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poems etc. We will publish the best ones
and include your name. Send your
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Welcome

مرحباً

Welcome back to **English 4 U**.

أهلاً بكم في مجلة **English 4 U**.

For beginners, we focus on **camping in the desert** with a dialogue, vocabulary and a puzzle.

بالنسبة للمبتدئين، نسلط الضوء على **التخييم في الصحراء** مع حوار ولغز وبعض المفردات.

For intermediate readers, we follow a family on their visit to **Al Ain Zoo**.

وبالنسبة للمتوسطين، نتابع عائلة في رحلتها إلى حديقة حيوانات العين.

For advanced learners, we look at the life of artist **Vincent van Gogh** and we have a condensed version of **Jane Eyre**, a literary classic. Test your vocabulary with our crossword and missing words article about **farming**.

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You will also find the usual mix of **puzzles, jokes and competitions**.

سنجدون أيضاً المجموعة المعتادة من **الألغاز و النكت و المسابقات**.

This month we have contributions from schools in Ajman, Al Ain and Sharjah, with a nice poem and letter to celebrate Mother's Day on 21 March.

لدينا في هذا العدد مشاركات من بعض المدارس في عجمان والعين والشارقة. حيث هنالك قصيدتان جميلتان تحتفلان بعيد الأم الذي يصادف ٢١ مارس.

We welcome your contributions.

نرحب دائماً باقتراحاتكم واستفساراتكم.

Happy reading!

قراءة ممتعة!

David

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Camping in the desert



Jassim: I'm cold.

Omar: Cold? Then sit near the fire, it's hot.

Jassim: It's dark.

Omar: But there's some light from the moon and stars.

Jassim: There's a big animal near the tree.

Omar: It's a lizard and it's small.

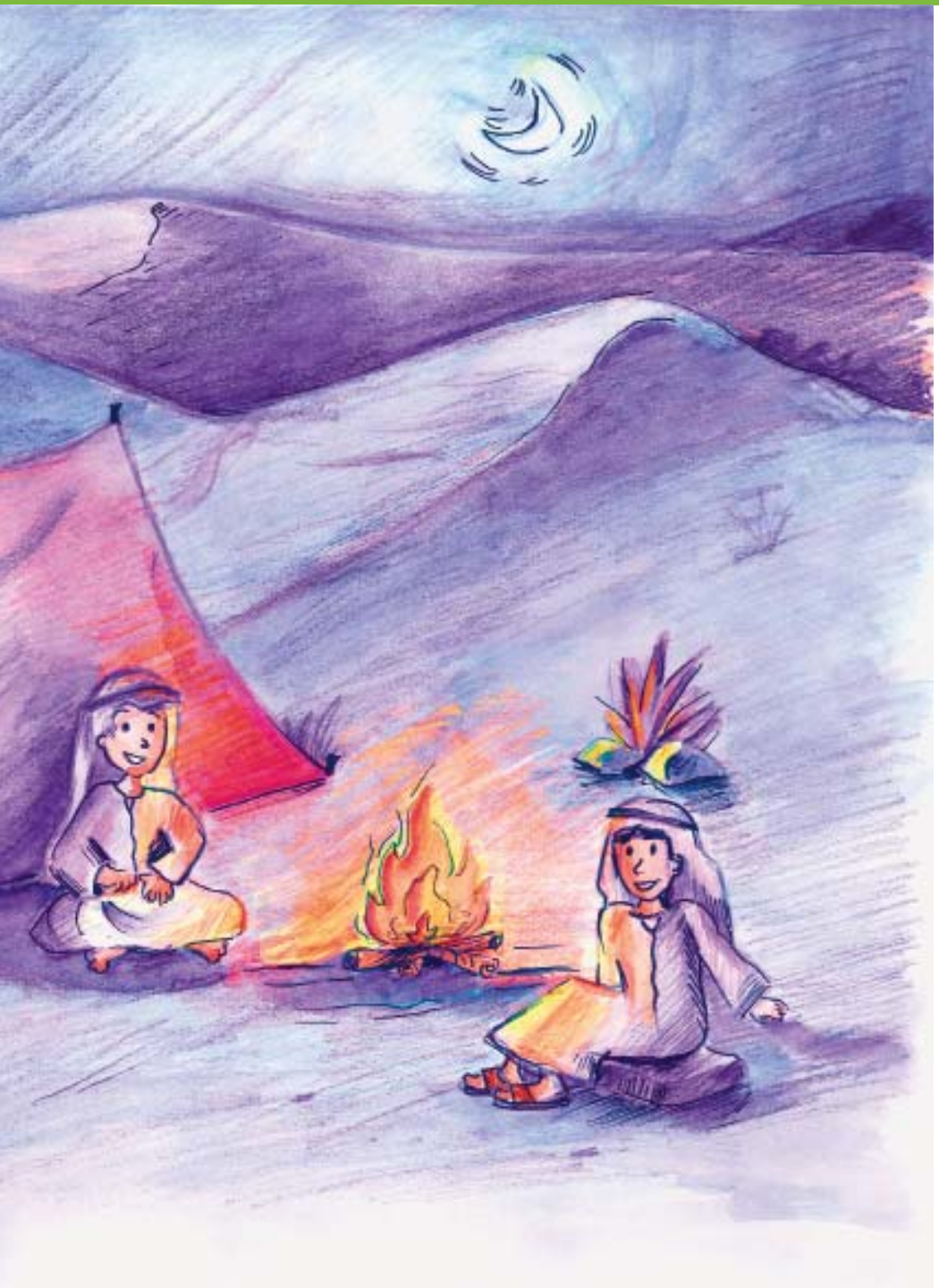
Jassim: It's horrible.

Omar: No, it's nice.

Jassim: It's late and I'm tired.

Omar: OK, let's go to sleep and get up early tomorrow.

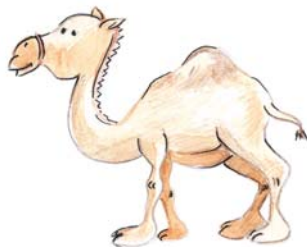




Vocabulary builder



a desert



a camel



a palm tree



an oasis



a tent



a lizard



a fire



a dune

Present Simple

We use this tense to talk about facts:

- They **like** the desert.
- Jassim **takes** photos.

(With He / She / It, add **s** or **es** to the verb, e.g. He walks ...)

Adverbs of frequency

We use these **adverbs** to talk about how often we do things:

0% never rarely sometimes often usually always 100%

We put **always, sometimes, never** . . . after the verb **to be**:

- He **is** **always** late.
- We **are** **often** busy.

but before **main verbs**:

- They **never** **visit** us.
- I **usually** **go** to school with my friends.

Now find and underline the **adverbs** in the text on page 10.

CAREFUL!

Don't confuse *desert* and *dessert*.

desert - a region that receives very little rainfall
dessert - a sweet course served at the end of a meal

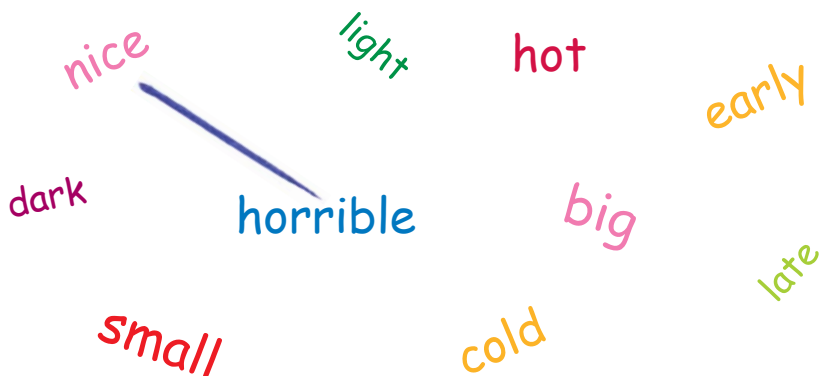
A night under the stars - activities

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the Present Simple.

Underline the **adverbs of frequency** and note how they are used.

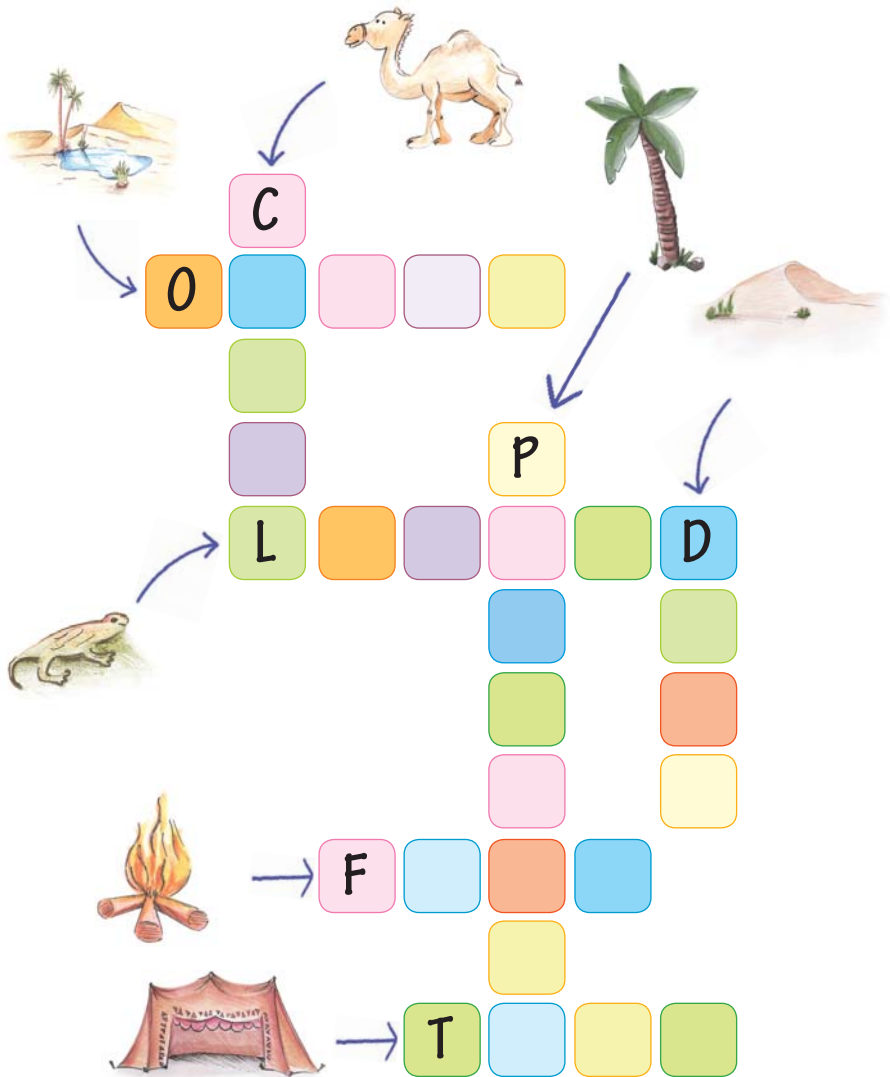
Jassim and Omar _____ (like) the desert. In winter they _____ (go) to the desert a lot with all the family. They _____ (pitch) the tent near an oasis. Jassim _____ (light) a fire, and they usually _____ (have) a barbecue. They _____ (relax), and Omar _____ (tell) stories. They _____ (laugh) and _____ (joke). They _____ (stay) in a tent, under the stars. They often _____ (sleep) late. They sometimes _____ (see) lizards and they always _____ (see) camels. Jassim _____ (take) a lot of photographs, but Omar never _____ (do). They _____ (be) rarely in a hurry to go home.

Match the adjectives with their opposites.



Answers on page 69

Complete the puzzle.



All the words appear on page 8.

Answers on page 69

How many things can you name in the picture?



1.elephants.....

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

Answers on page 69

Test your spelling knowledge by answering the questions below.

Circle the correct answer.

- | | | | |
|-----|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1) | vreind | friend | frend |
| 2) | teacher | teecher | teatcher |
| 3) | school | skool | skhool |
| 4) | howse | hovse | house |
| 5) | suprmarket | subermarket | supermarket |
| 6) | chicken | chickin | checkin |
| 7) | brothr | prother | brother |
| 8) | famely | family | vamily |
| 9) | parints | parents | barents |
| 10) | holliday | holyday | holiday |

Answers

- 2) teacher 3) school 4) house 5) supermarket 6) chicken
7) brother 8) family 9) parents 10) holiday

Messages 1

Teacher's Resource Pack

MODULE 1 TEST

UNITS 1–2

1 Grammar

Complete the sentences. Circle the right answer: a, b or c.

0 I live _____ Barcelona.

a on b at **c in**

1 _____ is Tokyo?

a Who b Where c When

2 Italy and Spain are fantastic _____ .

a country b countries c a country

3 _____ 's the capital of France?

a Who b When c What

4 _____ 's your birthday?

a What b When c Where

5 A: _____ are you?

B: I'm fine, thanks.

a Where b Who c How

6 Vesuvius is _____ .

a volcanoes b volcano c a volcano

7 My birthday's _____ 1st April.

a on b at c in

2 Vocabulary

a Complete the sentences. Circle the right answer: a, b or c.

0 A: How are you?

B:

☒ a All right, thanks. b I'm James. c He's fine.

1 My _____ is Emma.

a surname b name c country

2 I'm good at _____.

a England b computer c science

3 How do you _____ 'school'?

a spell b speak c tell

4 London is a _____ in England.

a river b country c city

5 Kilimanjaro is a _____ in Africa.

a hill b mountain c lake

6 Can I _____ your dictionary, please?

a look on b look at c look

7 Are you interested _____ sport?

a in b on c at

8 Billy's the _____ in the band.

a leading guitarist b lead guitarist c leading guitar

2 Vocabulary

b What are these interests and activities? Put the letters in the right order and make words.

- | | | |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| 0 | trosp | <u>sport</u> |
| 1 | tar | _____ |
| 2 | trompuce smage | _____ |
| 3 | sminmiwg | _____ |
| 4 | scuim | _____ |
| 5 | icsecen | _____ |
| 6 | drangie | _____ |
| 7 | gockoin | _____ |
| 8 | blaftool | _____ |

3 Reading

Read the text.

About me

Hello!

My name's Libby Johnson. I'm twelve years old and my birthday is on 14th November. I live with my mother, father and sister in Bournemouth, a town in the southwest of England. It's a nice town by the sea.

I'm a student at Highfields School. I'm good at science, geography and maths but I'm not good at art and sport. I'm interested in cooking, reading and swimming.

Now answer the questions.

0 What's her name?

Her name's Libby Johnson.

1 How old is she?

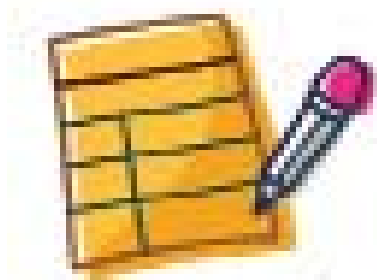
2 When's her birthday?

3 Where's Bournemouth?

4 What's Libby good at?

5 What's she interested in?

These words appear on pages 6 - 12.



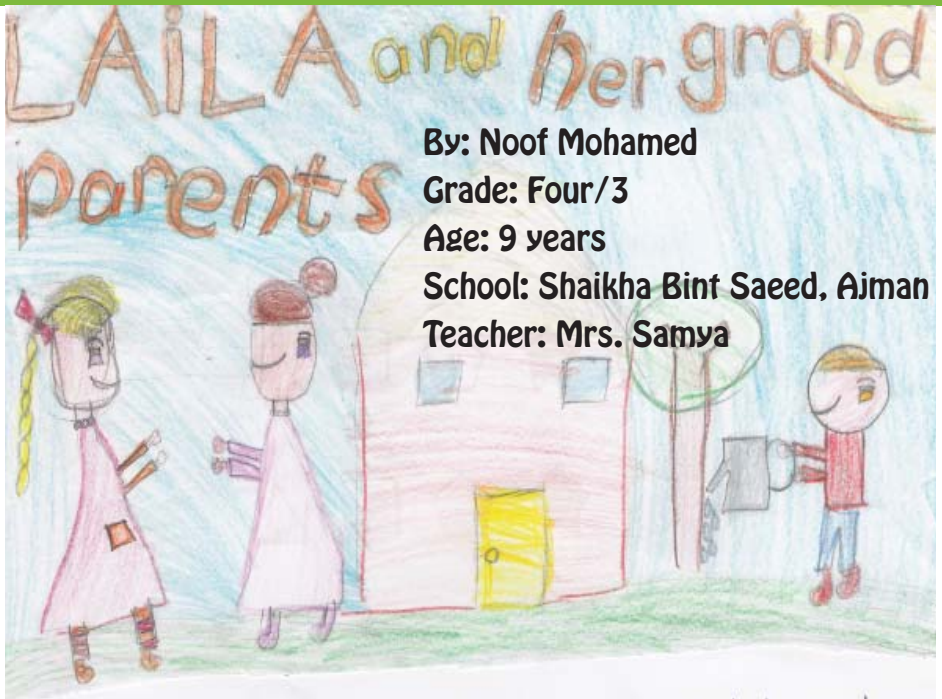
always (adv)	دائماً	monkey (n)	قرد
barbecue (n)	شواء	moon (n)	قمر
camel (n)	جمل	never (adv)	أبداً
crocodile (n)	تمساح	oasis (n)	واحة
dark (adj)	مظلم	often (adv)	غالباً
desert (n)	صحراء	ostrich (n)	نعامة
dessert (n)	حلوى	palm tree (n)	شجرة نخيل
dune (n)	كثيب رملي	photograph (n)	صورة
elephant (n)	فيل	pitch (v)	ينصب (خيمة)
family (n)	عائلة	rarely (adv)	نادراً
fire (n)	نار	relax (v)	يستريح
giraffe (n)	زرافة	see (v)	يرى
horrible (adj)	مرعب	sleep (v)	ينام
joke (v)	يقول نكتة	sometimes (adv)	أحياناً
lake (n)	بحيرة	star (n)	نجمة
laugh (v)	يضحك	story (n)	قصة
light (adj)	خفيف	take (v)	يأخذ
like (v)	يحب	tell (v)	يخبر
lizard (n)	سحلية	tent (n)	خيمة
		tired (adj)	متعب
		tomorrow (adv)	غداً
		usually (adv)	عادة
		winter (n)	شتاء

(n) = noun

(v) = verb

(adj) = adjective

(adv) = adverb



By: Noof Mohamed

Grade: Four/3

Age: 9 years

School: Shaikha Bint Saeed, Ajman

Teacher: Mrs. Samya

Laila is a little beautiful girl. Every weekend Laila visits her grand parents. She likes to help her grand mother to make a cake. After that, she helps her grand father to water the grass in their garden.

In the afternoon, Laila goes shopping with her grand parents. Before she goes back home, Laila gives her grand parents a very nice gift. It makes them very happy.

Laila loves her grand parents so much.

Mother's Day

To celebrate Mother's Day on 21 March, we print a letter from Mira and a poem from Aisha. They are pupils at Um Roman Bint Amer School in Sharjah. Special thanks to them both for their nicely written words and thoughts.

Dear Mom,

Happy Mother's Day! I will not
forget that you gave me birth and
that you cared for me all my life.
You stayed awake when I was sick.
When I'm sad, only you make me
happy. Mom, you do any thing for me
to make my life better. You are the best
mother in the world.

your daughter, Mira Ahmed
Um Roman Bint Amer School
(Madenes Al-Ghud)
Grade: 7



Left to right: the Young Writers, Mira and Aisha

My mother is like a flower . . .

Shining all the day and every hour . . .

She helps me in every way . . .

Any time and every day . . .

She makes me look smart . . .

I will keep her in my heart . . .

I love her forever . . .

Forget her?! Never . . .

Aisha Naif

School: Um Roman Bint Amer

Madaraz Al Gihad

Grade : 7



The Hen and the Wolf

The Hen And The Wolf

Yesterday the hen went to the farm to bring food for her chickens. She found a wolf. He said: "Slove you". I am your friend. I want to help you, what can I do?". The hen felt what he really wants, so she said: "Go to the mountain and I wait you under the tree". So, as soon as she went back to her house, she asked her chickens: "what will we do?". They said: "If he comes, we can escape from the back door". At this time the wolf was knocking on each door, till he reached her door. She answered him "you can't eat me" and she and her chickens ran fast to the back door. The wolf broke the door and he did not find her.



Ragad Qutamy
Hajet School. Al Ain
Age 8

* Back Home *

I was walking in the forest. Suddenly, I saw a very beautiful deer with white spots on its back. I said to him: "Hello beautiful deer." He smiled and jumped away. After that, I saw a monkey climbing from one tree to another. He asked me: "Where are you going, deer?". First, I was scared and surprised, a monkey is talking. Then, he said: "Don't be afraid. Some animals talk here, because this is a surprise forest". I looked at him and walked on my way. Then, I saw a fox. He was so hungry. When he saw me, he jumped and wanted to bite me but I ran past and he ran after me but I was faster than him. I arrived my village. I was so happy, because he went back to the forest when he saw people.



"Marah Mohammed"

((Dar Al Uloom School - Al Ain))

((Age : 12))



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One word bluff

Pick the one word which **doesn't** fit.

✂ We have done the first one for you.

ship

boat yacht sea

microwave

fridge shower cooker

milk

jam cheese yoghurt

knife

plate fork spoon

word

page sentence paragraph

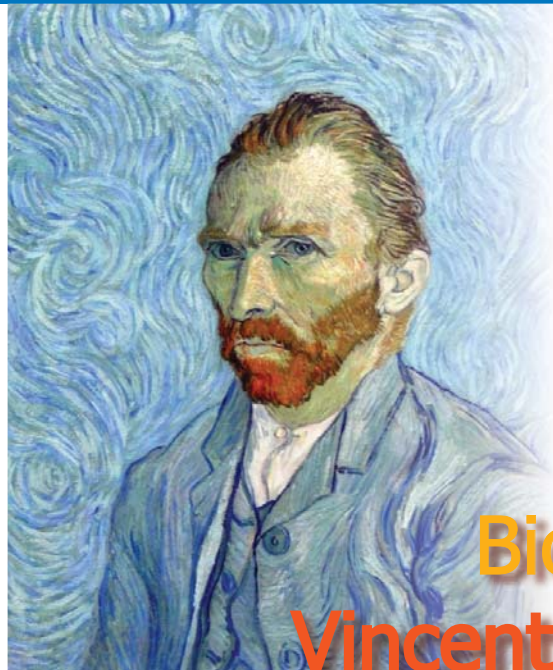
sandal

shoe sock slipper

Friday

Tuesday Sunday week

Answers on page 70



Biography of Vincent Van Gogh

Vincent Van Gogh was an artist. He was born on 30 March 1853 in Groot-Zundert, a village in the Netherlands. After leaving school, he joined a firm of art dealers and worked for a short period in London. He started his career as an artist in 1880.

During his artistic life, he completed more than 2,000 works which included paintings, drawings and sketches. He created most of his best known paintings in the last two years of his life.

Van Gogh was very close to his younger brother, Theo. They exchanged many letters and Van Gogh often wrote details about his paintings in these letters.

Throughout his life, he was often unhappy. In one severe period of depression, he cut off part of his left ear and spent one year at a mental asylum. He died in France on 29 July 1890.

Van Gogh only sold one of his paintings during his life. His fame developed after his death. A Japanese collector bought a Van Gogh painting, *A Portrait of Dr. Gachet*, for \$82.5 million (Dh 303 million) in 1990.

This biography is in the Past Simple. The actions have finished. Most past tense verbs are regular which means the verbs end in **-ed** or **-d**.

Examples: work = worked, live = lived, visit = visited

Some verbs are irregular. There is no pattern and you have to learn them by heart!

Examples: go = went, see = saw, come = came

Now underline all the verbs in the Past Simple in the text on page 26. Which are regular and which are irregular?

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Biography and Autobiography

Biography - A description of a person's life written by someone else.

There are many excellent biographies about William Shakespeare.

Autobiography - The biography of a person narrated by him/herself.

In 2003 David Beckham published an autobiography about his childhood and football career called 'My Side.'



□ Bedroom in Arles □

This is a simple and colourful painting. In a letter to his brother, Theo, Vincent Van Gogh described the colours in the painting as follows:

- * The walls are pale violet. The floor is of red tiles.
- * The wood of the bed and chairs is the yellow of fresh butter, the sheets and pillows very light green-yellow.
- * The blanket is scarlet. The window is green.
- * The table is orange, the basin is blue.
- * The doors are lilac.
- * The frame - as there is no white in the picture - will be white.

Prepositions are used all the time in English, but it is often difficult to know which preposition to use. It is important to choose the right preposition or you may say the wrong thing.

Complete the description of the picture with the right preposition (in, on, at ...).

Van Gogh did this painting ⁽¹⁾ _____ (in/at) 1888. This was his bedroom ⁽²⁾ _____ (in/at) Arles, a town ⁽³⁾ _____ (in/on) the south of France. A single bed is ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (by/on) the right of the picture. The entrance ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (for/to) the room is ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (on/in) the left. There is a red blanket ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (on/near) the bed. There are some paintings and a mirror ⁽⁸⁾ _____ (on/at) the wall. ⁽⁹⁾ _____ (Under/Between) the window there is a chair. A towel hangs ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ (near/over) the door and a basin sits ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ (on/in) the table.

Wh Questions: Who, What, Where, Why, Which, When, How

Based on Van Gogh's biography, use the word in brackets to make a correct question to the following answers.

Example

(Where) Where was Van Gogh born?

He was born in Groot-Zundert.

1. _____ (Who)
He was his younger brother.
2. _____ (What)
He was an art dealer.
3. _____ (Where)
He stayed in a mental asylum.
4. _____ (Why)
He was suffering from depression.
5. _____ (Which)
The painting was 'A Portrait of Dr. Gachet'.
6. _____ (When)
He died in 1890.
7. _____ (How many)
He only sold one painting.



Have you ever visited the beautiful land of dreams?

It's a wonderful place full of things that will leave you mesmerised .
 It's full of happiness, joy, success, excitement, pleasure, contentment and
 all the positive emotions, that come to your mind once you enter it, you
 are lost deep within and it's quite difficult to make an exit. You can sit
 in your place and yet own the world's best company, be the most
 famous, meet a denizen of Mars, fly over the rainbow or travel the
 whole wide world in no time ! , It takes you far away deep into
 fantasy . A world anyone would love to live in . It urges you to
 change things to reality . It helps you achieve all your goals .
 The land of dreams is an essential part of us . As it is a
 thousand , thousand times better than reality . Nothing just
 nothing there can go against your wishes .



Picture story - A family visits Al Ain Zoo

This is a story about a family visit to Al Ain Zoo.

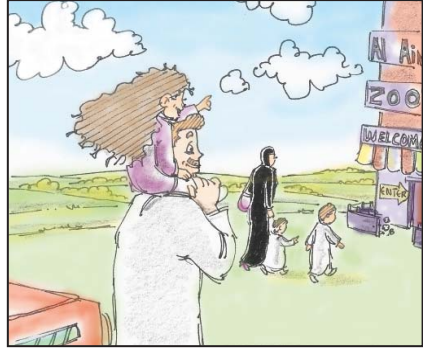
Put these pictures in the correct order by numbering them. Number 1 is done for you.

11:00 a.m.



They look at the lions.

9:30 a.m.



They arrive at the zoo.

9:35 a.m.



The father buys the entry tickets.

8:15 a.m.



They drive to Al Ain.

Picture story - A family visits Al Ain Zoo

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8:00 a.m.



The family leaves home.

2:30 p.m.



They arrive home.

1:45 p.m.



The father buys some petrol.

11:15 a.m.



They watch the elephants eating.

Picture story - A family visits Al Ain Zoo

11:45 a.m.



All of them have an ice-cream.

12:30 p.m.



The father takes photos.

12:15 p.m.



They look at the giraffes.

1:00 p.m.



The family leaves the zoo.

Answers on page 71

Write the story about the family at the zoo in Al Ain using the Past Simple tense. If you wish, you can add extra information.

Begin like this:

Last Friday, the family got up early. After breakfast, they left home about 8 o'clock.

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.....

Destroy the incorrect sentences

about the family visit to Al Ain Zoo.

All these sentences should be in the Past Simple tense.

Find the grammar and the spelling mistakes and correct them. Be careful - some of the sentences are correct!

1. They arrived in the zoo.

.....

2. They buyed the tickets.

.....

3. They looked at the lions and the giraffes.

.....

4. The father took some fotos.

.....

5. They ate a cream ice.

.....

6. They leaved the zoo at 1 p.m.

.....

7. Everyone was tried.

.....

Answers on page 71

Short riddles to wake up your brain cells.



A Why do you go to bed?

B Why did the computer go to hospital?

C What do you take before your meal?

D Why do birds fly south in winter?



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Age: 11 years

Send your riddles to:
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GRAMMAR

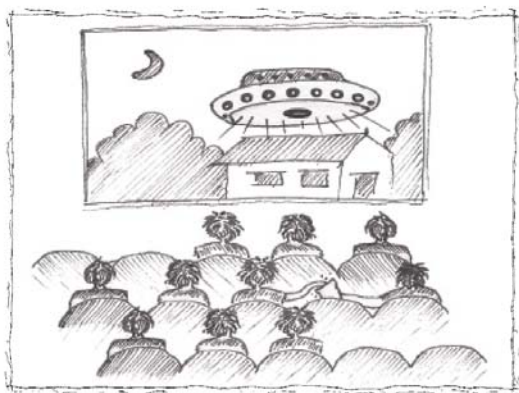
Adjectives ending in -ing.

In the last issue we looked at adjectives ending in -ed. Such adjectives are used to describe people's feelings about something. For example, *we are excited about the match, they were disappointed with the news ...*

Here we look at adjectives which end in -ing.

We use adjectives that end in -ing to describe something, for example, a film, a book, a person.

Examples:



Lama found the film very excit**ing**.



Maher is reading
an **interesting** book.

Andy went for a **relaxing** walk.

(relaxing describes the walk)

Amira said the journey was **tiring**.

(tiring describes the journey)

She thinks computer games are **boring**.

(boring describes the computer games)

Some other common adjectives that end in **-ing** are:

interesting, **surprising**, **disappointing**, **worrying**,
amazing, **relaxing**, **convincing**, **frightening**.

Complete each sentence using the correct word from the box. Use each word once.

confusing

boring

interesting

relaxing

amusing

surprising

1. He told us an _____ story and we all laughed.
2. We were late for the meeting because his directions were very _____ .
3. After a busy day I often have a _____ walk along the beach.
4. The book was so _____ that I read it very quickly.
5. I did nothing at the weekend. It was very _____ .
6. It is _____ that she failed the exam because she works hard.

Answers on page 71

Tick the correct answer.

- Q1. The film was really _____ .
☐ boring
☐ bored
- Q2. I'm really _____ after a busy day at work.
☐ tired
☐ tiring
- Q3. My mum was _____ with her Mother's Day gifts.
☐ surprising
☐ surprised
- Q4. I was really _____ with him for turning up late.
☐ annoying
☐ annoyed
- Q5. It was a _____ story.
☐ shocking
☐ shocked
- Q6. He was very _____ with his results.
☐ pleasing
☐ pleased
- Q7. We had an _____ holiday.
☐ amazed
☐ amazing
- Q8. I loved the book but found the film very _____ .
☐ disappointing
☐ disappointed



Following our letter writing competition in the last issue, about 'The things you did in your school holidays in January,' here are the best two letters. We are sending Aisha and Ibrahim each an English dictionary.



I was happy and relaxed because I had finished my exams. I did some shopping with my mother. I found some nice things in the sales. I went with my friends to the cinema. Finally, I did some work for my school project about the environment.

Aisha
Ras Al Khaimah
Age 15

I played football a lot with my friends and we also played volleyball. The weather was nice and we had some barbecues on a quiet beach. In the evenings I watched TV and got up late. I also arranged my room so it is now tidy.

Ibrahim
Ajman
Age 12

Win a dictionary

We would love to hear from our younger readers so if you are aged 16 or under, get ready with your pen or keyboard!

Write and tell us about some of the things you like and don't like about learning English.

Perhaps you like reading or listening to stories, may be you like writing stories and poems. Some people don't like grammar and spelling.

Remember that your writing should be in the Present Simple (I like..., I don't like....)

We will send a dictionary to the best two entries and print the letters in next month's magazine.

Happy writing!



Send your letters by email to: competition@english4u.ae

If I win, I'd like:

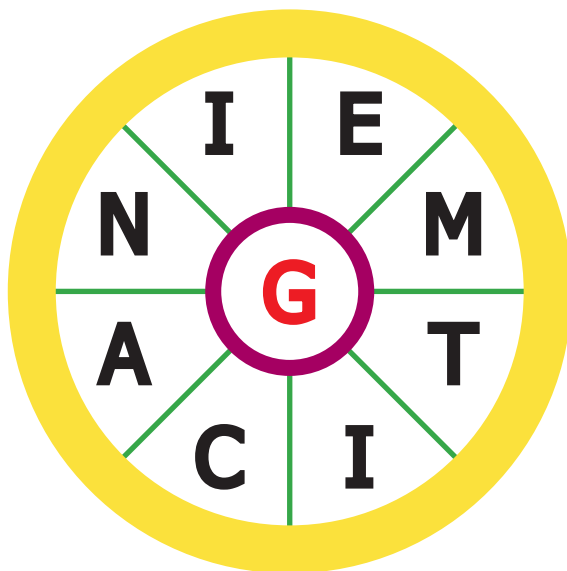
Tick one box!

- ☐ an English - English dictionary
☐ an English - Arabic dictionary

The word wheel puzzle is a good test of your vocabulary.

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter G.

Can you find a 9-letter word? There are at least 21 other words of four letters or more.



Answers

9-letter word - ENIGMATIC. Some other words of four letters or more containing the hub letter G: acting, aiming, cage, citing, eating, enigma, gain, game, gate, gent, giant, gnat, icing, ignite, image, imagine, magic, magnet, taming, timing, tinge . . .

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Teacher - pupil jokes

- Teacher:** Please put some more water in the fish tank!
- Pupil:** Why? I only put some in yesterday and it hasn't drunk that yet!
- Teacher:** What are you reading?
- Pupil:** I don't know!
- Teacher:** But you're reading aloud!
- Pupil:** But I'm not listening!
- Teacher:** When do you like school most?
- Pupil:** When it's closed!
- Teacher:** This note from your father looks like your handwriting?
- Pupil:** Well, yes, he borrowed my pen!
- Pupil:** I don't think I deserved the 0% you gave me for that test.
- Teacher:** Neither do I but it's the lowest I could give!
- Teacher:** If we breathe oxygen in the daytime, what do we breathe at night?
- Pupil:** Nitrogen!

Send your jokes to: contact@english4u.ae



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Ask Tom

**You can lead
a horse to
water, but you
can't make it
drink.**



Meaning

If the horse is not willing to drink water, no amount of luring will persuade it to do so.

You can give people what they need to help themselves but you cannot force them to do something they don't want to do.

Origin

This is an old English proverb and dates back to at least the sixteenth century.

Example

Bassam doesn't care about school. He just likes playing football and watching television.

'Bassam just doesn't understand how important school is. He only wants to waste his time,' Bassam's mother said to his father.

'He'll understand someday. But right now, you have to remember that **you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink**. When he wants to do better, he will ask for your help. You can't force him to learn,' his father replied.

An idiom is a form of speech or an expression that is peculiar to itself. Grammatically it cannot be understood from the individual meanings of its elements. This month we explain a few idioms beginning with the letter B.



How well do you know these idiomatic expressions? Try matching them up. Good luck!

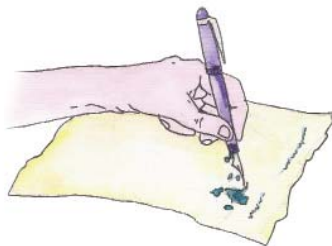
1. Bee in your bonnet



A. If someone is very excited about something, they have a bee in their bonnet.

2. Before the ink is dry

B. If you do something behind someone's back, you do it without telling them.

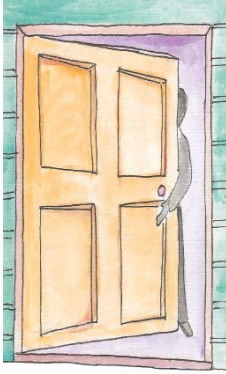


3. Behind bars



C. If something happens away from the public eye, it happens behind closed doors.

4. Behind closed doors



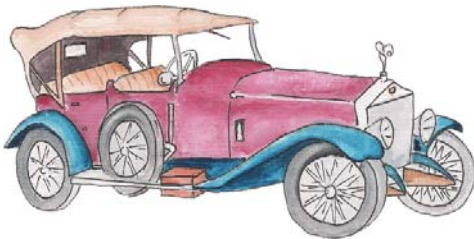
D. Someone that is behind the times is old-fashioned and has ideas that are regarded as out-dated.

5. Behind someone's back

E. When someone is behind bars, they are in prison.



6. Behind the times



F. If people make an agreement or contract and then the situation changes very quickly, it changes before the ink is dry.

Answers

2 = F 3 = E 4 = C 5 = B 6 = D

The twelve most common and useful words in an article about farming.

Put the right words in the gaps below.

consumers subsidise commodities animal
pesticides crops factory protectionist
biological environment ~~sustainable~~ water

✂ We have done the first one for you.

Farming is fundamental in all our lives; without it, our very existence is at threat. About one third of the world's workers are employed in farming.

The role of farming is increasingly topical in an era when . sustainable . management of scarce resources is of global concern.

Farming covers the cultivation of and the rearing of animals. In the past century, technological improvements and the use of fertilisers and have led to sharply increased crop yields.

Sustainable agriculture is now important. This refers to the ability of a farm to produce food indefinitely, without causing severe damage to the

Organic farming is a form of agriculture that relies on crop rotation, compost and pest control to maintain soil productivity. Over the past decade, organic products have grown at a rapid pace and organic food is available in most supermarkets. are willing to pay more for such produce.

..... farming is the practice of raising farm animals in confined spaces. There is a continuing debate over the benefits and risks of factory farming. The issues include welfare, the efficiency of food production, the impact on the environment and the health risks.

Farmers constantly look for new ways to use more efficiently. Making sure that water is not wasted and storing water correctly is very important and will become even more so in the future, as global warming makes the climate hotter and drier.

Many governments agriculture to ensure an adequate food supply. These agricultural subsidies are often linked to the production of certain such as wheat, corn, rice and milk. These subsidies are sometimes seen as, inefficient and environmentally damaging.

Everyone wants farmers to produce high quality and affordable food in environmentally friendly ways for the benefit of both consumers and farmers.

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Fertiliser

A product that is applied to soil to make it more fertile, that increases plant nutrition and quantities of crop grown.

Pesticide

A substance, either natural or synthetic, that is used to protect the crop from pests e.g. insects, weeds or diseases.



Focus on a desert safari



Most tourists who visit the UAE spend some time on a desert safari. For a lot of visitors, a trip to the desert will be their first experience of desert life.

Many travel companies organise desert tours. Travel is by four-wheel-drive vehicles which are ideal for desert trips.

The safari lasts from a few hours to a couple of days. Visitors are taken to isolated villages and historical ruins in the desert. They experience 'dune bashing' which means driving up and down the majestic sand dunes. Most safaris include lunch or dinner.

Tourists have a chance to sample traditional food and hospitality at a Bedouin campsite. Tourists can have their hands painted with henna. Some choose to have a camel ride. Sometimes there are falconry displays.

Although the safaris are short, they leave a lasting impression on all participants. They have sampled Arabian hospitality and learned something about the customs of the region.

Find words in the text which mean the following:

1. journey (n)
2. two (adj)
3. secluded (adj)
4. imposing (adj)
5. memory (n)
6. opportunity (n)
7. traditions (n)

(n) = noun (adj) = adjective

Answers on page 72



QE2, a historic treasure in Dubai

QE2 & her final journey

In late November, the **cruise** ship Queen Elizabeth 2, or QE2, arrived at its new and permanent home in Dubai. It is to become a floating hotel at Palm Jumeirah. Here are some facts about the ship.

The luxury liner was the **flagship** of the Cunard Line from 1969 until 2004. It was named after Queen Elizabeth II, and **launched** by her on 20 September, 1967. The ship was built by John Brown and Company, Clydebank, Scotland.

The ship has a gross tonnage of 70,327 tons and is 294 metres long and 52 metres high. She had a top speed of 34 **knots** (63 km/h). As a passenger ship the QE2 had a capacity for almost 1,900 passengers and 1,000 crew members.

The Queen Elizabeth 2's **maiden** voyage, from Southampton, England to New York City began on 2 May 1969 and took 4 days and 16 hours.

During almost 40 years of service, the QE2 has travelled the world. At the time of her retirement the QE2 had sailed over 9.5 million kilometres and carried 2.5 million passengers. She had completed 806 trans-Atlantic crossings.

The QE2's last voyage was from Southampton to Dubai, with stops in Portugal, Gibraltar, Italy, Malta and Egypt.

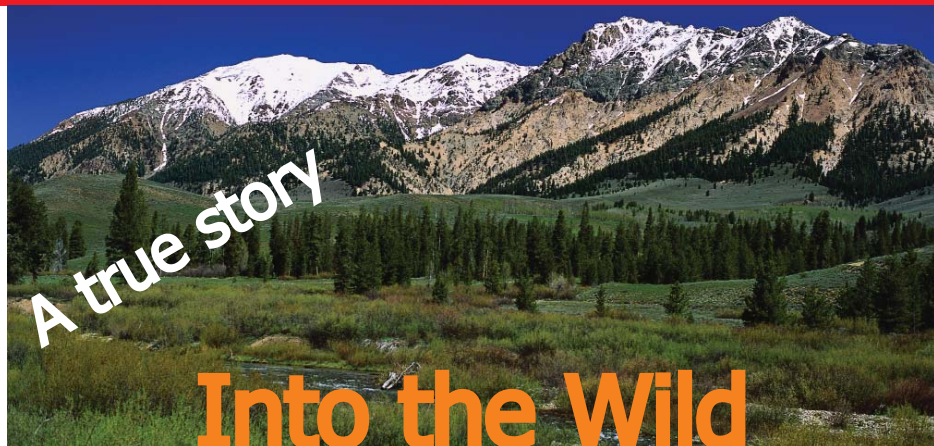
Vocabulary Builder

cruise (n)	a tour by ship
flagship (n)	the finest, largest, or most important one of a series or chain
launch (v)	set a ship afloat
knot (n)	one nautical mile or 1.852 kilometres per hour
maiden (adj)	first
(n) = noun (v) = verb (adj) = adjective	

True, False or Not Given? Circle the right answer.

- 1) The ship was built in England. **True/False/NotGiven**
- 2) In 1969, the QE2 was the world's biggest passenger ship. **True / False / Not Given**
- 3) The ship had a top speed of 34 knots. **True / False / Not Given**
- 4) The length of the ship is 294 metres. **True / False / Not Given**
- 5) The ship never went to Russia. **True / False / Not Given**

Answers on page 72



Chris McCandless was born in 1968 and grew up in Virginia, United States. He came from a **comfortable** background. His father ran a business.

After graduating in 1990 from Emory University, McCandless stopped communicating with his family, destroyed his identity documents and credit cards, gave his savings to a charity and began travelling.

Later, he abandoned his car and burned all the money he had in his wallet. In his diary he wrote, 'I need no **possessions**. I can survive with just nature.'

For the next two years, he hitchhiked to various parts of the United States. He wanted the freedom to go where he wanted and to work when he needed.

In April 1992, he went to Alaska and arriving there he had only five kilograms of rice, a rifle with some **ammunition**, a camera, a map and a few books. He found an old bus, which moose hunters used for shelter, and decided to stay there. He began writing a book about his adventures. However, he had difficulty in finding enough food to eat and was slowly starving to death. It is likely that he also ate poisonous plants which made him very weak.

One of the last things he did was to take a photo of himself, one hand holding his final note and the other hand raised in a **brave** goodbye.

He died sometime in August 1992 at the age of 24.

Into the Wild is both a book and a film. The **non-fiction** book was written in 1996 by Jon Krakauer and the film was made in 2007.

Answer the questions about the text.

1. When did Chris last see his parents?
.....
2. Why did he leave his car and burn his money?
.....
3. Where did Chris go in April 1992?
.....
4. Where did he live in Alaska?
.....
5. Who is the author of *Into the Wild*?
.....

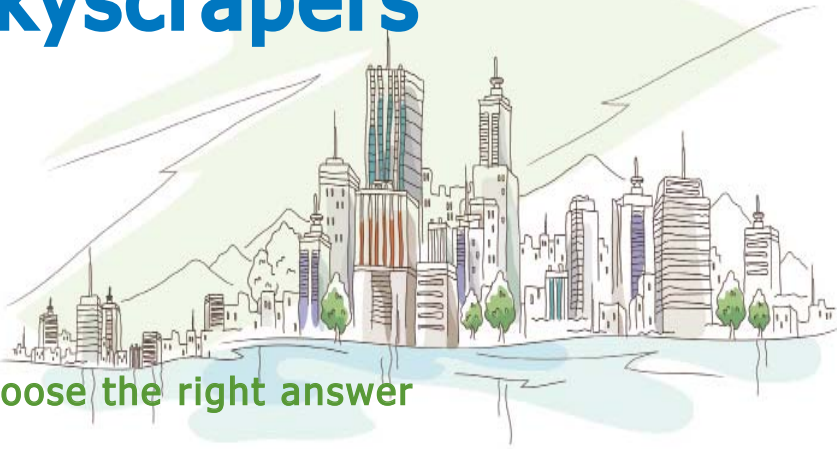
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Vocabulary Builder

comfortable (adj)	well-off
possession (n)	something owned, e.g. a car, a computer, a house
ammunition (n)	cartridges for a gun
brave (adj)	courageous
fiction (n)	invented story

(n) = noun (adj) = adjective

Culture shock skyscrapers



Choose the right answer

1 What was the world's tallest structure from 1889 until 1930?

- ☐ The Pyramids
- ☐ The Eiffel Tower
- ☐ Big Ben

2 In which city is the world's tallest single-use hotel building?

- ☐ New York
- ☐ Hong Kong
- ☐ Dubai

3 The Empire State Building in New York was the world's tallest building from 1931 to 1972. How much did it cost to build it?

- ☐ \$42 million
- ☐ \$142 million
- ☐ \$242 million

4 The tallest building in the world is in Dubai. What is the building called?

- ☐ Burj Al Arab
- ☐ Burj Dubai
- ☐ Burj Emarat

5 The CN Tower in Toronto is Canada's tallest building. What does CN stand for?

- ☐ Canadian National
- ☐ Canadian News
- ☐ Canadian Network

6 Which monster fell to its death from the top of the Empire State Building?

- ☐ Godzilla
- ☐ King Kong
- ☐ Incredible Hulk

7 Where are the tallest twin towers in the world?

- ☐ Dubai
- ☐ Kuala Lumpur
- ☐ Frankfurt

8 Which European city has the tallest skyscraper?

- ☐ Paris
- ☐ Glasgow
- ☐ Moscow



For many people, reading is a great pastime. However, in our busy lives, we don't always find enough time to read, and books that are considered classics in English literature are often neglected.

So we thought we would try to encourage you to explore literature by taking a book each month and writing a summary of the story. If you like the summary, then consider buying the book. We guarantee that you will find reading it a richly rewarding experience.



Jane Eyre

by Charlotte Brontë

Charlotte Brontë
(21 April 1816 – 31 March 1855)
was an English novelist. Her
novel, *Jane Eyre*, was published
in 1847. It was a publishing
sensation and is one of the
most famous of English novels.



Portrait of Charlotte Brontë

It is a work of fiction with memorable characters and vivid scenes, written in a compelling prose style. The book has serious things to say about a number of important subjects such as relationships, equality and the treatment of children. It appeals to both the head and the heart.

Summarised by:

Alaa Al Khateeb, Sharjah

Jane Eyre is an orphan who lives with her unfriendly aunt, Mrs Reed, and her three cousins. She is treated badly, and at the age of ten is sent off to Lowood School which is run by the cruel Mr Brocklehurst. She is a pupil there for six years and a teacher for two more.



Eventually she becomes a Governess to a girl named Adèle who lives at Thornfield Hall, under the care of Mr Rochester. Later, Mr Rochester asks Jane to marry him. Jane agrees, but on their wedding day Jane discovers that Mr Rochester is already married. His wife is a mad woman, Bertha Mason, who lives in the attic at Thornfield Hall, under the care of Grace Poole.

The wedding is cancelled and Jane runs away. Tired and hungry, she ends up on the steps of a house where St John, Diana and Mary live. They take her in and it later turns out that they are Jane's cousins. Jane becomes the head teacher of a small school in the village. Later, Jane discovers she has been left £20,000 by an uncle and she divides the money with her cousins.

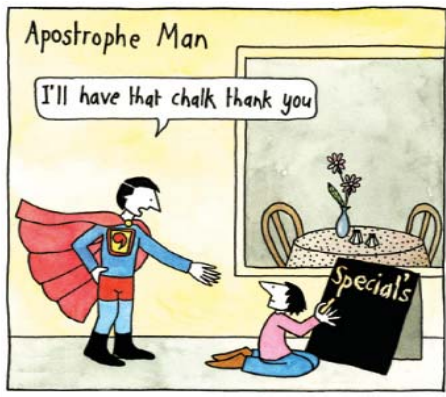
One day, Jane swears she can hear someone calling her name. She goes to Thornfield Hall and finds that it has been destroyed in a fire, caused by Bertha Mason. Mr Rochester was badly injured in the fire in which Bertha was killed.

Horried, Jane finds out where Mr Rochester is living and goes to see him. He is surprised and delighted. They get married.

Now it's your turn!

If you have read a book that you really enjoyed, then write a summary of it in about 250 words. We will send you a book token if we print your story.

The apostrophe (')



Apostrophes in English
have two uses:

- 1) They show that some letters have been taken out of a word.
e.g. *I don't know your name.* (don't = do not)
- 2) They show that something belongs to something else.
e.g. *The girl's books* (the books belong to the girl)

In this issue we look at shortened words. The apostrophe goes where the letter or letters have been removed.

Examples

I'm = I am

I'm hungry.

don't = do not

I don't like hamburgers.

doesn't = does not

She doesn't drive.

'll = will

You'll pass your exams if you study.

won't = will not

They won't go on holiday this year.

it's = it is

It's cold in this room.

This month we explain the differences between the words 'it's' and 'its'.

There is often confusion between **it's** and **its**.

It's is a short form of **it is**.

It's a bird.

Its is a possessive adjective.

The bird was feeding **its** young.

it's
and
its



Fill in the blank with the correct form: **it's** or **its**.

✘ We have done the first one for you.

1. The UAE imports many things. **Its** main export is oil.
2. almost nine o'clock.
3. In autumn a tree loses leaves.
4. I think going to rain.
5. yours.
6. Every river has source.

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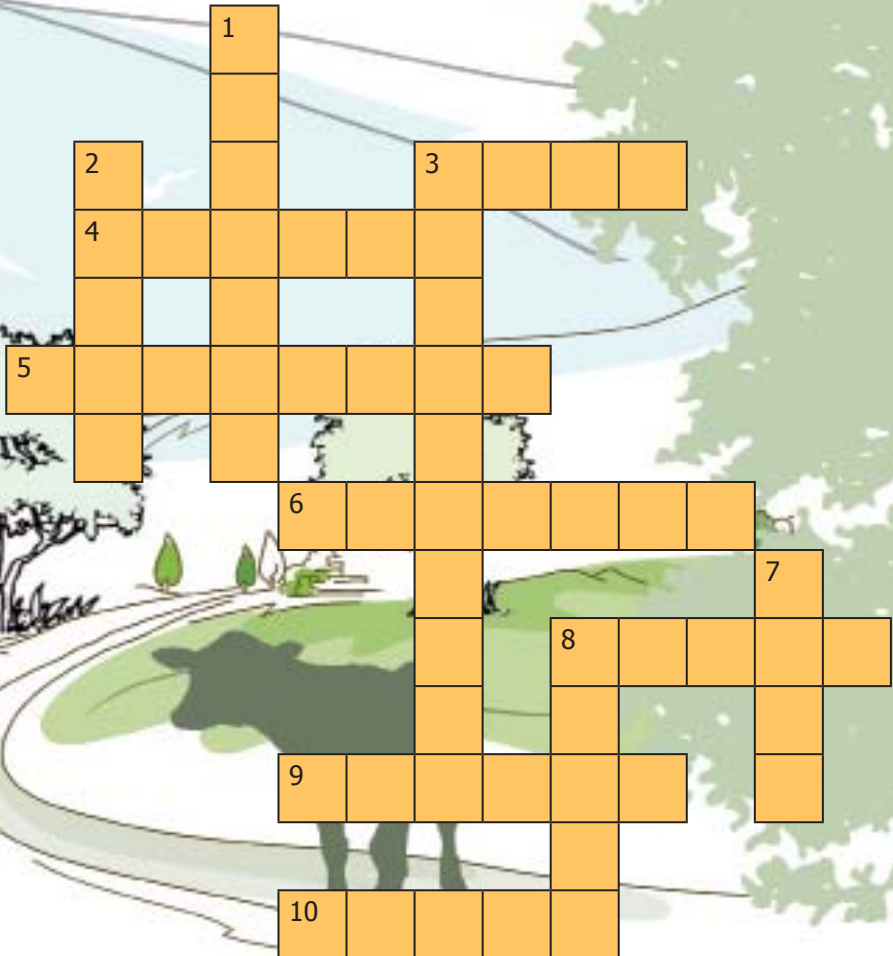
Read the clues below and fit them into the puzzle.

Across

3. We need this to live (4)
4. Farming involving the growing of crops (6)
5. To supply land with water by artificial means (8)
6. You find lots of this in milk (7)
8. They give us wool (5)
9. The person who runs a farm (6)
10. What all animals drink (5)

Down

1. Type of farming which doesn't use chemicals (7)
2. A place which processes milk, cheese and yoghurt (5)
3. This is added to soil to increase crop yields (10)
7. Meat from a cow (4)
8. To cut the wool off a sheep (5)





Dear Tom

Recently, I was invited to the opening night of an exhibition at an art gallery. At the bottom of the invitation were the letters R.S.V.P. I was unsure about the meaning and unfortunately I couldn't find the letters in my dictionary. Can you explain what these letters mean?

Thanks.

Miriam, Dubai



Thanks for your interesting email. In fact the letters represent words that are not English. The letters R.S.V.P. come from the French expression *répondez s'il vous plaît*. The English translation is please reply. If R.S.V.P. is written on an invitation it means the invited guest must tell the host **whether or not they plan to attend the event**. It is used for formal invitations to occasions such as weddings and receptions where it is important to know how many people will be attending the event in order to prepare the venue and organise the catering. Some people even use R.S.V.P. as a verb, as in 'Have you R.S.V.P. ed to that invitation?'

Easy Level

Page 10

Present Simple: like go pitch lights have relax tells laugh joke stay
sleep see see takes does are

Adverbs: often, never, sometimes, always

Adjectives: dark - light, big - small, hot - cold, early - late

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giraffes, birds, cows, lake, crocodile, trees, monkey, car, ostriches, grass,
fence, sky, house, coconuts, balloons, gate, entrance, exit, plants, bushes ...

Page 14

1 b 2 b 3 c 4 b 5 c 6 c 7 a

Page 15

1 b 2 c 3 a 4 c 5 b 6 b 7 a 8 b

Page 16

1 art 2 computer games 3 swimming 4 music 5 science 6 reading 7 cooking
8 football

Page 17

- 1 She's twelve (years old).
- 2 (Her birthday's / It's) on 14th November / the fourteenth of November.
- 3 (Bournemouth's / It's) in the southwest of England.
- 4 (She's good at) science, geography and maths.
- 5 (She's interested in) cooking, reading and swimming.

Medium Level

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shower jam plate page sock week

Pages 26 & 27

Regular: joined worked started completed included created exchanged
died developed

Irregular: was was born was wrote was cut off spent sold bought

Page 29

1. in 2. in 3. in 4. on 5. to 6. on 7. on 8. on 9. Under 10. near 11. on

Page 30

1. Who was Theo? 2. What was Van Gogh's first job? 3. Where did Van Gogh stay for one year? 4. Why did he go to a mental asylum? 5. Which painting sold for \$82.5 m? 6. When did Van Gogh die? 7. How many paintings did Van Gogh sell?

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Page 35

(A sample answer - answers may vary)

Last Friday, the family got up early. After breakfast, they left home about 8 o'clock. They drove to Al Ain and arrived at the zoo. The father bought the entry tickets. They looked at the lions and watched the elephants eating. Later, they all had an ice-cream. They looked at the giraffes. The father took a lot of nice photos. The family left the zoo and on the way back the father bought some petrol. They arrived home at 2:30 p.m. They were all very tired. They enjoyed their visit to the zoo.

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1. They arrived **at** the zoo. 2. They **bought** the tickets. 3. OK. 4. The father took some **photos**. 5. They ate **an ice-cream**. 6. They **left** the zoo at 1 p.m. 7. OK.

Page 37

A. Because the bed will not come to you. B. Because it had a virus.
C. A seat. D. Because it's too far to walk!

Page 40

1. amusing 2. confusing 3. relaxing 4. interesting 5. boring
6. surprising

Page 41

1. boring 2. tired 3. surprised 4. annoyed 5. shocking 6. pleased
7. amazing 8. disappointing

Hard Level

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crops pesticides environment biological consumers factory
animal water subsidise commodities protectionist

Page 55

trip couple isolated majestic impression chance customs

Page 57

- 1) False 2) Not Given 3) True 4) True 5) Not Given

Page 59

1. 1990. 2. He wanted freedom and believed he could live with just nature.
3. Alaska. 4. In an old bus. 5. Jon Krakauer.

Pages 60 & 61

1. The Eiffel Tower 2. Dubai 3. \$42 million 4. Burj Dubai 5. Canadian
National 6. King Kong 7. Kuala Lumpur 8. Moscow

Page 65

2. It's 3. its 4. it's 5. It's 6. its

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Across: 3. food 4. arable 5. irrigate 6. calcium 8. sheep 9. farmer 10. water
Down: 1. organic 2. dairy 3. fertiliser 7. beef 8. shear

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