

Clubs and Associations

We meet, we talk, we serve.

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→ Language Focus

Language Functions

01. Inviting

Notice on page 70.

- All members are requested to be present.
- I shall now invite Dr. Ranjith Cooray to speak...

02. Conducting a meeting.

Meeting on page 79.

03. Describing the activities of a club.

- Rotary Club; -page 83.

04. Expressing willingness and happiness to work with others.

- I am happy to be associated with the Interact Club of your school.

Grammar

01. Passive Voice.

- a committee meeting of the above schools and Sumanabedda Maha Vidyalaya *was held* to discuss...
- Since there was no other business, the meeting *was adjourned*.

02. Direct Speech.

- 'I am happy to be associated with the Interact clubs of your schools...'

03. Indirect Speech.

- The president of the Al Akbar Maha Vidyalaya stated that it was worthwhile seeking the assistance...

04. The prepositional phrase with 'of' genitive as a post modifier.

- A special meeting *of the committees of the above schools...*
- The committees of the five schools.

Please do not write anything in this book. Use your writing book for writing.

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Activity 5.1

Reading / Writing

Chamath's father is a Director in the Social Services Department. Recently Chamath joined his father on a visit to a home of the 'differently abled'. Chamath was deeply moved, and decided to help them in some way. The following day he met the Secretary of the Interact Club of his school and discussed the need to help them.

Here is a notice he wrote to convene a meeting of the Interact Club.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Interact Club will be held on Monday the 01st July 2007 at 1.30 p.m. in the Main Auditorium. The topic for discussion will be the launching of a fund raising programme. This programme will help the differently abled persons in the local community. Our patron, the principal, will attend the meeting. All members are requested to be present.

The Secretary
Interact Club.

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Date

Read the Notice and find answers for the following questions.

- Who sends this notice and to whom?
- What is the venue?
- What is the topic for discussion?
- Whom are they going to help?
- Who is the patron of this club?

Activity 5.2

■ Listening / Speaking / Reading

At the meeting of the Interact Club



Many members gathered in the Main Auditorium of Sumanabedda Maha Vidyalaya, on 01st July 2007.

The President:

Good afternoon, Madam Principal and dear friends.

It's a pleasure to see such a large gathering today. The club has been able to fulfil many activities during the past years. It was due to the support of our members and the guidance given by our principal - the patron of the club.

Having seen many differently abled persons in our locality, and their increasing problems the committee has decided to launch a programme, to help them and make their quality of life better.

The main topic for discussion at today's meeting is how we could collect funds for the cause.

We would therefore, welcome suggestions and ideas from our members about this matter.

Savithri - Madam Principal, President and members. Since this is going to be a community service project, I would suggest that we involve other Interact Clubs of nearby schools too.

Dinethri - That's a fine idea. I'm sure there will be a good response if we make a request.

Sethpriya- Why don't we write to some of the Interact Clubs and request them to join? Then we can discuss ways and means of collecting funds.

President- Fine, let's go ahead. That would result in a lot of interaction. [To the principal]
- Madam, may we have your permission to go ahead with this suggestion and get the other schools too, to participate?

Principal - Yes certainly, that's a very good idea. You may write to the relevant schools through the staff advisor, and request their support. In the mean time I'll speak to the Principals personally.

President - Thank you Madam, we can now pursue the matter. Thank you members for the concern shown for this worthy cause. After the initial correspondence and planning we hope to meet you again. As this is the only matter for discussion, the meeting will be adjourned. The date of the next meeting will be notified later.

Have a good day !

Activity 5.3 > Pair work

■ Reading / Writing

Read the dialogue in the text and answer the following questions.

- What did Savithri suggest?
- Who was sure of receiving a good response?
- What did Sethpriya suggest?
- Was the Principal in favour of what they were going to do?
- When will the next date be announced?

Activity 5.4 > Pair work

■ Reading / Writing

Read the 'Address by the President' again and state in about four sentences, what it refers to.

Activity 5.4 > Pair work

Reading / Writing

Read the text 'At the meeting of the Interact Club', and complete the following sentences in your writing book.

- a. The President was pleased

- b. The club was able to

- c. Guidance was given

- d. The Interact Club's committee decided to

- e. The main idea for discussion was

Activity 5.5 > Pair work

Reading / Writing

Use a dictionary and find the meanings of the following words. Make sentences with these words and write them in your writing book.

- a. pleasure

- b. differently abled

- c. adjourned

- d. correspondence

- e. pursue

Activity 5.6 > Pair work

Reading / Writing

The Secretary of the Interact Club of Sumanabedda Maha Vidyalaya wrote to the Presidents of other Interact Clubs of schools in the area, requesting participation in this project.

The parts of the letter are jumbled. Match appropriate parts with the format of the letter and write the letter in your writing book.

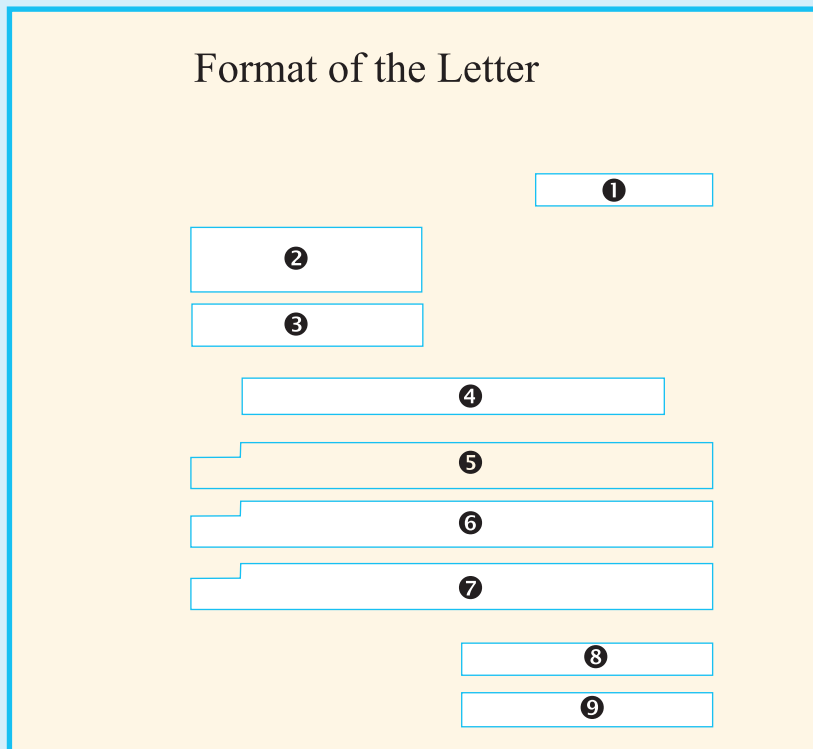
- a. The President,
Interact club,
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- b. Interact Club of Sumanabedda
M. Vidyalaya,
Sumanabedda,
Bentota.
10th February 2007.

- c. The Interact Club of our school has organized a scheme to help the differently abled persons in our locality.
- d. LAUNCHING OF A FUND RAISING PROGRAMME TO HELP THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED.
- e. We would be much obliged if you could confirm your willingness to take part, before 26th of February, 2007.
- f. It was suggested at the last meeting, that we request the

participation of other Interact Clubs as well. Hence we are pleased to seek your support and would kindly request you to inform us whether you could join us in this venture.

- g. Thank you,
- h. Yours faithfully,
.....
Secretary,
I. C.
Sumanabedda M.V.

i. Dear Sir/Madam



Activity 5.7 > Pairwork

Reading / Writing

COMMITTEE MEETING



The following Schools have agreed to join the Interact Club of Sumanabedda Maha Vidyalaya.

- a. Indrajothi Madya Maha Vidyalaya.
- b. Al-Akbar Maha Vidyalaya.
- c. St. Mary's Convent.
- d. Sri Murugan Maha Vidyalaya.

A special meeting of the committees of the above schools and Sumanabedda Maha Vidyalaya was held to discuss the outline plan of this Community Service Project.

Following are the Minutes of the special meeting held on 3rd March 2007.

The Interact Club Members Present

Al Akbar M.V. -

President - Mohomad Ricarb.
Secretary - Fareda Farook.

Indrajothi M.M.V. -

President - Hashini Meegoda.
Secretary - Lakshman Herath

St. Mary's Convent -

President - Ramani Grey
Secretary - Dalrene Perera

Sri Murugan M.V. -

President - C. Kathiragesu

Sumanabedda M.V. -

President - Chamath Silva
Secretary - Nirupa Kodikara

Those reported absent :

Secretary of Sri Murugan M.V. -
Geetha Ram



After the religious observances, The committees of the five schools discussed matters concerning the venture.

The President of Sumanabedda Maha Vidyalaya presided and expressed his gratitude to all Interact Clubs present for their willingness to participate. He further explained the purpose of the meeting and its objectives.

The following suggestions were made.

- a. To provide the needy with spectacles, hearing aids, artificial limbs and wheel chairs.
- b. To conduct regular health camps and provide health care.
- c. To have entertainment programmes.

The following were suggested as fund raising activities to execute these projects.

- a. A musical show organized by the students of the five schools.
- b. A talent search.

The President of Al Akbar Maha Vidyalaya stated that it was worthwhile seeking the assistance of The Lions Club and the Rotary Club of the area. It was agreed by all the members to seek their support.

Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at Sri Murugan Maha Vidyalaya - on 3rd March.

🔻 Activity 5.8 > Pair work

■ Reading / Writing

- What were the schools present at the special committee meeting?
- Who presided at this meeting?
- Write three items, the Clubs were going to provide.
- What were the activities suggested to raise funds for the project?
- What was the suggestion to which all members unanimously agreed?

🔻 Activity 5.9 > Pair work

■ Listening / Speaking

Select the correct words / phrases from the list and complete the following dialogue on fixing a date for an appointment to seek the assistance of the Lions Club.

Chamath - Good Morning. Is that 0912236481 ?

Receptionist - Yes. Can I help you please?

Chamath - Could you kindly put me on to the president, Dr. Ranjith Cooray ?

Receptionist - Yes _____ please.

Dr. Cooray - Hello, _____

Chamath - Good Morning, Doctor Cooray. I'm _____

Dr. Cooray - _____ Chamath?

Chamath - Yes Doctor Cooray, We've planned to help the differently abled persons in our locality _____

Dr. Cooray - That's a very good idea. _____ ?

Chamath - The committee wishes to meet you to discuss matters _____

Dr. Cooray - Let me see. Yes. Is _____ ?

Chamath - That would be fine. Thank you very much. We shall see you at 9.00 a.m on Sunday. Goodbye

- Dr. Cooray speaking.
- 9.00 a.m. on Sunday convenient to you?
- Hold on.
- How can we be of assistance to you?
- Chamath, the president of the Interact Club of Sumanabedda M. Vidyalaya.
- Good morning, Can I help you?
- We hope to request for some assistance.
- Can we have an appointment with you doctor?

Activity 5.10 > Pair work

■ Reading / Writing

Read the following sentences carefully.

Active Voice

- a. The five schools discussed matters concerning the venture.

Passive Voice

- b. Matters concerning the venture were discussed by the five schools.

Note :-

01. How the subject and object changed places.
02. How the verb, in the Active Sentence has changed in the Passive Sentence.

Now change the following Active Sentences into Passive Voice.

- a. The President, Chamath Silva presided at the meeting.
- b. He explained the purpose of the meeting.
- c. The President of Al - Akbar Maha Vidyalaya stated his views on the significance of the project.
- d. The President arranged an appointment with Doctor Cooray.
- e. The students organized a Musical Show.

Activity 5.11 > Pair work

■ Reading / Writing

Prepare a handout about the musical show to be distributed among the public.

1. Give the date, time and the place.
2. The artists who are going to participate.
3. The purpose.

You may use the phrases given below.

- a captivating Musical Show.
- an evening of entertainment.
- an evening of fun and frolic.
- leading singers, radio artists, film artists.
- for a worthy cause.

You are given the task of suggesting a suitable caption to be printed on the tickets, for the Musical Show.

Suggest 03 captions. Write in your writing book.

Draw a suitable emblem for your club in your writing book.

Activity 5.12 > Pair work

■ Listening / Speaking / Writing

The Lions Club agrees to assist the Project



On invitation by the respective Presidents of the Interact Clubs, the Lions Club of Bentota South has expressed their desire to help them.

Lion, Dr Ranjith Cooray, the president of the Lions Club was invited as a Guest Speaker. He will speak on the role of their Club and indicate how they could assist in this project.

The president of the Interact Club of Sumanabedda Maha Vidyalaya introduces the Guest Speaker:

“Our honoured guest, Dr Ranjith Cooray, dedicated principals and teachers, and my dear friends;

It’s a great opportunity and a privilege to have Lion, Dr. Ranjith Cooray here with us today.

Dr. Cooray is a doctor of Medicine presently practising at the Bentota Base Hospital. He is the president of the Lions Club of Bentota and has been instrumental in launching many community service projects. We are grateful to you for expressing your willingness to help us in our project. I shall now invite Dr. Ranjith Cooray to speak to you on the role of the Lions Club and its objectives.”

Activity 5.13 > Pair work

■ Listening / Speaking / Writing

The guest speaker addresses the members.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen,
and my dear students.

- 1 I am happy to be associated with the Interact Club of your schools. I admire your commitment towards community service. Coming to my topic on The Lions Club and its services, I would like to state that we serve nearly 1.3 million members in 197 countries.
- 2 Our main aim is to meet the needs of the communities of the world. Prevention of blindness, drug abuse, and child abuse are among the many challenges, we face today.
Since 1917, Lions have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their community.
- 3 The Lions Clubs began as the dream of a Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand to help for the betterment of their communities and the world at large.
- 4 Among the objectives adapted was, "No club shall hold out for the financial betterment of its members". Unselfish service to others is one of the association's main targets.
- 5 Lions Club International holds consultative status with the United Nations [UN] since 1945.
- 6 Lions Club International is committed to providing services for youth to improve the environment, build homes for the disabled, support diabetes education, conduct healing programmes and disaster relief around the world.

Our mission statement is

“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvements and International Cooperation.”

We'll support your programme of helping the differently abled persons. Do not hesitate to make your requests to us in the future too.

Thank you for inviting me and wish you good luck with your project.

President, Chamath Silva :-

Thank you Dr. Cooray. We admire your kind gesture. You are a great inspiration to students like us. We are just beginners in humanitarian service.

Activity 5.14 > Pair work

Listening / Speaking / Writing

Read the text and answer the following questions.

1. Who agrees to assist the project of 'helping the differently abled', organized by the Interact Clubs?
2. What is the name of the guest speaker?
3. Who introduced the guest speaker to the audience?
4. Write the opening lines of the introduction by the President, after the address to the audience.
5. Write the main aims of the Lions Club.
6. What was Melvin Jones instrumental in?
7. Read their 'Mission Statement' aloud in front of the class.
8. What services does the Lions Club offer?

Activity 5.15 > Group work

■ Writing

Suggest a short title for each of the numbered paragraphs of the guest speaker's speech [Number 1 - 5]
Write in your writing book.

Activity 5.16 > Pair work

■ Writing

Find the meanings of the following words. You may refer to a dictionary.
Write in your writing book.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| a. inspiration - | e. foster - |
| b. commitment - | f. instrumental - |
| c. adapted - | g. approximately - |
| d. humanitarian - | h. disaster - |

Activity 5.17 > Group / Pair work

■ Writing

Read the following noun phrases. They are from the introduction of the guest speaker.

Lion, Dr. Ranjith Cooray
Dr. Ranjith Cooray, the President of the Lions Club
Our honoured guest, Dr. Ranjith Cooray

In these, the first noun is followed by another noun or noun phrase giving more information about the first noun.

Write five similar constructions in your writing book.

Activity 5.18 > Group work

■ Writing

Make a list of other Social Service Associations in your area and state what services they provide to the community.
Write in your writing book.

Activity 5.19 > Group / Pair work

■ Writing

Write "The Vote of Thanks" that you would propose to thank the Guest Speaker and all those present at the meeting.
Write in your writing book.

Activity 5.20 > Pair work

■ Writing

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the phrases given in the box.
Write in your writing book.

associated with / prevention of /
opportunity to / committed to

1. Club members are _____ helping the needy.
2. _____ diseases is better than curing.
3. Dr. Cooray is _____ the Bentota Lions Club.
4. Students got a great _____ learn about Lionism.

Activity 5.21 > Group work

■ Writing

Here are some details given in point form about the Rotary Club which is also a voluntary organization.

Write a detailed description to your school magazine on, 'The Rotary Club'. You may find more details on your own.



The Rotary Club

- a voluntary organization.
- offers humanitarian services, encourages high ethical standards. helps to build goodwill and peace in the world.
- 1.2 million Rotarians.
- 32,000 clubs in about 200 countries.

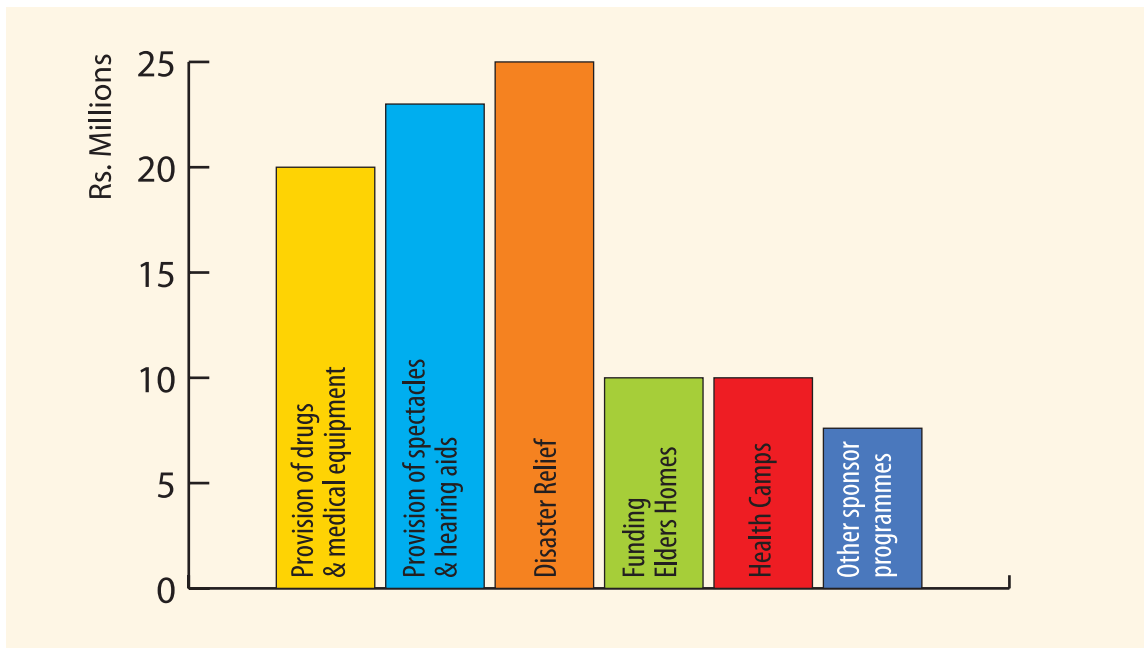
Benefits offered-

- develops the community.
- develops leadership skills.
- not a profit making organization.
- supported by contributions.
- created by Arch.C.Clumph.
- fund to improve quality of life-provides health care, clean water, food, education and other essential needs.
- funds 1200 students to study abroad annually.
- grants awards to University teachers for research and other activities.

Activity 5.22 > Group work

■ Writing

The expenditure incurred in different projects by the Lions Club is given in the graph below.



Study the graph carefully and complete the following sentences using appropriate words from the list below.

less / least / many / more / most / equal / nearly / highest

- 1 The Lions Club has spent _____ than 10 million rupees to fund elders homes.
- 2 The _____ has been spent on sponsor programmes.
- 3 The expenditure on disaster relief is the _____.
- 4 The money spent on providing spectacles and hearing aids is _____ than for disaster relief but _____ than for provision of drugs and medical equipment.
- 5 _____ amounts have been spent for conducting health camps and funding elders homes.
- 6 _____ people have benefited by these projects.
- 7 The club has spent _____ 100 million rupees during the last year.
- 8 _____ money has been spent on health camps than on sponsor programmes.

Activity 5.23 > Group work

Writing

It was agreed by the Interact Club to invite a Guest Speaker, a Lion member, to speak to the members. Write a notice convening a meeting. Use the following guidelines

- From - The Secretary, Interact Club.
- To - All members.
- Venue - The Sports Pavilion.
- Time - 2.00 p.m.
- Date - you may write your own date.
- Guest Speaker - Lion Dr. Ranjith Cooray.
- Others present - The Principal and members of the staff.

Write in your writing book

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| NOTICE | |
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| Date | The Secretary Interact Club |

Activity 5.24 > Group work

Writing

Write a conversation between two students about attending the meeting.

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Activity 5.25 > Group work

■ Speaking (singing)

Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights
Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights
Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights
Get up, stand up, don't give up the fight

Preacher man, don't tell me
Heaven is under the earth
I know you don't know
What life is really worth
It's not all that glitters is gold
Half the story has never been told
So now you see the light
Stand up for your rights

Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights
Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights
Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights
Get up, stand up, don't give up the fight

Most people think
Great good will come from the skies
Take away everything
And make everybody feel high
But if you know what life is worth
You would look for yours on earth
And now you've seen the light
You stand up for your rights

BOB MARLEY

Activity 5.26 > Group work

■ Speaking (singing)

Group singing.

Form into three groups. One group can sing the chorus, other two groups can take the two verses.

Change your roles and sing.

Your teacher will tell you the actions, that you should use.



Activity 5.27 > Pair work

■ Writing

Write the meanings of the following in your writing book.

1. It's not all that glitters is gold.
2. Great good will come from the skies.
3. Make everybody feel high.