

SUMMER BOOKLET

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8th Grade – B Group (ח' ביצוי)

Name _____

Vocabulary: 8th Grade (B)

Translate the words below and study them.

Word	Meaning	Word	Meaning
agree		against	
awful		change (n,v)	
childish		clothes	
different		dirt	
excited		action	
idea		holes	
imagine		opinion	
special		save time	
weather		items	
cause (n,v)		cure (n,v)	
dangerous		difficult	
disappear		discover	
discovery		keep away	
forehead		healthy	
invent		medicine	
nowadays		pain	
patient		realize	
river		scientist	
terrible		used to	
afterwards		alone	
break		busy	
enough		take off	
hang out		impossible	
instead of		miss	
nervous		note	
ruin		seat	
share		weak	
weigh		wonder	
accident		adventure	
actor		believe	
bored		breathe	

communicate		danger	
Earth		grow up	
intelligent		message	
evil		ordinary	
give up		succeed	

GRAMMAR

Exercise 1: Fill in the correct form of the following modals and semi-modals: can, could, must, mustn't, have to, should.

1. We _____ return this book to the library by next Sunday.
2. Tomorrow is Saturday so we _____ go to school. We _____ get up early. We _____ sleep late.
3. Children _____ eat too many sweets. It's bad for their teeth.
4. I _____ clean my room otherwise my mother will be angry with me.
5. You _____ stop at red lights.
6. I _____ do it by myself. I don't need your help.
7. I _____ hear you. Please speak up.
8. We _____ to put off the picnic yesterday because the weather was bad.
9. Mary, you _____ play in the street. It's dangerous.
10. I _____ forget to turn off the gas before I leave the house.
11. You _____ take the early train. There is another one at nine o'clock.
12. A person that rides a scooter _____ wear a helmet. A car driver _____ wear one, but _____ use a safety belt.
13. Dan _____ ride on a bike when he was small.

Exercise 2: Fill in the correct form of the verb. Use the Present Simple, Present Progressive, Past Simple or the Future Simple.

1.
 - a. Dana usually _____ (eat) breakfast at 7:00.
 - b. Yesterday Dana and Hagit _____ (eat) pizza.
 - c. The dog _____ (eat) now. What a mess!
 - d. We _____ (eat) at a restaurant next Friday.
2.
 - a. He _____ (not go) to school yesterday.
 - b. The children _____ (not go) to the park tomorrow.
 - c. Mom _____ (not go) to work today.
 - d. She _____ (not go) to movies very often.

Exercise 3: Fill in the correct form of the verb. Use the Present Simple, Present Progressive, Past Simple or the Future Simple.

1. My sister _____ (fly) in from London today. The flight _____ (arrive) in a few minutes. I _____ (be) so excited to meet her.
2. Yesterday evening I _____ (go) to Dan's house. When I _____ (get) there, he _____ (be) in bed. He _____ (not feel) well.
3. Tammy usually _____ (stay) home in the evenings and _____ (watch) T.V.

4. They always _____ (enjoy) family holidays because they _____ (have) a lot of fun together.
5. I _____ (not do) anything right now. I just _____ (lie) on the sofa.
6. Our family _____ (travel) abroad next summer. We _____ (fly) to Ireland and Scotland. We _____ (not fly) to Germany.
7. This company usually _____ (not sell) apartments that _____ (be) expensive.
8. He generally _____ (read) novels, but today he _____ (read) science fiction.

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Reading Comprehension

Task 1 – Read the text carefully.

Doug's Birthday

Doug is a nine-year old boy. He has got brown hair and brown eyes. Doug's favourite sport is baseball. He is a pupil. His school is Lincoln Primary School in New Jersey. There are fifteen girls and seventeen boys in his class. His friends are his classmates. The boys' names are Sam, Tom, Ben, Kenny and Johnny.

Sam is 9. His hair is black, his eyes are brown. His favourite sport is football.

Tom and Ben are 10. They are twins. Their hair is blonde, they have got blue eyes. Their favourite sport is baseball.

Kenny and Johnny are cousins. Kenny is 9, Johnny is 10 years old. They have got brown hair. Kenny's eyes are blue, Johnny's eyes are green. Johnny's favourite sport is baseball; Kenny's favourite ball game is football.

Today is Doug's birthday. His friends are in Doug's garden. There is a birthday party in the garden. There is a table. There are six chairs. The birthday cake with nine candles is on the table. There are lots of presents on the table. They are for Doug. There is a baseball cap from Ben, a baseball card set from Johnny, a baseball T-shirt from Tom, a baseball glove from Kenny and a baseball bat from Sam.

So Doug is very happy. This is a perfect birthday.

Task 2 – Fill in the chart with the suitable information from the text.

name	Doug	Ben	Johnny	Sam	Kenny	Tom
age						
hair						
eyes						
favourite sport						
present for Doug						

Task 3 – True or false. Put a tick (✓) into the correct place.

sentence	true	false
1) Doug has got a baseball card set from Tom.		
2) Doug is from New Jersey.		
3) There are thirty-one pupils in the class.		

4) One boy has got green eyes.		
5) Doug has got a card set and a cap from the cousins.		
6) There are five friends of Doug on the party.		
7) Kenny and Johnny are twins.		
8) Ben and Sam are 10.		
9) Doug has got nine candles on his cake.		
10) Tom and Ben are brothers.		

Task 4 – Write short answers to the following questions.

1) How many friends has Doug got?

2) What's the name of Johnny's cousin?

3) Who are twins?

4) Whose favourite sport is football?

5) Who has got brown hair?

6) How many pupils are there in the class?

7) Which is Doug's school?

8) Why is Doug happy?

9) How many candles are there on the cake?

10) How many presents has Doug got?

**Task 5 – Write the numbers of the following words next to the correct pictures. Be careful!
There is ONE word that you do not have to use.**

- ① baseball cap
- ② baseball glove
- ③ baseball card set
- ④ candle
- ⑤ birthday cake
- ⑥ baseball bat
- ⑦ present
- ⑧ baseball T-shirt
- ⑨ baseball shoes
- ⑩ garden

DISASTER! NO INTERNET CONNECTION!

Victor woke up at 6.30 and then he went back to sleep again because it was Saturday and there was no school. After three more hours, he woke up again. This time, he got up. He had a quick shower and ate a slice of toast. He ate the toast in the living room and watched TV. His mum came in. 'Will you please tidy your room up? It's a disgrace! How can anybody live like this? I'm fed up with you! All you do is get on that laptop and I am sick of it. Also, why don't you give your dad a hand with the garden? And you never wash up. Me and your dad do everything in here.' She clenched her fists and glared at Victor angrily.

'Oh shut up, you silly woman!' Victor said quietly. Happily, his mum didn't hear. He went back up to his room. He wanted to check his emails, then his Facebook account and then, he planned to spend the day playing an online game with friends from all over the world. It was a beautiful, sunny day, but Victor drew his curtains. He shut the sun out.

He logged on. He felt so excited. Then – disaster – no internet connection! Victor felt confused, then angry. He punched his pillow and his cat ran downstairs in a panic. He called his dad up and they tried to sort it. They tried to diagnose the problem. Then Mum came up. 'It's not just us', she said. 'The whole street is down.'

Victor felt like a ship in the ocean that had completely lost its way. 'Come on, son, let's get stuck in with the garden!' Victor's dad said. 'Go on, son,' Victor's mum said encouragingly. 'Oh, OK then,' Victor said grudgingly.

They started digging and weeding and Victor began to enjoy it. Then, Sadie from two doors down came over and started chatting to him. She was in the same year group as Victor and he thought she was sweet and friendly. She began to help with the gardening.

That evening, the internet came back on, but Victor didn't care. He chatted to Sadie for hours and arranged to meet her the next day.

Answer TRUE or FALSE. Put T or F on the line provided.

- ___ 1) Victor first woke up at 6.30, then he went back to sleep.
- ___ 2) It was Friday so he had to go to school.
- ___ 3) The second time he woke up was at 10.30.
- ___ 4) He ate a huge breakfast of eggs, hash browns and beans.
- ___ 5) His mum said 'Good morning' and she was nice to him.
- ___ 6) Victor shouted 'Shut up, you silly woman!'
- ___ 7) Victor went back to his room to tidy it up.
- ___ 8) Although it was a lovely sunny day, Victor closed his curtains.
- ___ 9) Victor was angry because he had no internet connection.
- ___ 10) Victor's dad tried to sort out the problem.
- ___ 11) It wasn't only Victor's house that lost the internet.
- ___ 12) Victor's dad suggested cleaning out the garage.
- ___ 13) Victor helped his dad with the gardening.
- ___ 14) Sadie lived close to Victor's house.
- ___ 15) Victor and Sadie really got on well with each other.

Answer the questions in full sentences:

1) Why didn't Victor get up straight away?

2) Why was Victor's mum angry with him?

3) How did Victor feel when he lost his connection?

4) What information did Mum give about the internet when she went upstairs?

5) What did Victor's mum encourage him to do then?

6) Did Victor know Sadie before that day?

7) Why did Victor change his attitude about the internet?

Crayons and Jigsaw Puzzles: Some Interesting Facts

Every child has colored on paper with crayons and put a jigsaw puzzle together. But where did crayons and jigsaws come from? Who invented them?

Crayons

The first crayons were probably invented in Europe and were a mixture of charcoal and oil. Later, wax was added to make crayons easier to handle. In the early 1900s, a non-toxic crayon was produced in the United States. Crayons began to appear in homes and schools all over the world. There were 8 basic colors and a box cost five cents.

Here are some interesting facts about crayons:

- The average American child uses up 730 crayons by the age of ten.
- Children aged two through eight spend an average of 28 minutes a day coloring.
- Between 1949 and 1957, 40 new colors were introduced. Between 1972 and 1989, florescent colors with names like Atomic Tangerine and Screamin' Green were added, bringing the number of colors up to 72. Today there are 120 different colors.
- A Yale University study revealed that the smell of crayons is among the 20 most familiar smells to American adults.

Jigsaw Puzzles

Jigsaws first appeared in Europe in the 1760s, when they were used to teach geography. Maps were pasted onto wood and the different countries cut out. Children still play with these kinds of puzzles today.

Here are some interesting facts about jigsaw puzzles:

- At the beginning of the 19th century, puzzles had pieces that were cut exactly on the color lines. There were no two-color pieces to show, for example, that the brown area (roof) fit next to the blue area (sky).
- Puzzles had no picture on the box, so the subject would only be discovered when the puzzle was finished.
- The wooden pieces had to be cut one at a time, so puzzles were very expensive.
- Puzzles became very popular during the Great Depression, when many people didn't have jobs or money. Cheap puzzles made of cardboard were introduced. In 1933, an amazing 10 million puzzles were sold a week.

Today, puzzles are still available for all ages.

1. Complete the flow chart to show the development of crayons. (lines 1–15)

- a. The first crayons appeared in Europe.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d. Between 1949 and 1957, 40 new colors were introduced.
 - e.
 - f. Today there are over 120 different colors.
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2. Complete the sentences according to lines 8–15.

a. An example of a name of a color for a crayon is

b. In my opinion, the writer gives names like this in order to

3. How do you know that crayons are very popular today? (lines 8–15) Put an X by the two correct answers.

- a. Crayons are not expensive.
- b. They are used all over the world.
- c. The smell of crayons is one of the most recognizable scents to Americans.
- d. Children spend a lot of time coloring.

4. According to lines 16–19, jigsaw puzzles were invented ...

- a. to teach geography.
- b. as a game for children.
- c. to teach colors.

5. Give two reasons why the first jigsaw puzzles were hard to do. (lines 20–30)

a.

b.

6. Complete the sentence according to lines 20–30.

Puzzles became cheaper when they

7. Mention two things that jigsaw puzzles and crayons have in common.

a.

b.

8. Where might you expect to find this article?

- a. in a book of children's stories
- b. in a children's magazine
- c. in a geographical magazine
- d. in a journal