

Grade 8 English First Additional Language Worksheet

Listening and retelling a factual text

Listening to a factual text

Listen to the passage and then answer the questions.

Here is the text which you will read to the learners:

My mother was speaking on the phone while a piece of meat was cooking on a pan in the kitchen. As my mother spoke, the meat got hotter and hotter, until it caught fire – while my mother spoke. She spoke, and spoke and the flames coming from the meat got taller and taller.

A neighbour who happened to look out of his window saw the flames and ran to the door of my mother's flat – my mother was still on the phone. The neighbour banged on the door and alerted the son of the speaking mother – he had been watching TV. It must have been a very interesting programme because the son had not smelled anything or seen any smoke; only the neighbour had noticed what was happening.

The son quickly filled a bucket with water and threw it on the burning mass! The whole kitchen was black; the mother shocked and crying; the TV deserted; the person at the end of the line did not know what was happening.

Questions

1. Retell what happened while the woman was on the phone. (10)
2. Provide a title for the passage. (3)
3. Do you think the son should have poured water on the pan? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

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Suggested Solutions

1. The woman had left a piece of meat ✓ in a pan ✓, cooking in the kitchen. ✓ She answered the phone. ✓ The pan got hotter and hotter ✓ and the meat caught fire. ✓ The woman did not notice because she was talking. ✓ The son was watching television and he did not notice anything either. ✓ A neighbour saw the flames when he looked out of his window. ✓ He ran to the flat ✓ and banged on the door; ✓ the son heard the banging; ✓ the neighbour told him what was happening and the son poured water on the pan. ✓ The mother was shocked and upset. ✓
(Any 10 points) (10)
2. The title must be short; ✓ summarise the passage's content ✓ and have some impact. ✓ (3)
3. Any reasonable answer ✓ with a reason ✓ e.g. If there was a lot of fat in the pan, pouring water on it could be very dangerous. (2)
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