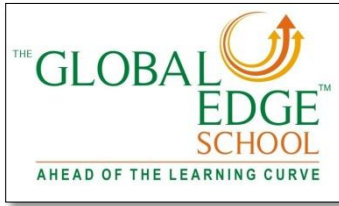


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Comprehension and Grammar

I. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:

Playing Catch

by Liana Mahoney

She tosses me the ball. I toss it back to Sis.
 She throws it really high: "Let's see you catch this!"
 The sun is in my eyes! Where IS that ball now?
 I've got to spot the ball and catch it somehow.
 I'm waiting and I'm waiting. My glove is waiting, too.
 I'm looking up, not looking down. I trip on my left shoe.
 I'm diving toward the ground. My arms are stretched out straight.
 I open up my glove, but I'm afraid that I'm too late.
 I can't believe my eyes. I think I see the ball!
 It's nestled in my glove; I caught it after all!
 I hear my sister cheering. She saw my super catch.
 But Fido stole the ball from me. He thinks we're playing fetch!

- Choose another appropriate title for this poem.
 - My Sister's Amazing Toss
 - Fido's Bad Day
 - My Amazing Catch
 - The Ball That Went Up, But Never Came Down

- Why the girl had difficulty catching the ball?

- What silly event happened in the last line of the poem?

- What does the word nestled mean in line 10?

- fell from above
- held on by a little bit
- rolling around
- held snugly or tightly.

- The word 'trip' is a homograph, make two sentences with the word to bring out its meanings.

1.

2.

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II. Read the passage carefully:

Australia is an island. It is surrounded by the sea. However, as it is large in size, it is called a continent. It has long sandy beaches, grassy farmland and high mountains. It also has vast deserts and forests.

Australia is famous for sheep rearing. There are millions of sheep all over the country. These sheep are bred for their meat and wool. There are also many large cattle farms in Australia.

Kangaroos live in Australia too. These animals are native to Australia. The mother kangaroo carries her young in her pouch. Kangaroos can run very fast because they have powerful hind legs.

Like kangaroos, koalas can only be found in Australia. These animals are very quiet and they live in gum trees. They seldom climb down from their trees. Koala babies cling on to their mothers' bodies. They also ride on their mothers' back.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. Why is Australia an island?

2. Name the two animals that can be found only in Australia.

3. Which animal lives most of the time in trees?

4. What helps the kangaroo to run fast?

5. Write a synonym and antonym each for the following:

a. Seldom: _____

b. Large: _____

III. Identify the part of speech each word belongs to:

	Part of Speech		Part of Speech
Nitya		fetch	
loudly		The	
because		Elephant	
green		Our	
cry		Wow!	
into		soon	

IV. Fill in the blanks according to the instructions given in the brackets:

1. I have a _____ pencil. (adjective)
2. That restaurant serves _____ food. (adjective)
3. He is a _____ player. (adjective)
4. The fire spread _____. (adverb)
5. He told us to talk _____ in the classroom. (adverb)
6. The old man drank the juice _____. (adverb)

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7. I will not go _____ you _____ that cave. (preposition)
8. He stood _____ top of the mountain and looked _____ his new land.
(preposition)
9. The horse galloped _____ the open gate. (preposition)
10. There are gardens of coral _____ the sea. (Preposition)

V. Identify the type of each sentence:

1. Mushrooms have no flowers, seeds, leaves or roots. _____
2. Who was India's first prime minister? _____
3. Hurray! Our team won the match. _____
4. Bake the cake in a hot oven. _____
5. Oh my god! That is Sachin Tendulkar in front of me. _____
6. Sign your name here, please. _____
7. Tennis is my favourite sport. _____
8. Why are you crying? _____
9. What a wonderful party! _____
10. Stop talking. _____

VI. Circle the subject and underline the predicate:

1. Juan and Julian worked so hard on their project.
2. A large number of swimmers competed in the race this year.
3. The tired old man came in from the rain.
4. People really need to stop littering.
5. I am very hungry.
6. This beautiful 15th century painting is priceless.
7. The wild bunny hopped across the road.
8. The bird's feathers were long and colorful.

VII. Choose the correct verb that agrees with the subject:

1. Everyone (is/are) going to the park.
2. Tonight, Ralph and I (is/are) going out.
3. (Is/Are) the jury going to decide on the case tomorrow?
4. Should we watch the news for three (hour/hours) or not?
5. Is anyone (go/goes/going) to the park tomorrow?
6. Johnny, together with his friends, (enjoy/enjoys) going out together.
7. We (want/wants) to go to the movie theater tonight.
8. Either one of us (are/is) going home later.
9. Each person (isn't/aren't) going to like the final decision.
10. Here (is/are) my papers that you requested.

VIII. Rewrite the following three sentences using full stops and capital letters where necessary.

the pilot was tall his co – pilot was much shorter than him the two became very good friends

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IX. Circle the suffix and prefix and write the base word on the line:

1. Billy is swimming across the pool. _____
2. Dave is disliked because he is selfish. _____
3. The boys had a disagreement. _____
4. The drawing I am doing is still unfinished. _____
5. That was a very enjoyable day. _____
6. Eating too much fatty food is unhealthy. _____
7. The umpire disallowed the free kick. _____
8. The shopkeeper refunded the money. _____

X. Select the correct meaning of the underlined word using context clues:

1. South African leader Nelson Mandela is a **magnanimous** man who is respected worldwide for his courageous, lifelong effort on behalf of human rights.
 - a. Unsuccessful
 - b. Rich
 - c. Noble in mind and heart
 - d. Angry
2. The captain of the pep squad is **vivacious** when she performs, but the rest of the time she is calm and low-key.
 - a. Lively and active
 - b. Sad, unhappy
 - c. Relaxed and easygoing
 - d. Bored
3. The ballet dancer was so **lithe** that she seemed to move smoothly across the stage.
 - a. Difficult to work with
 - b. Moving beautifully
 - c. Tall
 - d. Proud
4. The aging actor is **fastidious** about her appearance: her clothes are beautifully tailored, her hair and make-up are flawless, and she is always perfectly groomed.
 - a. Careless
 - b. Good sense of Humour
 - c. Unable to take care of
 - d. Very careful about
5. My brother is absolutely **tenacious**. For example, when he sets a goal for himself, he doesn't let anything stop him from achieving it.
 - a. Silly
 - b. Well – liked by others
 - c. Refusing to give up
 - d. always asking help from others

XI. Make 2 sentences with the following Homograph so as to bring out their different meanings:

1. Minute

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2. Close

3. Lie

4. Present

XII. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense form:

1. I _____ (return) the library books yesterday.
2. My mother _____ (bake) a cake every Sunday afternoon.
3. The man who _____ (sing) on stage now is a popular singer.
4. Jim _____ (wait) for his friend at the bus stop when he saw an accident.
5. The boys _____ (finish) their football practice when the rain started.
6. The girl _____ (pack) her toys before she ate her dinner.
7. My uncle _____ (arrive) tomorrow from London.
8. The men _____ (repair) the road whole of next week.
9. I _____ (finish) my exams by this time next month.

XIII. Complete the following table. The first one is done for you.

Simple Present	Present Continuous	Present Perfect	Past Continuous	Past Perfect	Future Continuous	Future Perfect
I stand.	I am standing.	I have stood.	I was standing.	I had stood.	I will be standing.	I will have stood.
You catch						
He runs						