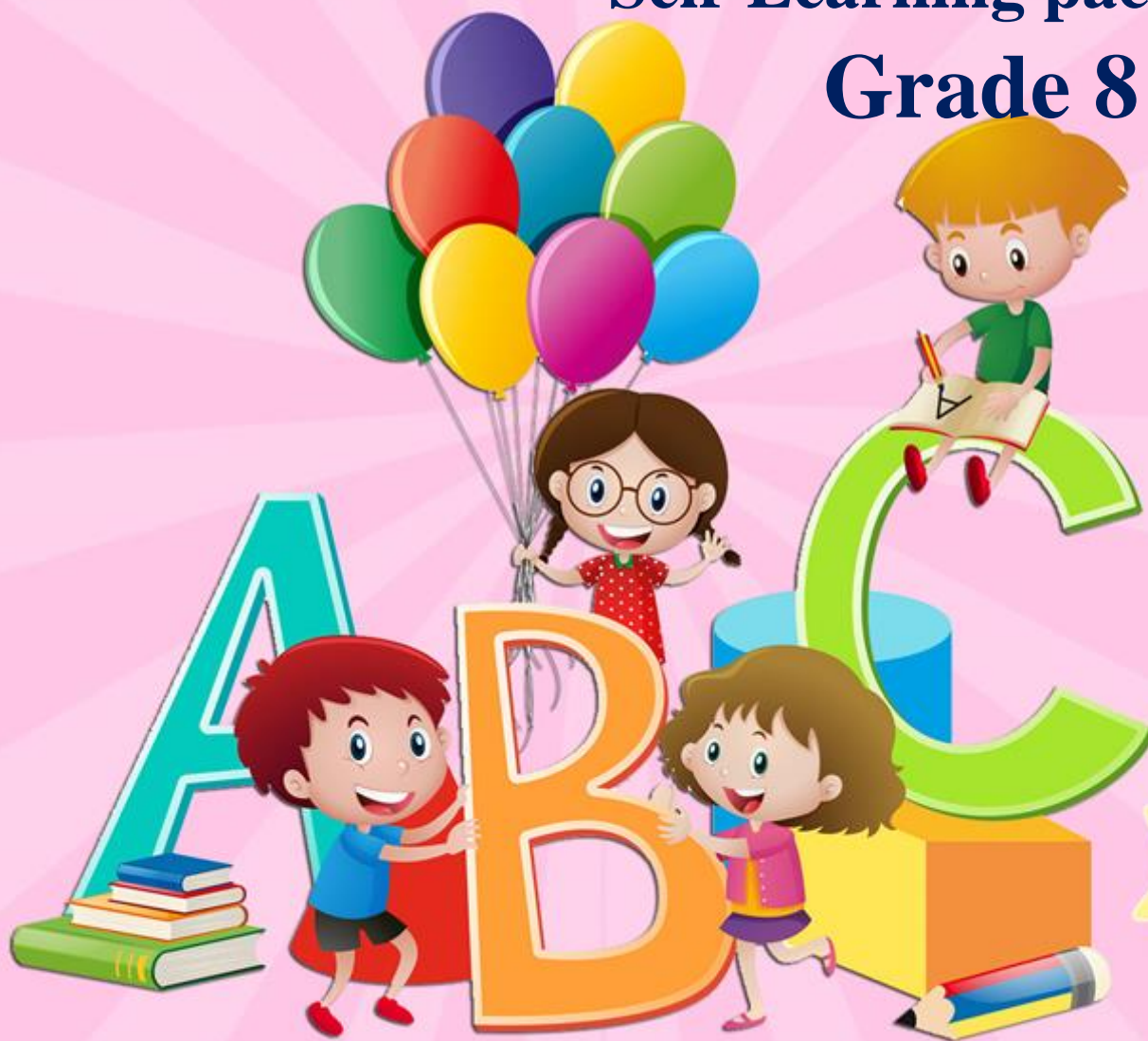




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Lesson 18

Let's read and comprehend.

Activity 18.1

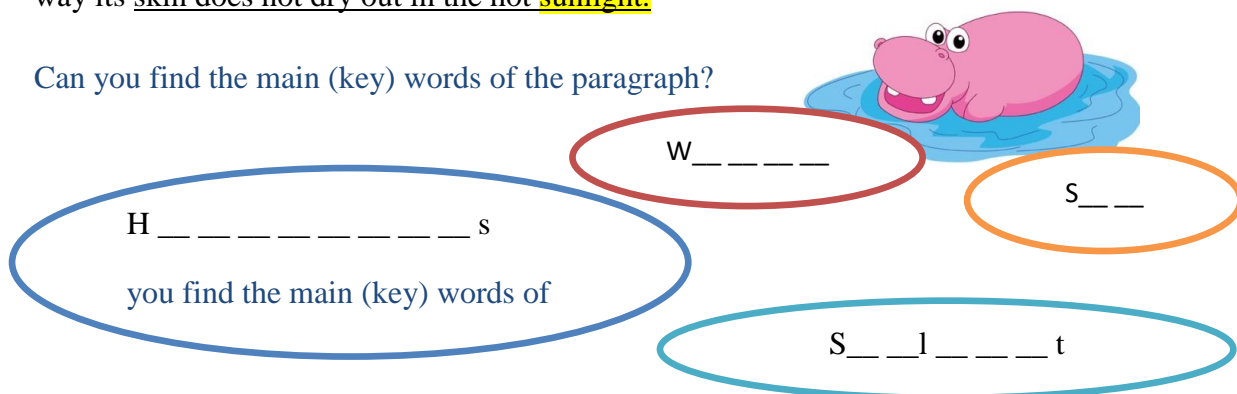
- Let's read about a giant animal now

New words

Spend – ගත කරනවා

The **hippopotamus** or hippo spends a lot of time in water. Name of this wonderful African animal means “sea horse”. In a hot day, a hippo will spend hours in rivers and lakes. Only its eyes, ears and nostrills can be seen above the **water**. This helps to keep the hairless skin from getting **sunburned**. Although it eats water plants, the hippo goes to the land at night to find larger plants. It comes out of the water at night because it's not **sunny**. Then its **skin** is safe. In the dry season when the water is low the hippo rolls in mud to cover its very big body. This way its skin does not dry out in the hot sunlight.

Can you find the main (key) words of the paragraph?



Main facts

- Spends a lot of time in water.
- Skin does not dry out in the sunlight.

1. Underline the correct answer

The general idea of the paragraph is,

- The hippopotamus is a water horse
- This animal is a plant eater who lives in the water.
- Hippos live in the water but comes out to eat larger plants
- Living in the water helps hippo to keep its skin safe from sunlight.

Activity 18.2



- Read and see what this is.

Who doesn't like a nice cup of creamy hot chocolate? It is a hot drink made with milk, cocoa and sugar. Hot chocolate has a long history. The Mayans in Mexico made the first chocolate drink. They made a cold drink with cocoa bean powder and spices. The drink tasted spicy. The Mayan's drink was taken to England. People in England loved the drink. They added sugar to it and it was sweet tasting. This became the hot chocolate we drink today.

New words

History – ඉතිහාසය

Cocoa beans –



Spices -



- 1.
2. **Underline the correct answer.**

The **general idea** of the paragraph is,

- i. Hot chocolate was a spicy drink for Mayans.
- ii. History of hot chocolate comes from Mexico to England.
- iii. Mayans in Mexico made the hot chocolate.
- iv. Hot chocolate is a tasty drink.