's into the flask. When Kavindu's friends arrived, he had already dusted the furniture and **had swept** the house. Kavindu's friends **had come** to invite him to a party but they all decided to stay with Kavindu until his parents came home.



# **Past Perfect Tense**



- Kavindu's parents **left** home at 5.00 o'clock.
- Kavindu got up at 6.00 o'clock.

When Kavindu **got up**, his parents **had left** home.



# Activity 13

# Writing

Construct sentences using the words in brackets.

- Kavindu's parents were not at home when Manjitha and Riyaz arrived. (they / already / left )
- 2. Kavindu invited his friends for tea.

(but / they / already / had / tea / Manjitha's place)

3. Kavindu wanted to send a book to grandfather.

(but / parents / left / when / he / got up)

4. Kavindu's sister wanted to help her brother.

( he / done everything/ she / got up)

5. When Kavindu's parents returned home,

(Kavindu and friends / already / prepared / dinner)

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REVISION POINT		
Reported Speech		
Direct Speech	Reported Speech	
Simple Past>	Past Perfect / Simple Past	
Present Perfect>	Past Perfect	

# Writing

Report what Kavindu said to his friends.



Report what Kavindu's friends asked.



- 1. Manjitha asked Kavindu why he had called them.
- 2. .....
- 3 .....

# Vocabulary

The following pictures show different actions. Copy the list of verbs into your writing book and match them with the given pictures. Write the number of the picture against the verb.

- sift / sieve
- dice
- slice
- fry
- knead
- mix
- stir
- grind
- squeeze

- peel
- scrape
- chop
- boil
- add
- beat
- simmer
  - drain
- pound











Mary.













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Mother calls home.

Mother	: Hello, son!	
Kavindu	: Hello, mother. How's grandfather?	
Mother	: He's alright now but we'll get late to come.	
Kavindu	: Oh, I see.	
Mother	: I was worried about you and your sister.	
Kavindu	: We're fine. My friends are here. We've been cooking.	
Mother	: Oh son, that's great!	
Kavindu	: We've already cooked rice and made a coconut sambol.	
Mother	: You can make a dhal curry too.	
Kavindu	: Can you quickly give us the instructions? I'll put the phone on the speaker.	
Mother	: That's good.	
Kavindu	: Tell us, mother.	
Mother	: Alright, here we go. First, scrape the coconut. Then	

Activity 16

Group Work

Discuss and continue the list of instructions given by Kavindu's mother.

# Activity 17

# Writing

Refer to the pictures given above on actions related to cooking and complete the table given below.

Using imperatives for Instructions	Instruction in passive form
Dice the vegetables	First, the vegetables are diced
Boil water	Boiled potatoes are smashed

#### Writing

Four pupils who obtained best results at an examination got the opportunity to go on a wonderful journey, a journey to Simplicity.



Following notices were displayed at the entrance.



Imagine that you are one of the pupils who went on the journey and build up a story. Give an interesting start and an ending to your story. Include the following.

- What did you bring with you?
- What did you see and did there?
- People / animals / special creatures you met.
- What did you feel?



#### Reading

Robinson Crusoe has captured the imagination of countless readers with the story of one man's survival on a remote island far from civilization. The book is thought to be one of the first English novels but it is a timeless story of a merchant's trading voyages and adventures at sea.

Read the extract taken from it and do the activities that follow.





Daniel Defoe was born in 1660 in London, England. He became a merchant and participated in several businesses. He was also a prolific political pamphleteer. Late in life he turned his pen to fiction and wrote Robinson Crusoe, one of the most widely read and influential novels of all time. Defoe died in 1731. My thoughts were now wholly employed about securing myself against either savages, if any should appear, or wild beasts, if any were in the island; and I had many thoughts of the method how to do <u>this</u>, and what kind of dwelling to make - whether I should make me a cave in the earth, or a tent upon the earth; and, in short, I resolved upon both; the manner and description of which, it may not be improper to give an account of.

I soon found the place I was in was not fit for my settlement, because it was upon a low, moorish ground, near the sea, and I believed it would not be wholesome, and more particularly because there was no fresh water near <u>it</u>; so I resolved to find a more healthy and more convenient spot of ground.

I consulted several things in my situation, which I found would be proper for me: first, health and fresh water, I just now mentioned; secondly, shelter from the heat of the sun; thirdly, security from ravenous creatures, whether man or beast;



fourthly, a view to the sea, that if God sent any ship in sight, I might not lose any advantage for my deliverance, of which I was not willing to banish all my expectation yet.

In search of a place proper for this, I found a little plain on the side of a rising hill, whose front towards this little plain was steep as a house-side, so that nothing could come down upon me from the top. On the one side of the rock there was a hollow place, worn a little way in, like the entrance or door of a cave but there was not really any cave or way into the rock at all.

# Activity I

1) Indicate whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

- 1. Robinson Crusoe was concerned about his security in the remote island.
- 2. He was not sure whether there were wild animals in the island.
- 3. He found the place he was already in, suitable for his settlement.
- 4. He had fresh water where he already lived.
- 5. He wanted a view to the sea in the new place he was going to settle in.

2) Answer the following questions.

- 1. Against what did Robinson Crusoe want to secure himself?
- 2. What kind of a place did he plan to make for him to live?
- 3. Why was the place he was in, not good for him to live?
- 4. Name two things he considered before selecting a good place to live.
- 5. Briefly describe the place he found as a proper place for him to live.
- 6. What do the following underlined words in the passage refer to?

a. this b. it

3) Note how the information is organized in the extract taken from Robinson Crusoe and reorder the following sentences.

This is what Crusoe did when he was shipwrecked on the island.

He assessed the conditions of the place he was already in.

He resolved to find a suitable place to live.

He decided on the conditions he needed in the new place.

He wanted to secure himself from savages and wild animals.

He decided on the right kind of dwelling.

He searched for a proper place and found one.
4) Crusoe thought of four things before selecting a place to settle. Write them down in the correct order.

e.g. - First, he made sure he could find fresh water easily.

5) Imagine your family is going to move to a new house. Write a paragraph describing things your family would pay attention to, before selecting a new house.

Begin like this:

First, we would like to find a house closer to the city.

Here is another equally famous book series children enjoy reading.

Sherlock Holmes is a fictional character created by Scottish author and physician Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle was a Scottish writer and physician, most noted for his fictional stories about the detective Sherlock Holmes. These stories are generally considered milestones in the field of crime fiction.

Arthing Con an Works .



This extract is taken from THE HOUND OF BASKERVILLES in the Sherlock Holmes series.

Read it and do the activities that follow.

A terrible scream—a prolonged yell of horror and anguish—burst out of the silence of the moor. That frightful cry **turned the blood to ice** in my veins. "Oh, my God!" I gasped. "What is it? What does it mean?"

Holmes had sprung to his feet, and I saw his dark, athletic outline at the door of the hut, his shoulders stooping, his head thrust forward, his face peering into the darkness.

"Hush!" he whispered. "Hush!"

The cry had been loud on account of its vehemence, but it had pealed out from somewhere far off on the shadowy plain. Now it burst upon our ears, nearer, louder, more urgent than before.

"Where is it?" Holmes whispered; and I knew from the thrill of his voice that he, the **man of iron**, was **shaken to the soul**.

"Where is it, Watson?"

"There, I think." I pointed into the darkness.

"No, there!"

Again the agonized cry swept through the silent night, louder and much nearer than ever. And a new sound mingled with it, a deep, muttered rumble, musical and yet menacing, rising and falling like the low, constant murmur of the sea.



"The hound!" cried Holmes. "Come, Watson, come! Great heavens, if we are too late!"

He had started running swiftly over the moor, and I had followed at his heels.

But now from somewhere among the broken ground immediately in front of us there came one last despairing yell, and then a dull, heavy thud. We halted and listened. Not another sound broke the heavy silence of the windless night. I saw Holmes put his hand to his forehead like a man distracted. He stamped his feet upon the ground.

"He has beaten us, Watson. We are too late."

"No, no, surely not!"

"Fool that I was to hold my hand. And you, Watson, see what comes of abandoning your charge! But, by Heaven, if the worst has happened, we'll avenge him!"

Blindly we ran through the gloom, blundering against boulders, forcing our way through gorse bushes, panting up hills and rushing down slopes, heading always in the direction when those dreadful sounds had come.

At every rise Holmes looked eagerly round him, but the shadows were thick upon the moor, and **nothing moved upon its dreary face.** 

### Activity 2

Guess what is meant by the highlighted phrases in their context and select the correct answer.

- Turned the blood to ice

   a. felt very sick
   b. felt very frightened
   c. felt very cold
- 2. Man of iron
  - a. a strong man
  - b. a well-built man
  - c. a blacksmith
- 3. Shaken to the soul
  - a. shivering with cold
  - b. very much shocked
  - c. very much angry

### 4. Beaten us

- a. hit us
- b. defeated us
- c. left us
- 5. Nothing moved upon its dreary face
  - a. Everything was still in the dull moor
  - b. There was silence in the moor
  - c. Something with a dreary face moved in the moor

Activity 3

### Writing

Let's do an adjective game. Work in small groups and find the adjectives that are used in the text to describe the following nouns. Copy the phrases into your notebook. Find other adjectives that can be used to describe the given nouns.

e.g.- terrible scream

loud scream

scream, yell, cry, outline, plain, night, rumble, murmur, ground, thud, silence, night, sounds, face

### Activity 4

Underline the adjective. Find its opposite from the box.

- 1. The clothes are clean.
- 2. The homework is hard.
- 3. The party is noisy.
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- 4. The man is poor.
- 5. The lights are on.
- 6. The perfume is expensive.
- 7. The car is fast.
- 8. The ground is wet.
- 9. My brother is tall.
- 10. The weather is cold.

hot
inexpensive
slow
dry
easy

### Reading

Read the paragraph about Anne Frank and answer the questions.

A nne Frank was a Jewish girl who had to go into hiding during World War II from the Nazis. Together with seven others she hid in a secret annex. After almost two years in hiding they were discovered and deported to concentration camps. Anne's father, Otto Frank, was the only one of the eight people to survive. After her death Anne became world famous because of the diary she had written while in hiding.

Anne Frank was born on 12 June 1929 in Frankfurt. The economic crisis, Hitler's rise to power and growing anti-Semitism (hatred against Jews) put an end to the family's carefree life. So, following what most of the Jews did, they decided to leave Germany to save their lives.

Anne and others in hiding stayed very quietly, they were often afraid and despite good and bad times, spent the time together. They were helped by the office workers Johannes Kleiman, Victor Kugler, Miep Gies and Bep Voskuijl, by Miep's husband Jan Gies and warehouse boss Johannes Voskuijl, Bep's father. These helpers arranged food, clothes and books for them.



Shortly before going into hiding Anne received a diary for her birthday. She started writing straightaway and during her time in hiding she wrote about events in the secret annex, about herself and about humanity. Her diary was a great support and source of relief to her.



On 4<sup>th</sup> of August 1944 the people in hiding were arrested. They were deported to Auschwitz. Immediately after the arrest Miep Gies and Bep Voskuijl rescued Anne's diary and papers that had been left behind in the secret annex. Despite intensive investigations it had never been clear how the hiding place had been discovered.

Today, people from all over the world learn of Anne Frank's story. Over the

years Otto Frank answered thousands of letters from people who had read his daughter's diary. In 1960 the Anne Frank House became a museum. Otto Frank remained involved with the Anne Frank House and campaigns for human rights until his death in 1980.

- 1. Where was Anne Frank born?
- 2. Why did Anne and her family members go into hiding?
- 3. Where did they hide? Use your own words for the answer.
- 4. Why was it impossible for Anne's family to remain in their own country?
- 5. What kind of a life did they lead in hiding?
- 6. What did she write in her diary?
- 7. Why was she attached so much to the diary?
- 8. Why did Anne Frank become famous?
- 9. Where was the family sent after they were arrested?

### Activity 6

Complete with suitable adjectives.

- 1. The \_\_\_\_\_elephant loved peanuts.
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_sun melted the snow.
- 3. Those flowers are rare.
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- 4. My \_\_\_\_\_\_van is parked in front.
- 5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_iguana scampered across the fence.
- 6. I love to pet \_\_\_\_\_rabbits.
- 7. Our neighbour has a \_\_\_\_\_baby.
- 8. Does \_\_\_\_\_music hurt your ears?
- 9. The \_\_\_\_\_boy was lost.
- 10. A \_\_\_\_\_\_ wind blew from the west.

### Speaking

As the secretary of the Young Readers' Club you want to buy new books for the library. Interview five students about their interests in reading and fill in the following grid. First introduce yourself.

e.g.- I'm ...... and I'm the ..... of the ..... I want to.....

NAME	Dumesha			
AGE	15 years			
HOMETOWN	Kurulugama			
HOBBY/HOBBIES	Reading, Collecting stamps			
WHETHER HE/ SHE LIKES READING	yes			
FAVOURITE BOOK	Jane Eyre			
FAVOURITE AUTHOR	Charlotte Bronte			

### Writing

Now, write a letter to the Manager of a bookshop in your area inquiring whether the books mentioned in this unit are available for you to buy for your library. Include the following;

Names of the books

Names of the writers

Inquiry about the prices etc.

### Activity 9

Listening

Copy the following sentences into your writing book.

Listen and underline the word that is stressed each time the sentences are read. Then match the underlined sentences with their meanings.

### SENTENCES

- 1. I think we should read books.
- 2. I think we should read books.
- 3. I think we should read books.
- 4. I think we should read books.
- 5. I think we should read books.

### MEANINGS

- A. I strongly think that we should read. It is a must to read books.
- B. It is my idea that we should read books. I don't know how others think.
- C. I think we should read books, not write them.
- D. I think it is us who should read books, not our parents.
- E. I think we should read books, not newspapers or magazines.

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	Conjunctions		
Conjunctions are words used to connect clauses or sentences.			
Because	After		
And	Unless		
But	Until		
Or	When		
While			

Fill in the blanks with a suitable conjunction.

(but, while, and, or, because)

- 1. Crusoe considered the threats that could come from man..... beast.
- 2. He didn't decide to stay near the sea ..... there wasn't any fresh water.
- 3. They heard the cry, louder ..... nearer.
- 4. Holmes were after him at a close distance ...... the shadows were thick.
- 5. .....they were in the hut, a scream was heard.



### Activity I

### Act out

Caller	:	Hello, can I speak to Annie Wun?
Operator	:	Yes, you can speak to me.
Caller	:	No, I want to speak to Annie Wun!
Operator	:	Yes I understand you want to speak to anyone. You can speak to
		me. Who is this?
Caller	:	I'm Sam Wun. And I need to talk to Annie Wun! It's urgent.
Operator	:	I know you are someone and you want to talk to anyone! But
		what's this urgent matter about?
Caller	:	Well just tell my sister Annie Wun that our brother Noe Wun
		was involved in an accident. Noe Wun was injured and now Noe
		Wun is being sent to the hospital. Right now, my father, Avery
		Wun is on his way to the hospital.
Operator	:	Look, if no one was injured and no one was sent to the
		hospital, then the accident isn't an urgent matter! You may find
		this hilarious but I don't have time for this!
Caller	:	You are so rude! Who are you?
Operator	:	I'm Saw Ree.
Caller	:	Yes! You should be sorry. Now give me your name!
Operator	:	That's what I said. I'm Saw Ree.

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1) Complete the chart given below.



- 2) What happened in this telephone conversation?
- 3) Imagine that you are going to make a similar call. Work in pairs. Use the following clues and write a telephone conversation.
- Caller's name is Who
- Operator's name is Asking

### **Reading/Writing**

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.



What can you say about the pictures shown above? They are strange circles and patterns seen on farming areas/sites. These patterns are called "Crop Circles". The circles are mostly found in the United Kingdom, but have spread to dozens of countries around the world during the past decades.

It is said that crop circles appear every week somewhere around the world. These circles are considered **mysterious** since the strange circles and patterns appear mysteriously overnight in farmers' fields, provoking **puzzlement**. These patterns almost always involve circles, rarely triangles, rectangles, or squares, though some designs contain straight or curved lines.

Nobody knows how they are made, who brought them to the farming fields. Some **believe** that this can be a creation of hoaxers. But, mysteriously this nocturnal act is reported to be insensitive to cameras. Besides, hoaxers who **devote** their time and effort required to design and **create** the crop circles are unlikely to carelessly leave obvious signs of their activities. Some believe that these patterns are made by aliens.

In 1966 a farmer said he saw a flying saucer **rise** up from a swampy area and fly away. Later he had seen a roughly circular area of debris and apparently flattened reeds and grass. He assumed that it had been made by the alien spacecraft. However, this was refused by the investigators who stated that this could have been caused by a natural phenomenon.

Those who claim that aliens physically make the patterns themselves from spaceships also suggest that they do it using invisible energy beams from space, saving them the trip down here. Still others believe that it is purely a human act. However, the cause behind crop circles remains a mystery until today.

(Adapted from Radford, B. Live Science, January 23, 2013 05:34 pm ET)

1) State whether the following are TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Crop circles are found everywhere in the world.
- b) They are made by farmers.
- c) Crop circles are created at night.

2) Answer the following questions.

- a) What are 'crop circles'?
- b) Where can you find them?
- c) Who creates crop circles?
- d) Is there a connection between crop circles and aliens? Give reasons for your answer.

3) Find synonyms for the following from the text.

- a) Active during night
- b) Arousing
- c) Practical joker
- d) Muddy

4) Find the highlighted words given in the text. Put the correct form to complete the following table.

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
e.g: Mystery	Mystify	Mysterious	Mysteriously

5) Give subtitles to each paragraph.

### Listening

Listen to the report and complete the data sheet given.

- a) Take off time:
- b) Date:
- c) Location:
- d) Duration of the flight:
- e) Time of the last message:
- f) Flight leader:
- g) Problem:
- h) Standard procedure for lost flight over sea to follow:
- i) Number of aircraft:

### Activity 5

### Writing

Use the details of the data sheet and write the incident in your own words.

### Activity 6

### Writing

Use the information given below and write a description on the Bermuda Triangle.

- Located in the Atlantic Ocean, the Bermuda Triangle falls between Bermuda, Puerto Rico and Florida.
- A number of mysterious planes and boat incidents have occurred.
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- Most investigations indicate bad weather and human error are the more likely culprits.
- Bermuda Triangle is actually a part of a regularly sailed shipping lane with cruise ships and other boats also frequently sailing through the area.
- Aircraft are also common in the Bermuda Triangle with both private and commercial planes commonly flying through the airspace.
- Stories of unexplained disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle started to reach public awareness around 1950 and have been consistently reported since then.
- Unverified supernatural explanations for Bermuda Triangle incidents have included references to UFO's and even the mythical lost continent of Atlantis.
- Other explanations have included magnetic anomalies, pirates, deliberate sinkings, hurricanes, gas deposits, rough weather, huge waves and human error.
- Some famous reported incidents involving the Bermuda Triangle include:
- The USS Cyclops and its crew of 309 that went missing after leaving Barbados in 1918.
- The TBM Avenger bombers that went missing in 1945 during a training flight over the Atlantic.
- A Douglas DC-3 aircraft containing 32 people that went missing in 1958, no trace of the aircraft was ever found.
- A yacht was found in 1955 that had survived three hurricanes but was missing all its crew.

### Speaking

Form two groups. Select one of the following topics and engage in a debate.

- Crop circles are created by aliens/crop circles are not created by aliens.
- Bermuda Triangle is mysterious place/Bermuda Triangle is not a mysterious place.

# **F**REVISION POINT

Match the adult animal with the young selecting from the list given below.

	puppy, sheep, ducklin    cow, kid, calf, gosling, hor    chicken, la		ۍ ا
Γ	Adult animal Young		
	Dog	Рирру	

### Activity 8

### Writing

Given below is the picture Dev had with him. What is special about it? Discuss and describe the picture.



### **Spelling Rules**

The following endings can be added to nouns, verbs, and adjectives:

noun + -s/es (plural)	books	ideas	matches
verb+ -s/es (after he/she/it)	works	enjoy <b>s</b>	wash <b>es</b>
verb+ -ing	work <b>ing</b>	enjoy <b>ing</b>	wash <b>ing</b>
verb+ -ed	work <b>ed</b>	enjoy <b>ed</b>	wash <b>ed</b>
adjective+ -er (comparative)	cheaper	quick <b>er</b>	bright <b>er</b>
adjective+-est (superlative)	cheap <b>est</b>	quick <b>est</b>	bright <b>est</b>
adjective+ -ly (adverb)	cheap <b>ly</b>	quick <b>ly</b>	bright <b>ly</b>

When we use these endings, there are sometimes changes in spelling. These changes are listed below.

Vowels and consonants

1. Nouns and verbs + -s/es

The ending is **-es** when the word ends in **-s/-ss/-sh/-ch/-x**:

match / matches bus/ buses wash /washes miss/misses box/ box**es** search/search**es** 

*Note also:* potato/potato**es** do/do**es** 

tomato/tomato**es** go/go**es** 

2. Words ending in -y ( baby, carry, easy, ect)If a word ends in a consonant +y (-by/ -ry/-sy etc.)

y changes to ie before -s:				
bab <b>y</b> /bab <b>ies</b>	famil <b>y</b> /famil <b>ies</b>	countr <b>y</b> /countr <b>ies</b>		
secretary/secretaries	hurr <b>y</b> /hurr <b>ies</b>	stud <b>y</b> / stud <b>ies</b>		
tr <b>y</b> /tr <b>ies</b>				
y chages to i before -ed:				
hurr <b>y</b> / hurr <b>ied</b>	stud <b>y</b> /stud <b>ied</b>	appl <b>y</b> /appl <b>ied</b> tr <b>y</b> /tr <b>ied</b>		
y changes to i before -er	and -est:			
easy/easier/easiest	heavy/heavier/heaviest	luck <b>y</b> /luck <b>ier</b> /luck <b>iest</b>		
y changes to <b>i</b> before <b>-ly</b>	:			
easy/easily	heavy/heavily	temporar <b>y</b> /temporar <b>ily</b>		

y does not change before -ing:hurryingstudyingapplyingtryingy does not change if the word ends in a vowel +y (-ay/-ey/-oy/-uy):play/plays/playedenjoy/enjoys/enjoyedmonkey/monkeys

exception: day/daily Note also: pay/paid lay/laid say/said

3. Verbs ending in -ie (die, lie, tie)
If a verb ends in -ie, ie changes to y before -ing:
lie/lying die/dying tie/tying

### Writing

Fill in the blanks with the plural form of the noun given in brackets.

- 1. Now that it is Autumn, all the \_\_\_\_\_(leaf) are falling.
- 2. Santa Claus waited for the \_\_\_\_\_(elf) to finish making the last toys.
- 3. I've just bought two \_\_\_\_\_(loaf) of bread.
- 4. All the books fit nicely on my four newly built \_\_\_\_\_(shelf).
- 5. A cow gave birth to two new baby \_\_\_\_\_(calf).
- 6. My grandmother really enjoys knitting \_\_\_\_\_(scarf) for friends.
- 7. There are \_\_\_\_\_(child) at the bus stop.
- 8. Many \_\_\_\_\_(box) fell on the floor.
- 9. There are a lot of \_\_\_\_\_(goose) in my uncle's farm.
- 10.My father is working in the garden wearing a pair of \_\_\_\_\_(glove).

Group Work

Given below is a part of a famous fairy tale called 'Jack and The Beanstalk'. Discuss the story and relate it to the class. Write the story in your writing book.

Once upon a time there lived a poor widow and her son Jack. One day, Jack's mother told him to sell their only cow. Jack went to the market and on the way he met a man who wanted to buy his cow. Jack asked, "What will you give me in return for my cow?" The man answered, "I will give you five magic beans!" Jack took the magic beans and gave the man the cow. But when he reached home...



We can use will/would/may etc. to say something is possible, impossible, probable, certain etc.

### Will

What time will he be here?

He will be here soon.

### Would

He would be here now (if he wasn't ill).

### May

He may be here now. I'm not sure.

### Might

He might be here now. I'm not sure.

### Could

He could be here now. I'm not sure.

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Fill in the blanks with using suitable words.

(will, would, may, might, could)

- 1. ..... I borrow your pen?
- 2. I wish I ..... speak English better.
- 3. We ..... come and see you next week.
- 4. I'm cold here, ..... you mind closing the window?
- 5. Only this time she ..... have to decide.
- 6. No one ..... solve the puzzle.
- 7. Dinner ..... be ready at six o'clock.
- 8. I ..... not have time to do it today.
- 9. It ..... be the most difficult decision.
- 10. Look at that object in the sky..... it be a UFO?



### Activity I

### Reading

Read the following descriptions.

### RIZWAN

### BATTICALOA

"I want to be an expert in Information Technology. After my O/Ls, I will have to follow either Biological or Physical Science for my A/Ls with Physics as a compulsory subject. I would like to enter the Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Moratuwa. However, I need to improve my English as the lectures are conducted only in English."

### AMALI

### KURUNEGALA

"My ambition is to become a qualified musician as I'm very interested in Eastern Music. I hope to continue studying this subject for my A/Ls, which means that I will have to follow the Arts Stream. If I qualify to enter the university, I will have to face an aptitude test held by the University of Visual and Performing Arts."

### VENURA

### GALLE

"I would like to engage in self-employment one day. I like agriculture. I wish to follow the Biological Science stream for A/Ls. I need to get at least a credit pass for Science at O/Ls. I will study Agriculture instead of Physics for my A/L exam.

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### VIKUM ANURADHAPURA

My ambition is to be a businessman one day. Therefore it's better to study Commerce subjects for my A/Ls. If I get good results, I can obtain a degree in Commerce from a number of universities in Sri Lanka. I hope to obtain other professional qualifications in accounting too.

### YOGESWARAN

NUWARA ELIYA

"I would like to follow the Science & Technology subject stream in order to be a technician one day. I have to get at least a credit pass for Science at O/Ls. If I don't score sufficient marks to enter university, I can apply either to UNIVOTEC, Ceylon–German Technical Training Institute or the Automobile Engineering Training Institute at Orugodawatte. However, if I don't succeed at the examination, I can still apply for the National Vocational Qualification Level 3.

### Writing

Fill in the following table. Discuss with your teacher when you fill the requirements needed at Ordinary Level Examination.

NAME	REQUIREMENTS AT O/LS	REQUIREMENTS AT A/LS or AFTER	AMBITION/ GOAL
Rizvan	• Obtaining a Credit or Distinction pass for English	<ul> <li>Following Biological/Physical Science</li> <li>Obtaining an A or B pass for Physics</li> </ul>	• To be an expert in Information Technology
Amali			
Venura			
Vikum			
Yogeswaran			

Reading

### SETTING YOUR PERSONAL GOALS

If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal. Not to people or things"

#### Albert Einstein



Setting your goals is the process of having a clear vision about your ideal future, and motivating yourself to turn your vision into a reality. It helps you to choose where you want to go in life. When you know precisely what you want to achieve, you know where you have to focus your efforts. You'll also identify the

distractions that might lead you astray and correct them before it is too late. First, start your process of setting personal goals by brainstorming and writing down what you really enjoy doing. Then evaluate each activity, narrow down your list and identify what you really want to do. Make sure that the goals that you have set are the ones that you genuinely want to achieve, not ones that your parents, family, or others might want you to achieve.



Finally, break down your goals into smaller objectives with a clear time frame and work towards achieving these smaller objectives within the time frame. Every time you achieve a smaller objective you will be self-confident and motivated to achieve your lifetime goals.



### Activity 3

### Writing

Read the passage on "Setting Personal Goals".Copy the following flow chart into your notebook and fill in the boxes.



### Reading

Enjoy the following cartoon. Note how Calvin expresses his needs using future tense.

e.g.:- I'll need.....

I want.....





### **Future Tense**

The Simple Future Tense is usually used to express a single act in future time.
 e.g.:- The school <u>will reopen</u> on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

• The Future Continuous tense is usually used to express an action which will be in progress at a particular time in the future.

e.g.:- We will be answering our English paper at this time tomorrow.



• The Future Perfect Tense is usually used to express an action that will be completed before some point in the future.

e.g.:- We had better hurry up, or else our train <u>will have left</u> before we reach the station.

• The future perfect continuous tense is used much like the future perfect, but one of the actions is likely to continue beyond the other.

e.g.:- This is a fairly long book and I have read only half of it. In fact, by tomorrow I <u>will have been reading</u> it for three days.

*Note-* Sometimes we use Present Continuous Tense, Simple Present Tense and 'going to' form to denote future actions.

e.g.:- I <u>am practising</u> after school with my teammates as we <u>are</u> <u>taking part</u> in the cricket tournament tomorrow.

Hurry up! The train <u>leaves</u> in ten minutes. I <u>am going</u> to help my mother in the kitchen as soon as I finish my homework.

### Activity 5

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given within brackets. You need to revise all three tenses to complete this activity.

- 1. Malinthi is a student. She ..... (study) in grade 11.
- 2. Sanduni ..... (clean) the classroom tomorrow.
- 3. We ...... (go) on a trip to Kanneliya during our last school vacation.
- 4. You can turn off the radio. I ..... (not, listen) to it.
- 5. While I .....(do) my homework someone knocked at the door.
- 6. Rizwan ..... (water) the flowers at this moment.

- 7. I usually .....(drink) a cup of tea early in the morning.
- 8. After this trip, I.....(visit) Nuwara Eliya four times.
- 9. The Moon ..... (revolve) round the Earth.
- 10. Mr. Perera ..... (work) in this office for ten years by 2024.

### Speaking

Follow the steps in the flow chart and set your personal goals. Then talk to the class about your ambition. Include the following points in your speech.

- Your goal/ambition in life
- What objectives you should achieve at O/Ls at A/Ls After A/Ls or University level in order to achieve your goal



### Activity 7

### Writing

Write an essay about your goals/ ambitions. Describe;

- What they are .....
- How you plan to achieve them .....
- How you can serve your motherland by achieving your goals .....
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### **Reading / Writing**

Read and enjoy the following poem. Then do the activities that follow.



If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't. If you like to win but think you can't, It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost. For out in the world we find Success begins with a fellow's will. It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you are outclassed, you are. You've got to think high to rise. You've got to be sure of your-self before You can ever win the prize.

Life's battles don't always go To the stronger or faster man. But sooner or later, the man who wins Is the man who thinks he can.

by: C.W. Longenecker

1) List all the contractions in the above poem and write the words that have been contracted.

e.g.:- You're - You are

- 2) Answer the following questions.
- a.What will happen to you, if you think you are beaten?
- b.With what does success begin?
- c.What must you do in order to rise in life?
- d.Who can win life's battles?
- e.Write the sentence which says that you have to be confident if you want to win something.

3) List the comparative forms of adjectives mentioned in the poem. Use them in sentences of your own.

e.g.:- stronger

Old Mr. Ben is stronger than many other men of his age.

Activity 9

Reading

### **Brain Drain**

## The departure of educated or professional people to more developed countries



**B** rain drain refers to the emigration (out-migration) of knowledgeable, welleducated and skilled professionals from their home country to another country. This can take place due to several factors. The most obvious is the availability of better job opportunities in the new country. Other factors that can cause brain drain include: war or conflict, health risks, and political instability. Brain drain occurs most commonly when individuals leave less developed countries with fewer opportunities for career advancement, research, and academic employment and migrate to more developed countries with more opportunities. However, it also occurs in the movement of individuals from one developed country to another developed country.

A country that experiences brain drain faces many problems. In less developed countries, this phenomenon is much more common and the loss is much more substantial. There can be an economic loss for the country as educated professionals leave for better salaries elsewhere. In addition, the development of the country is affected when most



of the educated individuals do not use their knowledge for the benefit of their own country.

The loss that occurs in more developed countries is not felt much because these countries generally see an emigration of these educated professionals along with an immigration of other educated professionals.

There are many things governments can do to combat brain drain. If there is an increase in job advancement opportunities and research opportunities in one's own country, we can reduce the brain drain. The process is difficult and it takes time to establish these sorts of facilities and opportunities, but it is possible, and is becoming increasingly necessary. If we encourage highly-skilled workers to serve their own country, they will not seek better opportunities elsewhere.

Adapted from an article by Jessia Karpilo, Geography Intern

### Writing

1) Match the following words taken from the passage with their synonyms.

1.	opportunities	advantage
2.	obvious	insecurity
3.	career	considerable
4.	benefit	chances
5.	salaries	fight
6.	substantial	wages
7.	combat	job
8.	advancement	clear
9.	phenomenon	progress
10.	instability	occurance

2) Read the passage and answer the questions.

- 1. What is brain drain?
- 2. What is the most obvious reason for it?
- 3. Why is brain drain more crucial in less developed countries?
- 4. Name three negative effects that less developed countries have to face due to brain drain.
- 5. According to the passage which is not an action taken by governments to stop brain drain?
  - a. Encouraging highly-skilled workers both inside and outside the country to work in that country.
  - b. Increasing job advancement opportunities and research opportunities in one's own country.
  - c. Imposing laws to stop highly skilled workers from leaving their country.

3). Use the following words taken from the passage to form new words.

NOUN	VERB
emigration	emigrate
advancement	
employment	
development	
education	
government	
	establish

NOUN	ADJECTIVE
knowledge	knowledgeable
availability	
profession	
	economic
	educated



### **Conditionals (If clause)**

### "If" Type One (Possible situations)

"If" type one is used when we talk about real and possible situations.

e.g.:- If you <u>work</u> hard, you <u>will pass</u> the exam easily.

The structure is usually if + present simple and will + infinitive. It's not important which clause comes first.

### "If" Type Two (Imaginary situations)

"If" type two is used to talk about imaginary situations which may not occur in reality.

e.g.:-If I <u>won</u> a lot of money, I <u>would give</u> some of it to the poor. The structure is usually if + past simple and would + infinitive. It's not important which clause comes first.

### "If" Type Three (Impossible situations)

"If" type three is used to talk about 'unreal' or impossible things in the past.

e.g.:- If you had run faster, you would have won the race.

The structure is usually if + past perfect and would + have + past participle. It's not important which clause comes first.

A) Fill in the blanks in the following conditional clauses.

- 2. If the governments take suitable actions, they ...... (reduce) brain drain.
- 3. If these actions..... (not, take) soon, the country will be affected by brain drain.
- 4. If the educated professionals ..... (leave) the country, they will not be able to assist the future generation in their motherland.
- B) Complete the following conditional clauses.
- 1. If you devote some time for your studies daily, ...
- 2. If I were an educated professional in Sri Lanka, ...
- 3. If Nisali had run faster, ...
- 4. If Hasim had a bicycle ...
- 5. If I saw a ghost...

### Activity 11

### Speaking

Let's have a debate in the class.

Form two groups and have a debate on the following topic.

# "We should make use of our skilled knowledge by accepting international career opportunities"

### Listening

Listen to the dialogue between the Library Assistant and Ganesh and underline the correct answer.

- 1. Ganesh is looking for books on
  - a. Engineering
  - b. Electronics
  - c. Literature
- 2. Application for membership should be counter-signed by the
  - a. Principal
  - b. Class teacher
  - c. Ganesh
- 3. The annual membership fee is
  - a. Rs. 500
  - b. Rs. 100
  - c. Rs. 5
- 4. Ganesh can borrow .....at a time.
  - a. One book
  - b. Two books
  - c. Three books
- 5. The library is closed on
  - a. Monday
  - b. Saturday
  - c. Sunday
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