

Year 4 Summer English Activity

Booklet Answers

An Incredible Mistake

dis-: own, appear, count

mis-: fortune, behave, read, count

un-: zip, well, happy

Knot Such a Grate E-Male

Dear friend,

It was great to meet you on holiday last week. I really missed you when you left. There was too much peace and quiet. Do you remember when you won that medal for diving in the pool? We could not use the pool after you left because of the weather. I've never seen rain like it except in films!

Make sure you keep in touch. I cannot wait to hear from you.

Lots of love,

Your new best mate, Adam.

The Garden Party by Katherine Mansfield

1. Who do you think was on the phone for Laura and why?

Accept any reasonable answer relating to the garden party and an event which could either help or hinder it, e.g.

- **Someone was calling to say that they could not come.**
- **A friend was calling to offer her help with setting up.**

2. 'The blue was veiled with a haze of light gold.' Why do you think that the author described the sky in this way?

Accept any reasonable answer which discusses the imagery created, e.g.

- **I think that the author uses these words to create a vivid image in the reader's head of what the sky was like.**

3. 'Away Laura flew...' Why do you think the author used 'flew' instead of 'walked'?

Accept any reasonable answer regarding the speed of Laura's movements, e.g.

- **Because Laura moved away so quickly she looked like a bird flying away.**
- **Because Laura moved quickly so it looked like she had flown.**

Tense Tales

We **walked** down the beach and **ate** an ice cream. The weather **was** so hot and sunny that **I got** a tan! We **headed** towards the marina and we **saw** the yachts **turn** in.

We **found** a restaurant to have our evening meal in. We **looked** at all of the menus and **decided** what we'd like. Dad **laughed (was laughing)** at the prices – **it was** so much cheaper than at home!

I went for a swim in the pool before I **went** to bed – it **was** so relaxing.

Think and Write: Summer Showers

Example Sentences

Sentence 1: Include an expanded noun phrase.

The cheeky, happy gnome held up the large, orange flower.

Sentence 2: Include the co-ordinating conjunction 'for'.

The gnome covered his head for it was beginning to rain.

Sentence 3: Write a sentence containing inverted commas.

"I'm going to get wet," shouted Gerome.

Sentence 4: Write a sentence containing a fronted adverbial.

In a hurry, Gerome made his way inside.

Subordinating Summer Sentences

We were late for the plane **because / as / when** Johan forgot the passports.

Laura hasn't been abroad **since** she was a little girl.

They still had a good time **although/ though / even though** it rained all week.

Kim would have been sunburned **if** Lee hadn't have woken her up.

Mum got us some drinks **while / as** Dad guarded the sun beds.

Example answers:

We missed our next flight because the plane took off too late.

We had lots to eat and drink since the refreshments were free of charge.

I'd definitely go there again if I was given a chance to.

We went in the pool at night time although the lifeguard said we couldn't.

Adverbial Adventures

Various answers possible.

Message in a Bottle

knowledge

experience

difficult

possession

separate

surprise

reign

eighth

Accept any sensible paragraph containing all eight words.

Solve the Clues to Guess Whose Is Whose

Watch: Max's

Necklace: Sue's

Bottle: Jess's

Fish: The girls'

Glasses: Princess's

Cat: Mrs Lee's

A Child's Book of the Seasons by Arthur Ransome

1. Find and copy two adverbs from the first paragraph.

Accept the following answers:

- quietly
- softly

2. Why do you think that the rabbit felt frightened when Sally tripped over it?

Accept any reasonable answer relating to the size of Sally compared to the rabbit, or the threat of getting hurt, e.g.

- Because Sally was much bigger than the rabbit.
- Because he did not see her coming and wasn't expecting her to be there.
- Because he thought Sally was going to hurt him.

3. Find and copy the phrase which shows what Sally did to make the rabbit feel better.

Accept: 'Sally stroked it (until it was not frightened anymore).'

4. In the fourth paragraph, the author gives clues about the animal before revealing its name. Why do you think he does that?

Accept any reasonable answer pertaining to interesting or engaging the reader, e.g.

- To make the reader think.
- To entertain the reader with a quiz.
- To build suspense in the text.