

6 A MOMENT OF FUN

Activity 01

Fill in the blanks using the given words. One word may be used more than once.

(an, a little, the, a, much, all, this)

1. We saw herd of wild elephants in the wildlife park.
2. I have only money in my bank account.
3. There is not traffic on Sundays.
4. Please return books you borrowed from the library.
5. apple a day keeps the doctor away.
6. Ofmy song albums, is one I like most.
7. My sister says that she saw shooting star last night.

Activity 02

Complete the story using the given words. One word may be used more than once.

(a, the, some, two, much, one, his, any, your, what, their, that, this)

Once,.....king sent a message to the king of.....neighbouring country. It read "Send me a diamond as big as a pigeon's egg or else .." The second king, seeingmessage replied, "We don't have such a diamond and if we had .." The first king got angry and declared war onneighbor.The fighting continued fortime and caused damage to both the countries. Then third king intervened and arranged a meeting

between the rulers. When they met king said to opponent, “..... war started with message. What did you mean by it?” The other king replied, “ I meant a diamond as large as a pigeon’s egg or other diamond. It wasrude reply that angered me.” “..... reply are you referring to?” the second king asked. I only meant, “If I had such a diamond I would have gladly sent it to you.” The two kings realized mistake and agreed to write more clearly in future communications.

Bhanuka’s sister Surani is studying in China on a scholarship. She calls home every Sunday.

Read the following telephone conversation between Bhanuka and Surani and do the activities 3 and 4.

Bhanuka : Hello!

Surani : Hello, Bhanuka, guess who’s calling?

Bhanuka : Hi akka! We’ve been expecting your call.

Surani : So, how are you doing?

Bhanuka : I’m fine. We are getting ready for the school concert these days.

Surani : Oh, you must be busy then.

Bhanuka : Yes, I am. We are practising a drama and a few new songs for the concert. How is the winter in China?

Surani : It’s snowing these days. This winter is very cold. Are father and mother at home?

Bhanuka : Well, mother is at home but father isn’t. She is working in the garden. Hold on, I’ll go and get her.

Surani : Thanks.

↙ Activity 03

Find and write the determiners used to describe the given nouns/ noun phrases.

- call
- days
- drama
- new songs
- winter

↙ Activity 04

Identify statements indicating the two uses of the present continuous tense from the dialogue and fill in the table.

A. For actions taking place at the moment of speaking	B. For actions taking place at present but not necessarily at the moment of speaking.

Activity 05

Complete these sentences. (simple present tense / present continuous tense/
present perfect tense / present perfect continuous tense)

1. I usually (go) to school by bus.
2. " she ever (be) to India?"
3. "What Praveen (do) now?"
4. Please don't make so much noise. I (study).
5. Water (boil) at 100 degrees Celsius.
6. It (rain) now. It began raining an hour ago. So it (rain)
for an hour.
7. Amanda..... (work) on the computer for hours, and she
..... (not finish) yet.
8. "Where have you been? I(look) for you
since 2 o'clock."
9. This is the most beautiful painting I (ever see).
10. We (preparing) for the concert these days.

Activity 06

Here are some utterances that are used in telephone conversations. Match them
with the correct situations.

When you place a call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good morning. ABC Holdings. How may I help you? • Hello, may I speak to Ms. Yapa, please?
Answering the phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He's out at the moment. Can I take a message?
Connecting someone when the phone call is for someone else	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hello Rishan, this is Udaya speaking. • This is Fernando from ABC holdings. May I speak to
Taking a message for somebody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm sorry, Mr. Perera is in a meeting now.
Getting clarified what the caller says	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let me see if he is available. • Thank you. Have a nice day.
Leaving a message for somebody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you like to leave a message for her?
Ending a conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold on please. • Thanks for calling. I'll speak to you soon. • Could you spell that for me? • Could you repeat that, please?

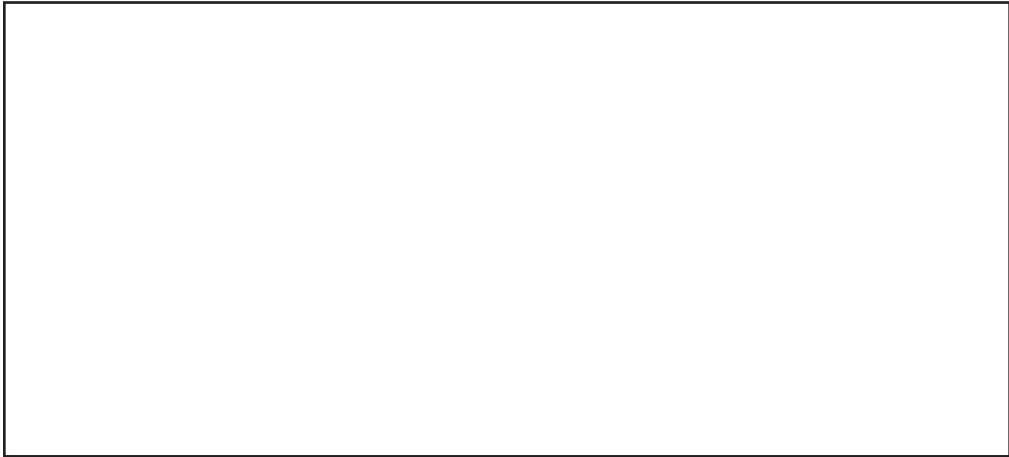
Activity 07

Receptionist : Good Morning! Smart Apparels Ltd.
.....
Mr. Senaratne : May I speak to the Production manager Mr. Fernando,
please.
Receptionist :
Mr. Senaratne : Sure.
Receptionist : I'm sorry sir.....
May I take a message?
Mr. Senaratne :I'm Senaratne from Asian
Travels My number is 2354876.
Receptionist : Certainly.
Mr. Senaratne : Thank you.
Receptionist :

- Please hold on. I'll see if he's available.
- Mr. Fernando is in a meeting.
- How May I help you?
- Could you ask him to call me back?
- You are welcome. Have a nice day!
- I'll deliver the message as soon as he gets in.

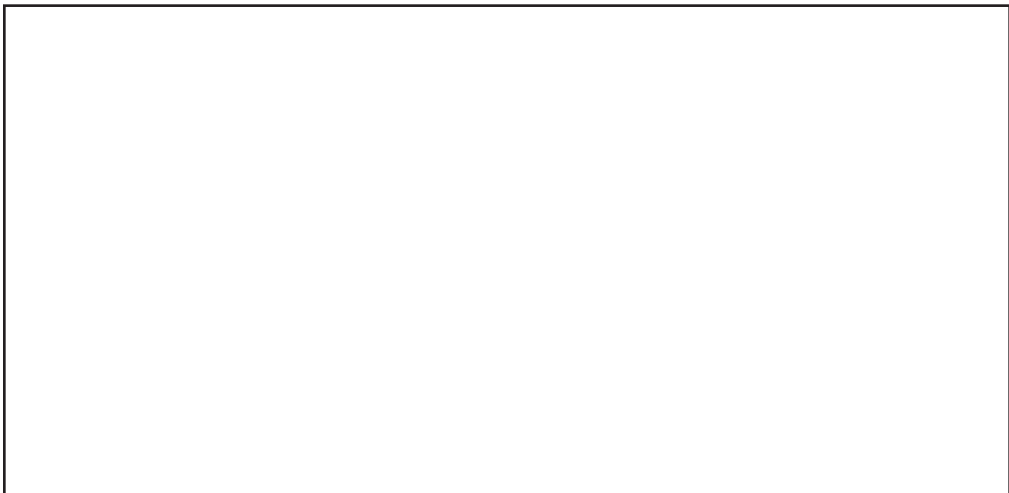
↙ Activity 08

Your class teacher has informed the class that grade 11 students have to sign the application forms for the G.C.E. O/L examination tomorrow. Your best friend is absent and is not aware of the fact. Write a note informing him/her about it.



↙ Activity 09

A friend of yours has invited you to his/her birthday party. Write a note thanking him/her for the invitation. Express regret for not being able to attend the party. Give a reason.



Activity 10

Complete the words with “tion/sion/ssion or cian”.

vaca.....

pen.....

beauti.....

dalma.....

evalua.....

magi.....

techni.....

man.....

gradua.....

vaccina.....

vi.....

crea.....

admi.....

ambi.....

Activity 11

Fill in the blanks with the correct masculine or feminine nouns.

	Masculine	Feminine
i)	master	.....
ii)	uncle	.....
iii)	.....	niece
iv)	.....	lioness
v)	tiger	.....
vi)	.....	empress
vii)	wizard	.....
viii)	steward	.....
ix)	.....	actress
x)	nephew	.....