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Assignment 1

Topic: story writing

Time duration: 30 minutes

Write an original short story in about 250-300 words by continuing the following:

The Strange Machine

My Uncle is an inventor. One day, I was searching through the attic of my Uncle's house. I found a very strange machine with many buttons, knobs, dials, and levers. I had never seen a machine like it before. On one side, there was a button that said 'on'.





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Assignment 2

Topic: picture composition

Time duration: 30 minutes

Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account in about 250-300 words of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.

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Assignment 3

Topic: informal letter writing

Time duration: 20 minutes

The country is currently under a lockdown. Write a letter to your friend describing how you are utilizing your time by developing new hobbies and engaging in creative activities during this period.

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Assignment 4

Topic: notice writing

Time duration: 10 minutes

Your school is hosting an Inter-House Quiz Competition. Draft a notice for your school informing them of the event.

Name of the Event: e.g. INQUIZITIVE

Inter-House Quiz Competition

Date:

Time:

Venue: e.g. Gillian Hart Auditorium, Welland Gouldsmith School

Interested students from Classes _____ may register their names with _____ on or before

_____.

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Assignment 5

Topic: comprehension

Time duration: 30 minutes

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

For Swami, events took an **unexpected** turn. Father looked over the newspaper he was reading under the hall lamp and said, "Swami, listen to this: 'News is of the bravery of a village **lad** who, while returning home by the jungle path, came face to face with a tiger...'" The paragraph described the fight the boy had with the tiger and his flight up a tree, where he stayed for half a day till some people came that way and trapped the tiger.

After reading it through, Father looked at Swami **fixedly** and asked, "What do you say to that?"

Swami said, "I think he must have been a very strong and grown-up person, not at all a boy. How could a boy fight a tiger?"

"You think you are wiser than the newspaper?" Father **sneered**.

"A man may have the strength of an elephant and yet be a coward; whereas another may have the strength of a straw, but if he has courage, he can do anything. **Courage** is everything; strength and age are not important."

Swami **disputed** the theory. "How can it be, Father? Suppose I have all the courage. What can I do if a tiger should **attack** me?"

"Leave alone strength, can you prove you have courage? Let me see if you can sleep alone tonight in my office room."

A frightful **proposition**, Swami thought. He had always slept beside his Granny in the passage and any change in this **arrangement** kept him **trembling** and awake all night.

a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage:

One word answers or short phrases will be accepted.

- (i) fixedly (ii) sneered (iii) disputed (iv) proposition
(v) trembling

b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

- i) What courageous act had the village lad performed?
ii) What did Swami say after Father read the news to him?
iii) What was Father's theory and how did Swami dispute it?
iv) What frightful proposition did Father make?
v) Have you ever performed an act of bravery? Describe your feat in about five sentences.

c) Make sentences of your own with the following words:

- i) unexpected (ii) lad (iii) courage (iv) attack (v) arrangement

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Assignment 6

Topic: fun with grammar

Time duration: 20 minutes

a) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets.

Alice was beginning to get very tired of (1) _____ (sit) by her sister on the bank and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had (2) _____ (peep) into the book her sister was reading, but it (3) _____ (have) no pictures or conversations in it, "and what is the use of a book," (4) _____ (think) Alice, "without pictures or conversations?"

Alice wondered whether the pleasure of (5) _____ (make) a daisy-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes (6) _____ (run) close by her. Alice did not think this was very remarkable, until the rabbit actually (7) _____ (take) a watch out of its waistcoat-pocket, and (8) _____ (look) at it, and then hurried on.

b) Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions:

1. There is no use crying _____ spilt milk.
2. Can the doctor cure me _____ this ailment?
3. Pam keeps in touch _____ her friends.
4. If she does not work hard, she will lag _____ in her work.
5. All the employees will benefit _____ this scheme.
6. Write this down _____ your notebook.

7. The phoenix is a legendary bird that rises _____ its own ashes.
8. The plane was about to take _____.
9. One should always be true _____ oneself.
10. World War I broke _____ in 1914.

c) **In each of the following sentences, supply a verb in agreement with its subject:**

1. A white and a black cow _____ grazing in the field.
(is/are)
2. Each of these minerals _____ found in India. (is/are)
3. The Arabian Nights _____ an interesting book. (is/are)
4. Neither food nor water _____ to be found there. (was/were)
5. The quality of the apples _____ bad. (is/are)
6. The shop, with all its contents, _____ insured. (is/are)
7. Ten thousand rupees _____ a big sum. (is/are)
8. My scissors _____ missing. (is/are)
9. The dancer and singer _____ arrived. (has/have)
10. My trousers _____ darning at the knees.
(need/needs)

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Assignment 7

Topic: Mind Bogglers

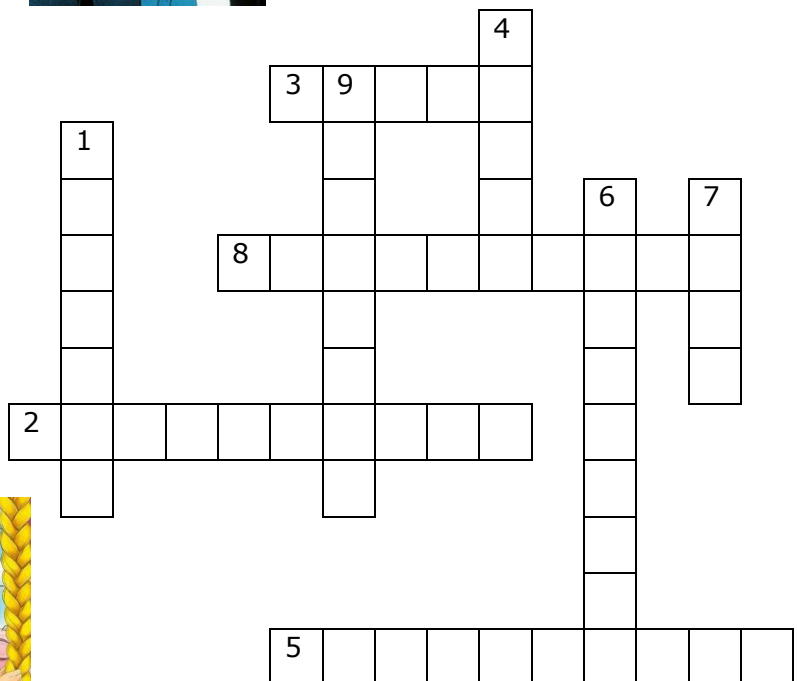
Time duration: 1 hour

Activity 1 (15 minutes)

Names of characters from popular stories can fill up this crossword puzzle. The following are things that are associated with the characters:



- 1.magic lamp
- 2.pumpkin
- 3.mermaid
- 4.wonderland
- 5.three bears
- 6.nose
- 7.beanstalk
- 8.thumb
- 9.hair

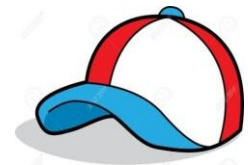


Activity 2 (30 minutes)

Complete the crossword using the given clues:



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ACROSS

1. root vegetable
4. an age
7. having more years
8. arched walkway
10. obtain
11. keeps out the cold
12. bound
14. expectations
15. no life without it
19. luck
22. disappeared
23. distant
24. powders
25. on top of the cake
26. something to lie on
27. found on 26

Down

1. impart knowledge
2. tidiest
3. writer of verse
4. border
5. water grass
6. painting
9. head covering
13. suppose
16. weight
17. finale
18. relaxes
19. confront
20. dry
21. good for breakfast
23. lie

Activity 3 **(15 minutes)**

Unscramble these words to create a list of 15 words which we see daily in the news now.

1. Orovacrusin
2. Hunaw
3. ayst mhoe
4. asty fase
5. danpmice
6. knowdcol
7. fecruw
8. siovepit
9. ongasidis
10. kerbauto
11. acef smak
12. losiontia
13. Ratinquaen
14. Gaetvien
15. nahd isatinzer

