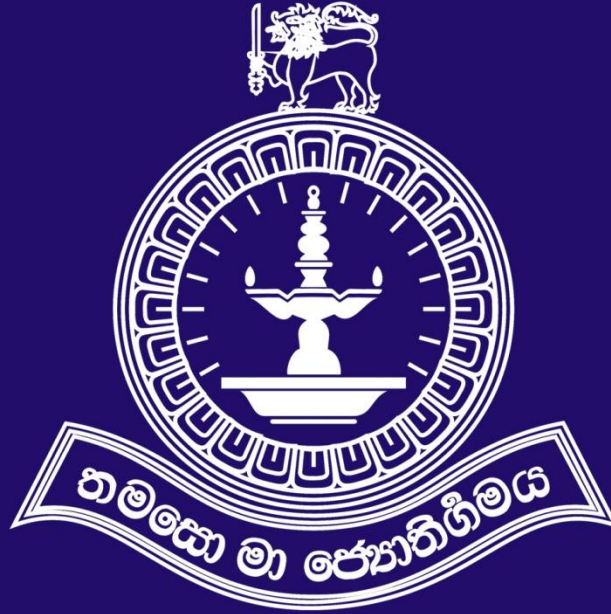


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# Grade 9 - English

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**Activity 01**

**Read the advertisement and answer the questions given below.**

**Vacancy@ Leipzig**

Leipzig High School, at Nugegoda is looking for young, motivated and passionate individuals, who believe in learning and growth in an experiential/Progressive teaching learning platform.

- ICT teachers
- English teacher
- Maths teachers
- Assistant teachers

Experience is desirable but not a constraint for candidates that are passionate about teaching. Fluency in English, both written and spoken, is a must. All teaching positions are open to candidates with Bachelor's degree and above.

Please apply with an updated CV.

Vacancy@leipzig.edu.com by 10th May. 2021.

Lipzig High School  
 Nugegoda. Tel. 4356232, 2653211  
 www.leipzig.edu.com

- 1      What is this advertisement about? .....
- 2      What is the name of the school, and where is it situated? .....
- 3      How many vacancies are there? .....
- 4      What are the educational qualifications they have asked for? .....
- 5      When is the closing date? .....

**Activity 02**

**Rearrange the following jumbled sentences to make a story. Number them in the correct order.**

- 1 The lion laughed at mouse's confidence and let him go
- 2 The lion was angry and he was about to eat the mouse.
- 3 A mouse started running up and down on lion's body just for fun
- 4 One day a few hunters came into the forest and took the lion with them.
- 5 The mouse desperately requested the lion to set him free and promised to help the lion someday.
- 6 A lion was once sleeping in the jungle.
- 7 They tied him up against a tree.
- 8 Both of them sped off into the jungle
- 9 Quickly he ran and gnawed on the ropes to set the lion free
- 10 The mouse noticed the lion in trouble

**Tongue Twisters**

*How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?*

**Activity 03**

**Match the situations with the correct response in the box. First one is done for you.**

A

Congratulations!

B

Wish you all the best

C

We are sorry to hear it

D

That's Very good

E

Get well Soon

F

Well done!  
Keep it up!!

- |   |  |                            |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| 1 | Hasini's mother was admitted to the hospital               | <input type="checkbox"/> E |
| 2 | Saranga has got a Merit to his exam                        | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 3 | Purna is going to sit for her G.C.E. O/L examination today | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 4 | Visal came first in the race                               | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 5 | Mithsara's grandmother died yesterday                      | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 6 | Minoshi donated some books for an orphanage                | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

**Activity 04****Read the following paragraph and answer the questions****Cleaning up the Beaches**

For the past several years, an international event, called the international coastal cleanup (ICC), is being organized in the Philippines. The event is held on the third Saturday of September every year. Any interested person can take part in the Cleanup, although students form the bulk of Volunteers. People across hundreds of countries also take part in this event. Countries that participate include Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, Ivory Coast, Singapore, Venezuela, Indonesia, etc.

Every year, millions of marine animals perish by getting caught in old unused fishing lines or by swallowing pieces of trash. It has been found, that a large number of animals die, when they swallow plastic and develop stomach problems. The ICC removes all such litter which endangers marine life.

The other purpose of the ICC is to educate people – to teach them how carelessly thrown trash can cause harm and result in the death of marine animals. Another purpose of the ICC is to put pressure on the government and international bodies to take steps and implement rules in order to protect marine life. This act of putting pressure can be in the form of a letter or poster campaign to support laws to punish those responsible for pollution.

The ICC was started in 1986. Since 1997, in the Philippines, it has grown from a few hundreds to an outpouring of thousands in dozens of cities, towns and villages. The volunteers not only remove the trash, but also identify and record it. These are then studied to pinpoint the sources of marine pollution.



1 What is the international event, mentioned in the paragraph? .....

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2 When is it held?.....

3 Who can take part in this event? .....

4 Mention three countries that participate for the event

1 ..... 2 ..... 3 .....

5 What are the purposes of ICC?

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• **Fill in the blanks**

- 1 ICC is being organized in the .....
- 2 The ICC was started in .....
- 3 The volunteers remove the trash, also ..... and ..... it.
- 4 Any ..... can take part in the cleanup.

• **State True or False**

1. ICC is an international event.
2. International coastal cleanup is being organized in Canada.
3. Only students can participate in this event.
4. The ICC was started in 1986.
5. Carelessly thrown trash can cause harm and result in the death of marine  
Animals.

**Tongue Twisters**



*I saw Susie sitting in a shoeshine shop*

**Activity 05**

**Read the following Paragraph and answer the questions give below**

The origins of chocolate can be traced back to the ancient Maya and Aztec Civilizations in central America Who first enjoyed a much-prized spicy drink "chocolatl", made from roasted cocoa beans.

Chocolate was exclusively for drinking until the early Victorian times when a technique for making solid " eating" chocolate was devised. Throughout its history, whether as a cocoa or drinking chocolate beverage or confectionery treat, chocolate has always been a much sought after food.

The story of cocoa begins with cocoa trees which grew wild in the tropical rain forests of the Amazon Basin and other tropical areas in Central and South America for thousands of years. It was the Maya Indians, an ancient people whose descendants still live in Central America, who first discovered the delights of Cocoa as long ago as 600 AD. " Chocolatl" was Consumed in large quantities by the Aztecs as a luxury drink. The Yucatan peninsula, a tropical area in what is now southern Mexico, where wild cocoa trees grew, was Where the Maya Lived. They harvested cocoa beans from the rain forest trees, and then cleared areas of lowland forest to grow their own cocoa trees in the first known cocoa plantations.



1 From what was the much prized spicy drink "chocolatl" made of ?

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2 Who first discovered the delights of Cocoa?

.....

3 In which year did they discover the cocoa beans ?

.....

4 Who consumed "Chocolatl", in large quantities as a luxury drink?

.....

5 Who started the cocoa plantation first?

.....

**Tongue Twister**



*I Saw a kitten eating chicken in the kitchen*

**Activity 06****Fill in the blanks using the words given in brackets**

Ideas and ..... can be spread through .....and written culture. Oral culture is prevalent even among the ..... and the most backward sections of the ..... Traditional behavior cannot be changed all of a sudden. It requires proper..... It requires acceptance, or at least, the Concurrence of all concerned. Knowledge and ..... are transmitted to the subsequent generations through the ..... and peer ..... That is why traditional ..... remain the monopoly of a few. But when scientific advances take place, new..... are evolved.

(Family, illiterate, practices, oral, occupations, Society, groups, motivation, approaches, ideals)

**Proverbs**

*Barking dogs seldom bite*

**Activity 07**

**Read the notice given below and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box.**

*Angel's International school*

*Nawala Road, Nawala*

**Notice**

29<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Our school ..... is slated to play ..... in a qualifier in the build –up to the ..... Zonal Basketball ..... The ..... of the match is as given below.

Day and Date : ..... 2021

Time : 3.30 p.m

Venue : .....

All the students along with the class teachers are requested to present to watch the match and cheer for our school team.

.....

President

.....

Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> July /Dharmapala Vidyalaya /Waruna Silva /Inter – School/  
School ground/ Schedule /Sports club /Championship /Basketball team.

**Activity 08**

**Match with the antonyms.**

- |   |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Cheap     | Deep      |
| 2 | Shallow   | rare      |
| 3 | Frown     | rude      |
| 4 | Common    | Expensive |
| 5 | Courteous | Smile     |

**Activity 09**

**Match the words on the left with the correct meanings from the right. Write the relevant number in the box.**

Words	Meanings
a. disappear	1. Feeling or showing worry, nervousness
b. A century	2. Part of a book or story
c. anxious	3. go out of sight
d. ambitious	4. a period of hundred years.
e. chapter	5. having or showing a strong desire to succeed.

**Activity 10**

**Fill in the blanks with the correct letter or group of letters given within brackets.**

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| a. Ice - cr.... .... m | (ea, ae, ee)    |
| b. emper .... ....     | (Or, er, ar)    |
| c. entran ... ...      | (Se, ce, he)    |
| d. sh... ....t         | (ur, er, or)    |
| e. premi ... ... ..    | (ces, ses, ess) |
| f.                     |                 |

**Activity 11****Fill in the blanks with the correct word given within brackets**

- 1        There are seven days in a..... (week, weak)
- 2        Children play netball in a netball ..... ( coat, court)
- 3        He got a leather ..... of shoes for his birthday. (Pear, pair)
- 4        Soldiers must ..... their uniform in the parade. (Where, wear)
- 5        People go to the butchers to buy ..... (Meat, meet)

**Activity 12****Select the correct word from the bracket and fill in the blanks.**

- 1        a.        The ..... shines bright.
- b.        The ..... took his mother to the hospital (Son, Sun)
- 2        a.        Yashomi ..... the answer to the question.
- b.        She lost her ..... smart phone yesterday. ( knew/ new)
- 3        a.        I had a pain in my ..... yesterday.
- b.        I was in America last ..... ( year/ ear)
- 4        a.        The ship started to ..... slowly.
- b.        There was a year end ..... at the shop (sail/ sale)
- 5        a.        Those cats are having fluffy .....
- b.        Small children like to listen fairy ..... ( tales / tails)

**Activity 13**

**Pick out synonyms for the following words.**

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Old .....      | 6. Large .....    |
| 2. Glad .....     | 7. Mistake .....  |
| 3. Job .....      | 8. Laugh .....    |
| 4. Enormous ..... | 9. Remark .....   |
| 5. Chubby .....   | 10. Garbage ..... |

11. Delicious .....
12. Naughty .....
13. Demolish .....
14. Enquire .....
15. Shop .....

Plump	Error	Immense
Trash	Ancient	Comment
Occupation	Giggle	Happy
Mischievous	Enormous	Yummy
Store	Destroy	Investigate

**Activity 14**

**Future Perfect tense.**

Subject + will have + past participle verb + Complement.

**Fill each blank with the future perfect tense of the verb within brackets.**

- 1 By the end of this year they ..... (move) to their new office premises.
- 2 I ..... (write) my story by that time.
- 3 In a few years' time they ..... (find) a medicine.
- 4 By 2027 he ..... (leave) school.
- 5 When you come next time, we ..... (buy) our new computers for the office.

**Activity 15**

**Prepositions**

**Fill in the blanks using the given preposition**

- i) The Annual sport meet will be held..... 20th April.
- ii) The project Proposal should be completed .....next September.
- iii) Every day, I come to the School ..... car.
- iv) I will do my homework ..... 4.30pm.
- v) The birds are flying..... the Clouds.
- vi) The School is ..... the cafe and the Botanical garden.
- vii) Some..... the students are clever.
- viii) My mother bought some chocolates ..... the shop.
- ix) My Friend was sitting .....me.
- x) The Police found the information..... the thief.

about	on	beside	by	at
from	before	among	of	between

**Activity 16**

**Circle the correct preposition in the following sentences.**

- i) I come to school (by/on/at) foot.
- ii) The Shopping complex will be closed (at/on/in) 6.30 p.m
- iii) My mother was born (in/on/at) the 11th of May (about/in/at) 1962.
- iv) Nihal came to the School (by/with/until) his father.
- v) I will finish the project (during/ among/ until) the vacation.

**Activity 17**

**Look at the picture and complete the Sentences with the Prepositions**



01. The television is ..... the cabinet.
02. The boy is ..... the sofa.
03. The books are ..... the table.
04. The cat is sitting ..... the fireplace.
05. The books are ..... the shelf.
06. The girl is ..... the chair and the television.

**Activity 18**

**Pick out suitable words to fill in the blanks in order to make meaningful collective nouns.**

- i) A ..... of players
- ii) A ..... of people
- iii) A ..... of trees
- iv) A ..... of stars
- v) A ..... of bees
- vi) A ..... of cards
- vii) A ..... of Shoes
- viii) A ..... of thieves
- ix) A ..... of sheep
- x) A ..... of flowers

bunch	hive	gang	crowd	pair
forest	flock	pack	team	galaxy

**Activity 19**

**Complete the sentences with appropriate collective nouns.**

- i) Everyday Sammani brings a ..... of flowers to the class.
- ii) I saw a ..... of thieves robbed the bank.
- iii) A ..... of directors decided to postpone the meeting
- iv) A ..... of musicians played beautifully.
- v) We saw a ..... of birds flying in the sky
- vi) The ..... of students take down the notes
- vii) The ..... Consists of eleven members.
- viii) I bought a ..... of cards from the book shop.
- ix) My uncle gave me a ..... of shoes for my birthday
- x) A..... of singers arrived from India

band	pack	pair	bunch	flock
gang	group	jury	board	class

**Activity 20**

**Underline the adjectives in each sentence.**

- i) My mother made a delicious breakfast for us.
- ii) I want to buy a blue pen and a black pen.
- iii) There is a yellow duck in the pond.
- iv) My friend has a grammar book.
- v) The book was interesting.
- vi) Our Class teacher gave us an interesting story book yesterday.
- vii) My friend has a nice car.
- viii) Malan bought a blue shirt.
- ix) The servant cleaned the dirty window.
- x) The barking dogs were outside.

**Activity 21**

**Select the adjectives from the list to describe the thing below.**

- i) fox
- ii) School
- iii) day
- iv) bird
- v) paper
- vi) building
- vii) book
- viii) girl
- ix) sea
- x) necklace

brown	old	sunny	gold	question
story	tallest	national	short	blue

**Activity 22****Convert the Following verbs into adverbs.**

Eg:- Sad - Sad +ly - sadly

loud -

Fortunate -

bad -

Quick -

bright -

lucky -

honest -

Slow -

soft -

rough -

brave -

**Activity 23****Underline the adverbs**

1. My parents always go the temple.
2. I went to the bank yesterday.
3. She ran fast.
4. The students shouted loudly in the classroom.
5. The teacher solved the problem bravely.
6. I will return your money soon.
7. The cat is running outside
8. Malan buys clothes monthly
9. I saw Peter yesterday.
10. My grandmother never eats meat.

**Activity 24**

**Complete the sentences.**

1. The dancing group danced .....
2. The tele drama is starting .....
3. We are doing homework.....
4. The Children are Playing .....
5. We ..... eat pizza.
6. My mother speaks..... with my friends.
7. Maneesha lives.....
8. The manager scolded to the staff .....
9. The dogs are barking .....
10. My friends study .....

**Outside / now / badly / nicely / never /  
beautifully / well / happily/ early / outside**

**Proverbs**



*Actions speak louder than words*

**Activity 25**

**Read the paragraph about Supun. Now write a small paragraph about yourself.**

Mother	:-	Teacher
Father	:-	Doctor
School	:-	Vidyaloka National School
Address	:-	School lane, Trincomalee
Favourite food	:-	Watalappan
Age	:-	14
Hobbies	:-	Reading story books
Favourite Subject	:-	English
Best Friend	:-	Malan
Ambition	:-	Doctor

I am Supun. I am ten years old. I am in Grade 9. My address is School Lane, Trincomalee. My school is Vidyaloka National School. My father is a Doctor. My mother is a teacher. My best Friend is Malan. My Favourite food is Watalappan. My favourite subject is English. My hobby is Reading story books. My ambition is to be a Doctor.

**My Self**

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**Activity 27**

**Fill in the blanks in the Following notice using the words given in the box**

**Notice**

..... Association has Organized an .....for the grade 9 students on .....at.....the School playground. The ..... of this camp is to develop .....among the students. Mr. Perera (Zonal Director) will be the .....

Chief guest, English Literary, 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021, Purpose, 9.30 a.m, English knowledge, English camp

**Activity 28**

**Use the Following information and prepare a notice. Use about 40 - 50 words.**

- Event : The Annual English Day Competition.
- Date / Time / Venue
- The chief guest: Mr. Nuwan Gunawardhana. (Zonal Director)
- Organizer : English Club of Gamunu Maha vidyalaya.

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**Activity 29**

**Fill in the blanks in the Following notice using the phrases given in the box**

**Notice**

The Cultural club of ..... has organized a new year festival ..... From 8.30 am. to 4.30 pm ..... , ..... are included to this Festival. The winners will be given gifts. At the final stage there will be ..... All students are welcome!

20.03.2021

Organizing Committee

Date

Gamunu M.V

Gamunu Maha Vidyalaya
a musical show
Many traditional games
on the 8 <sup>th</sup> of April 2021
at the School ground

**Proverbs**



*A bad workman always blames his tools*

**Activity 30**

**Following are the jumbled parts of a formal letter. write them in the correct order in the space given.**

a. 

Thank you Yours faithfully ..... Nirmal Perera
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b. 

The Manager ABC IT Company Ltd Densil Road Colombo
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c. 

I am 24 years old and have got through the G.C.E A/L in the Maths Stream.
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e. 

I would like to apply for the post of Trainee executive
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f. 

No 351 Kandy road Imbuldeniya.
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g. 

I Followed an advanced course in Computer at IBM, Colombo
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h. 

20 <sup>th</sup> of May 2021
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i. 

Dear Sir
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j. 

Advertised in the Sunday Times of 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
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**Activity 31**

**The Following heading shows the parts of a formal letter. It is not in Order. put them in order.**

- a. Receiver's address
- b. Salutation
- c. Body of the letter
- d. Subject
- e. Sender's address
- f. The date
- g. Closing of the letter

**Activity 32**

**Rewrite the following paragraph, adding punctuation marks where necessary. (capitals, full stop (.), Comma(,), apostrophe('), question mark(?), quotation marks (“ ”))**

The door opened and fagin came into the room

now listen to me bill said fagin we have got to get oliver back he s worth a lot money to me bill

how can you get him back said bill

he s staying with miss maylie and her aunt and i think we have a chance now bill

they have come to london from the country and they re staying at a hotel near hyde park we ll make another attempt to get oliver back

nancy will help us again

why nancy

how white you look

White said the girl covering her eyes with her hands - *(Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens)*

**Activity 33**

**Complete the following dialogue using correct responses given .Write the correct letter in the box.**

**Volga:** hello! Shami, nice meeting you after a long time.

**Sharmi :**

**Volga:** Mmm, you have just left school, I suppose.

**Sharmi :**

**Volga:** Any plans to spend the time?

**Sharmi :** Well. I haven't decided yet about what I am actually going to do.

**Volga:**

**Sharmi :** Perhaps, I may visit my uncle who is in a remote village in Polonnaruwa because I've been looking forward to helping the students doing O/L exam in their Maths.

**Volga:**

**Sharmi :** I can't really say...but until I get my selections for the university I may volunteer to serve the children there.

**Volga:**

**Sharmi :** Mmm..... yes, but they would like me going away, since I've worked hard for the exam.

**Volga:**

**Sharmi :** Sure. Bye.

- (a) When you are away, your family will miss you, won't they?
- (b) Nice meeting you too Volga.
- (c) Wow! That will be exciting. How long do you wish to be there?
- (d) Oh! Yes
- (e) O.K. Shami, enjoy your time there
- (f) Really..... any wish to visit anywhere at least?

**Activity 34**

**Re – arrange the words given and write meaningful sentences using the correct punctuation.**

1. Significant/ one/ American/ of / the/ Georgin O' Keefee/ most/ 20 the /artists/ the /century / of

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 .....

2. That/ what/noise/was/ the/ at /door

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 .....

3. not/but/caterpillars/produce/silkworms/worms/are/a/kind/which/special/of/threads/ silk

.....  
 .....

4. Cotton/don't/like/wear/I/you/to/clothes

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 .....

5. Various/Production/manager/explained / tea/ us / to /stages/the/of

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**Activity 35**

**Imagine that you are the secretary of the Organizing Committee of the Prize giving of your school.**

**T/Polgolla Maha Vidyalaya.**

**Event : prize giving**

**Date : 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

**Time: 8.30 a.m**

**Venue: Main Hall**

**Audience : Grade 9 students and their parents**

**Use the above information and write a notice to be put up on the school notice board .**

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**Activity 36**

**Read the following paragraph on Thailand and fill in the blanks with the correct information**

Thailand is a premier Buddhist country where nearly ninety percent of the population are ardent followers of Buddhism. The total population is about 40,000,000. The country was formerly known as Siam which in 1939 changed in to Thailand literally meaning the “Land of the free”

It is a monarchy with a representative legislature with king Bhumibol Adul Yadej as the country’s amiable ruler born in 1927. He ascended the throne in 1946.

Children’s Day in Thailand is observed during the first week in January every year and international correspondence week is celebrated during the first week of October.

**Thailand**

- Population : .....
- Former name : .....
- The year they got the present name : .....
- Meaning of “Thailand” : .....
- Name of the ruler : .....
- Born in : .....
- Became the king in : .....
- Annual events : .....

**Activity 37**

**Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.**

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall  
She shines on thieves on the garden wall  
On streets and field and harbor quays  
And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees

The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,  
The howling dog by the door of the house,  
The bat that lies in bed at noon,  
All love to be out by the light of the moon.

But all of the things that belong to the day  
Cuddle to sleep to be out of the way,  
And flowers and children close their eyes  
Till up in the morning the sun shall arise.

01. Suggest a suitable title for this poem

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02. What is the moon compared to?

.....

03. Where do birdies sleep?

.....

04. Write down the adjectives used to describe the following animals

- I. .... cat
- II. .... mouse
- III. .... dog

05. Write down the rhyming words that go with the following.

- I. day .....
- II. mouse.....
- III. noon .....
- IV. eyes .....

**Activity 38**

**Read the text and answer the given questions.**

A friendship is a bond between two living beings. Friendships are formed irrespective of age, status, caste, creed and gender. A child, a teenager, a young man or even an old man can find a friend according to his feelings and wishes. True friends share feelings such as happiness, sadness, affection. Friend should be trustworthy and loyal to each other. Caring and sharing make a friendship healthy and it uplifts the lives of friends and it will give colour to life.

01. What is friendship?

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02. What are the irrespective things mention in the text, when friendship are formed?

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03. What do true friends share among them?

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04. Mention two qualities which the friends should have

.....

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05. Write down four adjectives from the text

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**Activity 39**

**Read the following text and fill in the grid.**

The Buckingham palace is the most famous Royal mansion in the world and it needs no introductions. It is the official London residence of the British monarch and the busiest Royal palace in the world. The building originally known as Buckingham palace was built in 1703. Now, it is the grand house to Queen Elizabeth and prince Philip her husband. It is situated in a 40 acres plot of sprawling land with many lawns and lakes. The British flag known as union Jack is fluttering in the air when the Queen in the palace. The palace has 19 state bedrooms, 53 principal bedrooms ,188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices and 78 bathrooms.

Name of the palace	
City	
Year of construction	
Extent of the land	
Name of the chief occupant	
No. of bedrooms	