



English- Grade 8

Activity 1.8/1.9

Competency : 5

Competency level : 5.4 Reads and responds to simple poems.
5.2 Extracts specific information from various types of texts.

Unit : 01

Learning Outcomes:

- Finds specific information from the given texts.
- Identifies the simple poetic techniques of a poem.
- Expresses ideas, feelings, emotions in simple sentences.

Activity 01.

- a) Read the poem in Pupil's Book page 09 and answer the questions given.
- b) Read the poem given below and answer the questions.

The Bird

The cuckoo is a fine bird
He sings as he flies,
He brings us good tidings
He tells no lies
He sucks little birds' eggs
To make his voice clear
And when he sings "cuckoo!"
The summer is near

1. What is the title of the poem?
2. What is the name of the bird in this poem?
3. What does he bring?
4. Find two sets of rhyming words from this poem.
5. He announces that is near.

Activity 02.

Read the letter given in page 10 and answer the questions given in Activity 1.9

Other references

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Student's Assessment

01. Read the following poem and answer the questions.

Little Robin Redbreast

Little Robin Redbreast

Sat upon a tree,

He sang merrily,

As merrily as could be.

He nodded with his head

And his tail wagged he,

As little Robin Redbreast

Sat upon a tree

Welcome little Robin,

With your scarlet breast

In the winter weather

Cold could your nest

Hopping on the carpet Picking up the crumbs

Robin knows the little children

Love him when he comes.

1. What is this poem about? (1 mark)
2. Where did the Robin sit? (1 mark)
3. Write three things the bird did. (3 marks)
4. What does the Robin do while hopping? (1 mark)
5. Find from the poem, words similar in meaning to the following.
 - a) happily-
 - b) scarlet-
 - c) scraps-
 - d) shook- (1/2 x 4 = 2 marks)
6. Write 2 pairs of rhyming words found in the poem (2 marks)

2. Read the letter given below and answer the questions.

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22nd March 2021

Dear Rizwi,

Thank you very much for your letter. You had written in detail about your visit to the Nilaweli beach. I enjoyed reading it a lot. I wish I could visit your beautiful country someday.

Next week, I hope to go rock climbing with my friends. Do you also like rock climbing? I like it because it is exciting and adventurous, but it is a difficult and dangerous sport. However, it is important to concentrate on how to get to the top. When you are there, you feel that you can see the entire world and enjoy nature. Sometimes, I feel frightened, but it's a great experience. I have sent a photograph for you with the letter. Write to me about what you like to do during your free time.

I hope you and your family are keeping well.

With love,

Tony.

1. Name the sender and the receiver of the letter. (2 marks)
2. Where is Rizwi's pen friend from? (1 mark)
3. Where has Rizvi visited? (1 mark)
4. What is the plan of Tony for the next week? (1 mark)
5. Why does Tony like rock climbing? Give two reasons. (2 marks)
6. According to Tony how does one feel when a person climbed on to a top of a rock? (1 mark)
7. Find synonyms for the given words from the letter.
 - a) risky-
 - b) terrified-

(2 marks)

