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## PARTIES

- Reading: The First Adventure  
(Continued)
  - Writing a Letter of Invitation
  - Compound Nouns
  - Base Form of Verb
  - to + Base Form of Verb
  - -ing Form of Verb
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### LISTENING

a) Listen and fill in the blanks.

I was coming home from (1)\_\_\_\_\_ one evening – rather (2)\_\_\_\_\_ and (3)\_\_\_\_\_ it was. While approaching the (4)\_\_\_\_\_, I passed a row of telephone terminals. I spotted my (5)\_\_\_\_\_, with his back to me at the end terminal. He's rather distinctive – really (6)\_\_\_\_\_, skinny with a mass of long jet (7)\_\_\_\_\_, and he always wears this old beat-up biking type (8)\_\_\_\_\_. I crept up behind him and slapped him really hard on (9)\_\_\_\_\_ and quickly ducked down. To my absolute (10)\_\_\_\_\_ this young woman turned around screaming and shouting. I was so mortified!

b) Listen and select the best choice to complete each sentence.

1. The speaker went to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. his aunt's party  
B. a party in town  
C. a baby shower  
D. a house warming
2. It was until he/ she had taken \_\_\_\_\_ steps that he realized he/ she had gotten into the wrong house.  
A. three and a half  
B. three  
C. thirteen  
D. thirty



## SPEAKING

a) Circle the word whose **bold part** is pronounced differently from that of the other three.

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| 1. A. prepare       | B. case     | C. plate        | D. baby       |
| 2. A. shower        | B. shown    | C. mown         | D. <b>own</b> |
| 3. A. meat          | B. bread    | C. <b>eagle</b> | D. each       |
| 4. A. <b>tucked</b> | B. finished | C. placed       | D. removed    |
| 5. A. knives        | B. napkins  | C. plates       | D. collars    |

b) Circle the word whose main stress is on a syllable different from the others.

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| 1. A. removing   | B. opposite  | C. diagonal | D. acceptable |
| 2. A. complete   | B. finish    | C. mouthful | D. cutlery    |
| 3. A. except     | B. teaspoon  | C. birthday | D. Christmas  |
| 4. A. sociable   | B. absolute  | C. dynamic  | D. lovely     |
| 5. A. attendance | B. introduce | C. decision | D. arrange    |

c) Rearrange the lines to make a meaningful dialogue. Then practice speaking.

- ☐ Not yet. What kind of party is it?
- ☐ Did her parents buy a new house?
- ☐ Oh, no. It was her uncle's. He's gone abroad and transferred the house to her parents.
- ☐ Well, it's a housewarming.
- ☒ 1 Have you been invited to Mary's party?

d) Minh is talking to Mary about his plan for a party. Complete the dialogue.

Mary: What is your plan for the birthday party? Where are you going to have it?

Minh: \_\_\_\_\_.

Mary: Have you decided on the guest list?

Minh: \_\_\_\_\_.

Mary: How many guests did you say?

Minh: \_\_\_\_\_.

Mary: Wow! It's going to be a big party, isn't it?

Minh: \_\_\_\_\_.

Mary: OK. What is the date and time?

Minh: \_\_\_\_\_.

Mary: I'm going to be invited, aren't I?

Minh: Of course. You're my guest of honor!



## READING



*The following is a summary of an adventure story written by Courtney Toth (Corky), a teenage writer with an amazing imagination, published on the Net. The teen writer uses many words and expressions which are widely used in young Americans' spoken style.*

### The First Adventure

*(Continued and end)*

#### Chapter 5

Our mouths dropped open. I could hear Hammy shivering. "All right," I said, "I suggest we get moving. You know what I mean, see where we end up." Hammy nodded. We started walking down a long passage and soon we came to a junction. We chose the one on our right and found ourselves in a room. There was a strange looking cupboard in the corner of the room.

"Wonder what's in there," Hammy said. I opened the door. A black spider crawled out and I peered in. The cupboard opened out into a long tunnel. "Pssst! Ham," I whispered. "Follow me." Hammy got onto her hands and knees and started to follow me. As we crawled along, I started to wonder how in the first place we got into Mexico



City, or whatever it was called. "Hey, Ham," I said, peering round and staring into her blue eyes. "How did we get here in the first place?" Hammy shrugged and then she looked at me. "On second thoughts," she added, "I think I know what the problem is." And she leaned over and whispered something in my ear.

*Find the word which means:*

1. a way of exit or entrance
2. a place or point of meeting
3. to move slowly along the ground on your hands and knees or with your body close to the ground
4. to look curiously

## **Chapter 6**

I had found a grill on the floor. It opened easily and Hammy and I peered in. A man with a gun was standing, guarding a fluorescent green switch – exactly the same as Hammy had told me. "All we have to do is push it and break the time link and be back home," said Hammy. "Oh," she added, "how do we get past that man?" "Got any good ideas?" I asked. "Yes," she replied. She told me and we emptied out our pockets.

A stick, two paper clips, a piece of bubble gum, and a piece of string. Perfect! We put away the paper clips and tied the string around the stick to make a fishing rod. Then I chewed the bubble gum and stuck it on the end of the string. I lowered it down until it stuck to the man's hat. Hammy then hoisted it up, making it look like a ghost had grabbed it. The man made a high-pitched squeal and cried out: "Me 'at ... it – it's 'aunted!' And with that he ran out of the room, just as we had planned.

*Look up the word which means:*

5. an informal restaurant or dining room
6. to lift, raise
7. to make a shrill cry or noise
8. visited or inhabited by a ghost



## Chapter 7



"Come on," I said. "Let's get down there." We climbed down with a bit of difficulty but we got down in the end. We ran over to the switch. "Push it," said Hammy. I looked around. "Please, Ham, just a minute," I said.

All the books on the shelves, all the guns nailed to the wall – they were so real, but I found myself still asking myself – was this whole thing just a dream? It couldn't be. I turned back to Hammy. "I'm ready," I said. She stretched out her hands and pushed the switch. My whole life seemed to flash before me and I found myself back on the school bus. The capsule had disappeared. "What an adventure," I said to Hammy.

"Yeah!" She replied. And we smiled.

*Answer the questions.*

9. Why did Jo ask Hammy to wait for a minute before pushing the switch?
10. What did Jo mean when he said, "My whole life seemed to flash before me?"



### WRITING

*a) Match parts of a letter with its contents.*

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| a) Place & date            | 1. We are going to have a friendly party   |
| b) Greeting                | 2. at the following address –              |
| c) Reason of invitation    | 15, Nguyen Chi Thanh Street, Da Nang       |
| d) Date & time             | 3. December 24, from 10 p.m. to midnight,  |
| e) Venue                   | to celebrate Christmas.                    |
| f) Special activity        | 4. Your presence will be our honor.        |
| g) Response (if necessary) | Affectionately                             |
| h) Closing                 | 5. Dear Ms. Green                          |
| i) Signature               | 6. Bring along some of your friends if you |
|                            | want to.                                   |
|                            | 7. Please let me know if you will join us. |
|                            | 8. Nguyen Thai                             |
|                            | 9. Da Nang, December 15, 2006              |

*b) Write a letter to invite someone to a dinner party to celebrate your winning a scholarship. You might find the following expressions helpful.*

- You are warmly welcomed to . . .*
- Your presence will make the party have more fun*
- There will be a lot of games and surprising activities for all*
- Please let me know . . .*



## **USE OF LANGUAGE**

### **1. Word Formation: Compound nouns: noun + noun**

*a) Find three compound nouns with man. Then make a sentence with each new word. The first one has been done for you.*

*milkman*

He's the milkman I often meet on my way to school.

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*b) Find three compound words with craft (vessel or vehicle for traveling). Then make a sentence with each new word. The first one has been done for you.*

*aircraft*

Boeing has received orders for 67 of its 747 aircraft this year.

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*c) Read the meanings and write the words.*

1. a table for coffee 

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2. a machine for taking milk from cows 

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3. a movie that is intended to frighten people 

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4. a boy who earns money by delivering newspapers to people's homes 

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5. a button near the front door of a house that you press to make a sound to tell the person in the house that you are there

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6. sports that are done on snow or ice, for example *skiing* and *skating*

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**d) Choose the correct words.**

1. Please carry the (*armschairs, armchairs*) into the living room.
2. They are the only (*woman jockeys, women jockeys*) in town.
3. These are the (*teas pots, teapots*) I bought in Thailand.
4. Look at the (*bamboos shoots, bamboo shoots*) in the corner of the garden.
5. These are the photos of the (*chairsmen, chairman*) of the company.
6. How many (*salesmen, salemen*) do you want?
7. Are you looking for (*firesfighters, firefighters*)?

## **2. Base Form of Verb**

**a) Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box, using their correct form. Some verbs can appear more than once.**

*hear   answer   get   put   talk   live   do   hurt   travel*

1. Children, I asked you not \_\_\_\_\_ while I'm writing.
2. John's goals in life are \_\_\_\_\_ a job and \_\_\_\_\_ abroad.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ long and healthy is his ideal life.
4. She does not want \_\_\_\_\_ anything that might \_\_\_\_\_ him.
5. He was anxious \_\_\_\_\_ the result of the examination.
6. Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ with him about his result?
7. You have \_\_\_\_\_ it right away. Time is running out.
8. He decided not \_\_\_\_\_ the doorbell.

**b) Read the text and underline the base form of the verbs.**

It was rather late but I decided to leave my house and ride to the friendly gathering at Lan's house. It was quite difficult to find her house because it was near the end of a long and twisted alley, and I could not remember the way exactly. When I finally showed up, everyone was happy to see me, for Lan had invited just a few people who were really close to her. There were eight of us sitting on round stools at a small rectangular table. We had not seen one another for a long time, so we had a good time telling each other about our past as well as recent experiences.

**c) Check (✓) the box next to the correct form of the verbs.**

1. My brother wants ☐ *to have* his birthday party outdoors.  
☐ *have*
2. This task should ☐ *be done* first.  
☐ *to be done*
3. She lets her children ☐ *stay up* very late.  
☐ *to stay up*
4. Did he ask you ☐ *play* with the children?  
☐ *to play*
5. We'll be able ☐ *to start* literacy classes in this village.  
☐ *start*
6. I see the children ☐ *go up* and down the street in front of my house.  
☐ *to go up*
7. They may ☐ *come* to our village in a few days.  
☐ *to come*
8. You'd better ☐ *come* with us.  
☐ *to come*
9. Would you like ☐ *to eat* now or wait for Phi to join us?  
☐ *eat*
10. I need ☐ *to go* now.  
☐ *go*



11. Remember ☐ *bring* mosquito nets.

☐ *to bring*

12. You may wonder why I have arranged ☐ *to meet* all of you today.

☐ *meet*



d) Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box, using the -ing form.

*close*

*win*

*speak*

*meet*

*attend*

*travel*

*go*

*have*

1. He is not sociable. He often avoids \_\_\_\_\_ social gatherings.

2. She dislikes \_\_\_\_\_ strangers.

3. He practices \_\_\_\_\_ English every day.

4. We enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ abroad.

5. I regret \_\_\_\_\_ said something wrong about him.

6. The Tigers celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ the Year's Prize.

7. We started \_\_\_\_\_ into the mountains early in the morning.

8. Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ the windows please?

e) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses, to + base form or + ing form.

1. *John:* Mary, would you (*open*) the windows please. It's very dark in here.

*Mary:* Yes, dear. I'll (*do*) it right now. By the way, would you mind (*turn*) off the electric fan. I feel rather cold.

2. *Alan:* Mary may (*come*) in a few minutes.  
*Alice:* Well, she's just called (*say*) that she can't (*come*) due to an unexpected event.
3. *Nam:* Lien invited us (*come*) to her birthday party.  
*Lan:* Oh, I love parties. Would you like (*go*)?  
*Nam:* It's a pity! I have (*go*) out of town on that day.  
*Lan:* I'm sorry (*hear*) that.
4. *Minh:* Keep (*go*) until we see the cave.  
*Lam:* I don't mind (*go*), but I feel very hot and tired.  
*Minh:* I regret (*say*) that we must (*reach*) the cave before it gets dark. It's very dangerous (*go*) in the dark.  
*Lam:* I feel like (*have*) a short rest.  
*Minh:* OK. Just a few minutes is all right.