Activity 01

Rewrite the following in your notebook, with suitable punctuation marks where necessary.

i)

A-excuse me is there a supermarket near here
B-yes there's one near here
A-how do i get there
B-at the traffic lights take the first left turn and go straight

ii)

Some things in life are as rewarding and fulfilling as owning a pet. Whether it's a dog, cat, bird, or fish, the appeal is the same—years of fun and unconditional love. Indeed, pets can actually satisfy many of the things people crave most: companionship, communication, loyalty, and plenty of amusement. Perhaps that's why pets are so popular among the elderly and people who live alone. As human relationships grow frail with new technological development, the simple bond between a pet and its owner offers a refreshing and comforting experience.
Activity 02

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue with the answers given.

Salesman : Good afternoon sir, may I help you?
Mr. Perera : Good afternoon, yes. Can I see that shirt on the top shelf please?
Salesman : ..............................................................
Mr. Perera : How much does it cost?
Salesman : ..............................................................
Mr. Perera : Rs. 950? That's too much.
Salesman : ..............................................................
Mr. Perera : That's nice. How much is it?
Salesman : ..............................................................
Mr. Perera : That'll be fine.
Salesman : ..............................................................
Mr. Perera : That blue one's fine.
Salesman : ..............................................................
Mr. Perera : No, that’s all I want.
Salesman : Then you can pay at the cashier.
Mr. Perera : Thank you.
Salesman : You’re welcome.

Do you like this colour or would you like a different colour?
Do you need anything else sir?
Rs. 750.
How about the one next to the black T-shirt? It's very similar to the one you like.
Sure. Here it is.
It’s Rs.950.
Activity 03

Imagine you are the Secretary of the Environment Society of your school. You have invited the Head Quarters Inspector of the nearest police station to speak about vandalism at your next meeting. Write a notice to inform this to the students. Include the necessary details.

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Activity 04

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets.

1. We saw very .............. (beauty) flowers in Peradeniya Botanical garden.
2. The speech given by the police officer was very .............. (use) to the students.
3. The Mahaweli is the .............. (long) river in Sri Lanka.
4. Our trip to Kanneliya was full of .............. (enjoy).
5. The winner of the marathon talked to the media very .............. (happy) about his victory.
Activity 05

You plan to go on an educational tour to a historical city in Sri Lanka. Write five instructions you would give to the other students who will take part in this tour.

e.g: You must not disturb the other visitors.

1. ....................................................................................................................
2. ....................................................................................................................
3. ....................................................................................................................
4. ....................................................................................................................
5. ....................................................................................................................

Activity 06

Read the folktale given below and answer the questions.

The man who never lied

An African Folktale

Once upon a time there lived a wise man by the name of Mamad. He never lied. All the people in the land, even the ones who lived twenty days away, knew about him.

The king heard about Mamad and ordered his subjects to bring him to the palace. He looked at the wise man and asked:

"Mamad, is it true, that you have never lied?"

“It’s true."

"And you will never lie in your life?"
“I’m sure in that.”

"Okay, tell the truth, but be careful! The lie is cunning and it gets on your tongue easily."

Several days passed and the king called Mamad once again. There was a big crowd: the king was about to go hunting. The king held his horse by the mane, his left foot was already on the stirrup. He ordered Mamad.

"Go to my summer palace and tell the queen I will be with her for lunch. Tell her to prepare a big feast. You will have lunch with me then."

Mamad bowed down and went to the queen. Then the king laughed and said:

"We won't go hunting and now Mamad will lie to the queen. Tomorrow we will laugh on his behalf."

But the wise Mamad went to the palace and said:

"May be you should prepare a big feast for lunch tomorrow, and may be you shouldn't. May be the king will come by noon, and may be he won't."

"Tell me. Will he come, or won't he?" - asked the queen.

"I don't know whether he puts his right foot on the stirrup, or he puts his left foot on the ground after I left."

Everybody waited for the king. He came the next day and said to the queen: "The wise Mamad, who never lies, lied to you yesterday."

But the queen told him about the words of Mamad. And the king realized that the wise man never lies, and says only that, which he saw with his own eyes.
1. Are these statements TRUE or FALSE? Indicate T or F against each statement.

a. The name of the wise man is Mamad.   (     )
b. The king’s right foot was already on the stirrup.   (     )
c. The king ordered Mamad to go hunting.    (     )
d. The king did not go hunting although he said so to Mamad.  (     )
e. Mamad lied to the queen about the king.    (     )

2. Give short answers to the following questions.

a. Who brought Mamad to the palace?
b. What was Mamad’s special quality?
c. Where was Mamad ordered to go by the king?
d. Copy the sentence which shows Mamad obeyed king’s order.
e. What did the king realize at the end?
f. What do the following words in bold type refer to?
   i. it
   ii. you

g. Find synonyms for the following words from the story.
   i. a large meal
   ii. understood

Activity 07

Read the following sentences taken from the folktale. They are all in past tense.

1. The king heard about Mamad and ordered his subjects to bring him to the palace.
2. He looked at the wise man and asked.
3. Several days passed and the king called Mamad once again.
4. The king held his horse by the mane.
5. Mamad bowed down and went to the queen.
Now let’s describe a past event held in your school. Write a paragraph including what you did on this day.

Eg- Sports Meet
   English Day
   Shramadana Campaign

Activity 08

Study the following pictures and write the story shown by the pictures. Use past tense.

Begin your story like this.
   Vimukthi was…..
Activity 09

Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

Yesterday, I had a very hard day. I got up early to go shopping, but as soon as I stepped out of the door, it ..........(begin) to rain, so I ..............(have) to go back to the house and ..........(get) my umbrella. When I got to the supermarket, I realized I ..........(forget) my shopping list, so I ..............(can’t) remember everything I wanted to buy. The cashier ..........(is) too busy to help me, so I ..............(gather) up a few items and ..............(carry) them to the counter. After the cashier ..........(finish) billing my purchase, he ..........(give) me the wrong change and stuffed my groceries into my small shopping cart. I was not in a good mood when I left the supermarket.

Activity 10

As the Secretary of the Environment Society, write a letter thanking the officer who made a speech on vandalism.