

Grade 8 English First Additional Language Worksheet

Reading a text and determining setting and character

Activity 1

Read the following sentences, and describe each setting in your own words.

- 1) He threw his bag into the back, and she drove off towards the school.
- 2) We strolled along together, being careful not to get wet and looking for any interesting shells.
- 3) The music was so loud I couldn't hear my partner but only see his mouth moving.
- 4) The crowd hurried towards the gates, tickets in their hands.
- 5) "What would you like? We have pies, pizza or sandwiches, today." (5)

Activity 2

What would be a good setting for the following stories? Think about how the setting would make the story better. Ask yourself: Where is the best place for this to take place? Give a reason for each setting. Write a few sentences in answer to each question.

- 1) A boxer discovers that his coach is planning to throw a match.
- 2) A child refuses to visit his grandfather.
- 3) A woman learns that she has cancer.
- 4) A teacher discovers that a learner has stolen her cell phone.
- 5) A girl realises that her boyfriend has dropped her.

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Suggested Solutions

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- 1) A car. A boy is being taken to school by his mother?
- 2) The beach.
- 3) A disco/party/rave
- 4) a stadium
- 5) a tuckshop/café/small restaurant

Activity 2

The learner has to choose a suitable setting (1 mark each) and justify it (2 marks each). Mark on the intelligence of the reasoning.

Suggestions

- 1) A boxer discovers that his coach is planning to throw a match: in the changing room just before the match. The boxer could overhear something (the coach on a cell phone) and be appalled but it is just before the match and he has no time to decide what to do or to act.
- 2) A child refuses to visit his grandfather: the child's bedroom. The mother could be standing over him/her. The child pulls up the bedclothes and it is stalemate; the mother feels it is essential that the child visit her father but the child is being difficult.
- 3) A woman learns that she has cancer: the obvious setting is a doctor's waiting room, but the learner could suggest that the woman hears over the phone; perhaps the woman is a teacher and the children are right outside her classroom waiting for Debating Society to start, so she has to pretend nothing has happened.
- 4) A teacher discovers that a learner has stolen her cell phone: this would obviously be in the classroom but perhaps it could be on the playing field or in the quad of the school. She has to decide what to do and whether she can act or not.
- 5) A girl realises that her boyfriend has dropped her. Any setting would be fine: at a party/school/church where she sees him with someone else; she could hear from a friend on Facebook or MXit. She has to decide what to do next. 5 x 3

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