

Classwork Update

Dear Parents,

I hope you're doing well. Below is a summary of the written material we covered in class over the past two months.

Sep 9th, 2025 – Pronouns

What is a Pronoun?

A pronoun is a word we use instead of a name.

Examples:

- Sarah → **She** is my friend.
- Reem and Omar → **They** are playing.

Pronouns by Person

1st person – I, we (talking about yourself)

2nd person – You (talking to someone)

3rd person – He, she, it, they (talking about someone else)

Sep 11th, 2025 - How to write a simple sentence

****Note:** The following was not written in the notebook. It will be printed and attached to their notebooks. ******

What is a Simple Sentence?

A simple sentence has one subject (who/what the sentence is about) and one verb.

Examples:

1. The cat sleeps.
2. My brother plays football.
3. We eat apples.

How to build a simple sentence:

1. Start with a subject (person, place, animal, thing, pronoun).
2. Add a verb.
3. Add an object or extra information (optional). Tips:
 - A simple sentence has one idea only
 - Start with a capital letter, end with a full stop
 - No joining words (and, but, because..)

Sep 13th, 2025 - Past Tense (Regular)

Past Tense

We use the past tense to talk about something that already happened (yesterday, last night, last week, last ...)

Examples:

- I played football yesterday.

Rules for the past tense :

1- Regular verbs (Add ed)

1. Add -ed to most verbs play → played 2.
Ends in e (add -)
- d) like → liked
3. Ends in consonant + y (y → ied) cry → cried
4. Verb ends with vowel + consonant (double the last letter + ed) stop → stopped

Sep 15th, 2025 – Past Tense (Irregular)

2- Irregular verbs (change form - no rule)

go → went

eat → ate

run → ran

put → put

have → had

see→saw
come → came
do→did
write→wrote
get→ got
take→took
make→made
say→said
drink→drank
buy→bought
find→found
give→gave
read→read
think → thought
sleep → slept

Sep 16th, 2025 - Reading Comprehension P.17 and 18.

- a- Mum wants the boys to join the library.
- b- The boys went to art classes that ended when Marty became ill.
- c- The library is Dad's idea.
- d- Will's stomach is churning because he's terrified of going to the library.
- e- Because it's educational.
- f- Spud Murphy is the librarian.

Sep 18th, 2025 – How to write a compound sentence.

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What is a Compound Sentence?

A compound sentence has two simple sentences (two ideas).

They are joined by a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, so, for, nor, yet).

Examples:

1. I like pizza, **and** my brother likes pasta.
2. She was tired, **but** she finished her homework.
3. We can go to the park, **or** we can stay home.

How to build a compound sentence:

1. Start with a simple sentence (subject + verb + object).
2. Add a conjunction (and, but, or, so, for, nor, yet).
3. Write another simple sentence after the conjunction.

Tips:

- A compound sentence has two complete ideas.
- Each idea must have its own subject and verb.
- Use a comma before the conjunction if the sentences are long.
- Joining words (and, but, or, so, etc.) are necessary.

Sep 23rd, 2025 – Adjectives and nouns.

Adjectives and Nouns

1- Noun = a person, place, thing, or animal.

Examples: girl, school, book, cat, table, teacher.

2- Adjective = a word that describes a noun.

Examples: big, red, sad, beautiful, kind, hot, funny, new.

*In English, the adjective comes before the noun.

a green apple.
a happy boy.
a small cat.
a cold drink.

Sep 27th, 2025 – Story Elements.

****The material will be sent as a slideshow via WhatsApp****

Sep 29th, 2025 – Punctuation Marks.

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Sep 29th, 2025 – Adverbs.

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Sep 30th, 2025 – Question 2: (section a) / Question 3: (section c).

Question 2, section a:

- The scene is set as winter.
- The village and villagers are described.
- Amah is introduced and why people visit her.
- Pinmei realises winter has been long this year.
- Pinmei teases her grandmother.
- Clues about Pinmei's character are given.

Question 3, section c:

Cut through sharply : Pierced

Moved in a rush way: Scurry

Mock gently: Taunt

Destroyed: Shattered

Took hold roughly: Grabbed

Froze: Chilled

Smiled widely: grinned

Get stuck in: Freeze

Oct 2nd, 2025 – How to write a story beginning.

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****Note: In “When the Sea Turned to Silver” we focused on the following vocabulary words:**

Shrieking: Loud noise.

Impish: Playful in a naughty way.

Taunt: Tease, annoy someone.

Tortoise: A large land-dwelling turtle.

Swallow: Small bird comes in spring.

Shiver: When your body shakes because you are cold.

Oct 13th, 2025 – Prepositions of place and time.

Prepositions of time: We use prepositions of time to say when something happens.

Examples:

- I wake up **at** 6 o'clock everyday.
- We have English class **on** Monday. • My birthday is **in** January.

Prepositions of place We use prepositions of place to say where something is.

Examples:

- The car is **in front of** the house.
- The dog is **behind** the gate.
- The lamp is **above** the table.

****Note: Extra slides related to this topic have been uploaded on LMS.**

Oct 14th, 2025 – Writing and Grammar (Reading Comprehension) P.9 and 10

**** A book blurb is a short paragraph that gives a quick idea about the story. It tells what the story is about.****

Question A- Page 9

- 1- She loves basket ball.
- 2- Because she is in a wheel chair.
- 3- She is the coach
- 4- Every Saturday, she plays board games.
- 5- He tells her, he always has a plan. 6- She tells Miss Garcia and the team.

Question A- Page 10

Sentence 1: The basketball team always loses.

Sentence 2: They have no plan. Sentence

3: Leila has an idea.

Oct 18th, 2025 – Mind map

What is a Mind Map?

A mind map is a picture that organizes information to help us understand, remember and connect ideas.

How to make a Mind Map?

Step1: Write the topic in the center. (Use

1-2 words in the biggest circle) Step 2:

Draw the first branches. (Subtopics- circle

and label each one) Step 3: Add smaller

branches.

(Write related details)

**** Note: The mind map related has been uploaded on LMS. A printed copy was also given to learners at school.**

Oct 20th, 2025 – Phonics

Today's sound IGH

Examples: light, night, high, bright, sight, tight, flight.

- 1- The car jumped over my thigh.
- 2- The loud sound gave me a fright. 3- I have only a slight idea.

Other spellings for the same sound:

i-e (kite, time, smile)

y (sky, cry, fly, dry)

ie (pie, tie, lie)

Oct 21st, 2025 – Writing and Grammar p. 10 and 11

Question A- Page 10

Present tense

- 1- Leila talks to her grandfather.
- 2- He gives her an idea.
- 3- She tells Miss Garcia about her plan.

Question A- Page 11

- 1- Does Leila like watching basketball?
- 2- Is Miss Garcia the team coach?
- 3- Does Leila have a plan?

Oct 27th, 2025 – Exploring Earth page 42 and 43

****Note: answers are written in the book**

Question 1, section b

- Plumsed = asked

- Boogled = borrowed
- Splonchest = favourite
- Cabooshing = dangerous
- Gluppered = shared/ brought

Question 2, section c

- Handy = useful
- Unique = special
- Classified = organized
- Adapt = adjust/ change
- Extinct = gone

Oct 28th, 2025 – Future tense

****Note: Extra slides related to this topic have been uploaded on LMS.**

Future tense is used to talk about things that will happen in the future

Example:

- 1- I will travel to Italy next summer.
- 2- They won't eat junk food anymore.
- 3- Will you come to my birthday party?

Nov 3rd, 2025 – Alphabetical order page 58

****Note : Please check page 58 in your book for the rules.**

Question 1, section b

- Shark, sardine, swordfish, seal
Sardine, seal, shark, swordfish
- Beetle, bee, beehive, beech
Bee, beech, beehive, beetle
- Desert, dessert, design, deer
Deer, desert, design, dessert

Nov 4th, 2025 – Fact or opinion page 61 and 62

Facts: can be proved to be real using evidence.

Example: Bees make honey.

Opinion: someone's personal feeling about something.

Example: summer is the best season.

Question 1, section b

(Opinion, Fact, Fact, Opinion, Opinion, Fact, Opinion, Fact, Fact, Opinion)

****Note: answers are written in the book**

Nov 8th, 2025 — Reading Comprehension (Questions page 46 and 47)

****Note: Please check page 45 to identify the differences.**

Question 1, section a

Environments: Keyword

Life in the desert: Phrase

Extinct, endangered: Keywords

Diversity of life: Phrase

Characteristics: Keyword

Questions 1, section c

- All birds have feathers, wings and a beak.
- A tortoise has a shell on its back for protection.
- Reptiles are cold-blooded animals.
- The Pacific ocean is the biggest ocean.

****Note: answers are highlighted in the book.**

Question 2, section a

- The earth's crust is shaped by volcanoes and earthquakes.
- Life of earth is diverse.
- Wild animals live in their natural environments.
- Animals adapt to their environments.
- Endangered can become extinct.

****Note: answers are written in the book.**

Nov 10th, 2025 — Types of sentences page 69

There are three types of sentences:

1- Statement: tells something.

Example:

I have a blue pencil.

2- Question: asks something.

Example:

Where is my cat?

3- Command: tells someone to do something

Example:

Close the window. (Normal command)

Close the window! (Strong command)

** Exclamation mark can also show strong feelings.

Example:

How amazing!

Nov 15th – 17th, 2025 — Features of a poem.

****Note: Slides related to this topic have been uploaded on LMS.**

Nov 18th, 2025 — Prefixes and Suffixes page 59 and 60.

A prefix is a group of letters added at the beginning of a word to change its meaning.

- Re (again) : remake, rewrite, reread.
- Un (not/ opposite of) : unhappy, unlock.
- Dis (not/opposite of): disconnect, dislike, disappear

A suffix is a group of letters added at the end of a word to change its meaning.

- Er (a person who does something): runner, teacher, leader.
- Ing (happening now): eating, sleeping.

- Ed (happened in the past): jumped, cleaned.
- Ly (in a certain way): bravely, nicely.
- Ful (full of): beautiful, helpful.
- Less (without): endless, hopeless, careless.

Best Regards,
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