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READING IS FUN

Activity 01

Here is an extract from one of the Famous Five books written by Enid Blyton: FIVE HAVE PLENTY OF FUN. Read it and do the activities that follow.

All was quiet in Kirrin Cottage. The two boys slept soundly in their room, and the girls: George and Anne slept without stirring in theirs. Berta was up in Joan's attic room, and hadn't moved since she had flopped into bed.

Timmy was on George's feet, as usual, and Sally the poodle was curled up in the crook of Berta's knees, looking like a ball of black wool! Nobody stirred. A black cloud crept up the sky and blotted out the stars one by one. Then a low roll of thunder came. It was far off, and only a rumble, but it woke both the dogs, and it woke Anne too.

She opened her eyes, wondering what the noise was. Then she knew - it was thunder.

'Oh, I hope a storm won't come and break up this wonderful weather!' she thought, as she lay and listened. She turned towards the open window and looked for the stars, but there were none to see.

'Well, if a storm's coming, I'll go and watch it at the window,' thought Anne. 'It should be a magnificent sight over Kirrin Bay. I'm so hot too - I'd like a breath of fresh air at the window!'

She got quietly out of bed and padded over to the open window. She leaned out, sniffing the cool air outside. The night was very dark indeed, because of the great black cloud.

The thunder came again, but not very near- just a low growl. Timmy jumped off George's bed and went to join Anne. He put his great paws up on the windowsill and looked out solemnly over the bay.

And then both he and Anne heard another sound - a faraway chug-chug-chug-chug-chug.

‘It’s a motor-boat,’ said Anne, listening. ‘Isn’t it Timmy? Someone’s having a very late trip! Can you see any ship-lights, Tim? I can’t.’

The engine of the motor-boat cut out just then, and there was complete silence except for the swish-swash-swish of the waves on the beach. Anne strained her eyes to see if she could spot any light anywhere to show where the motor-boat was. It sounded quite far out on the bay. Why had it stopped on the water? Why hadn’t it gone to the jetty?

Then she did see a light, but a very faint one, right out at the entrance of the bay, about the middle. It shone for a while, moved here and there, and then disappeared. Anne was puzzled.

Indicate whether the following sentences are RIGHT or WRONG.

1. The incident described happened in the night. (.....)
2. One dog was sleeping with the children. (.....)
3. The window was open when the children went to sleep. (.....)
4. George joined Anne to watch the storm at the window. (.....)
5. Anne saw a faint light at the entrance of the bay. (.....)

Activity 02

Underline the correct answer.

1. Who was not sleeping up in the attic room?
 - a. Berta
 - b. George
 - c. Sally

2. The low roll of thunder woke
 - a. Anne only
 - b. Anne and one of the dogs
 - c. Anne and the two dogs

3. Anne went to the window to
 - a. watch the storm coming
 - b. see the motor boat
 - c. close the window

4. A sound that Anne did not hear was
 - a. a noise of thunder
 - b. a dog barking
 - c. a sound of waves

5. The light Anne saw was
 - a. very bright
 - b. moving
 - c. very near

 Activity 03

What happened to Anne on that day is given below but the sentences are not in the correct order.

Put them in the correct order by writing the letter in the boxes.

- A. Next Timmy too jumped off bed and joined Anne.
- B. She wondered for some time and then understood it was thunder.
- C. First Anne heard a sound and woke up.
- D. And then, both of them heard another sound.
- E. Then there was complete silence except for the sound of waves.
- F. Later, Anne saw a faint light which disappeared after a little while.
- G. After that, she got out of bed and walked to the open window.
- H. Next she turned towards the window and looked at the sky.
- I. Then she decided to watch the coming storm.
- J. Finally Anne lay awake puzzled at what she heard and saw.

 Activity 04

Match the sentence parts to convey meaningful ideas.

A	B
1. I got up at 5 o'clock yesterday and had a bath. Then.....	A. their educational trip to Galle next week.
2. Sithum was not well last week. However,.....	B. Ravindu who had a sore throat.
3. All the students are very happy because of	C. I had breakfast and left for work.
4. Everyone ordered ice cream for dessert except for.....	D. I come early tomorrow.
5. The manager advised the two salesmen since.....	E. he managed to complete his assignment.
6. I will help you with the difficult sums if.....	F. they were late for work.

 Activity 05

Complete the following sentences meaningfully.

1. In some parts of the world, people die because of.....
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2. There was no sound in the house except for.....
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3. It was raining whole day however
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4. Ramzi consulted a doctor as

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5. Taking fast food is not considered as good since

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Activity 06

Match the adjectives in column A with suitable nouns in column B.

A

adventurous

expensive

heavy

cloudless

urgent

delivered

B

goods

matter

sky

story

wristwatch

silence

Activity 07

Now use the above phrases in meaningful sentences.

Eg- 'Five have plenty of fun' is an adventurous story written by Enid Blyton.

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 Activity 08

Write an article to your school magazine about your favourite story book.

Include the following;

Name of the book

The author

Where did you get it

Brief outline of the story

Why you like it

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Activity 09

Raju interviewed his friend Kumar to find out about his favourite book. Following are the answers he got from Kumar. Read the answers and write the questions Raju asked.

1. What

My favourite book is 'Adventures of Tom Sawyer'.

2. Who.....?

Mark Twain has written it.

3. Where

I got it from the library.

4. What.....?

It's a mixture of practical jokes and fantasy.

5. Is.....?

Yes, it's a children's story.

Activity 10

Now write what Kumar said to Raju in reported speech.

1. "It's Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

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2. "Mark Twain has written it."

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3. "I got it from the library."

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4. "It's a mixture of practical jokes and fantasy."

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5. "It's a children's story."

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 Activity 11

Complete the following story creatively and give it a suitable ending.

It was a fine morning. As it was a holiday, I thought of doing some gardening. I called my sister and we both went to the front yard. Just then we heard a sound near the gate.....

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Activity 12

Select the correct conjunction.

- i) The black white dog sat by the window.
(while, after, and, so)
- ii) You can have the large.....small piece.
(when, but, or, and)
- iii) I like coffee.....I don't like tea.
(but, and, or, so)
- iv) I was hotI opened the window.
(and, but, so, because)
- v) We didn't go to the beach yesterday.....it was raining.
(because, if, before, then)

Activity 13

Rewrite using a suitable conjunction.

- i) It was late, father came home.
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- ii) The English team won the match, the other team had very good players.
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- iii) Kavin didn't go to school, he was ill.
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- iv) I always take a book to read, I never finish it.
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- v) I do my homework, playing badminton with my friends.
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(after, get, because, when, but)