

Family Gathering



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I engaged in a game of football with my brother and cousins. Meanwhile, my sister spent her time chatting with our grandmother and picked up knitting. Our aunt prepared a large cake that delighted everyone. Its taste was exceptional, and we enjoyed eating it together.

My father assisted our grandfather with some garden work. My mother and aunt had a lively discussion about my cousin. Their laughter filled the air. The adults conversed about their jobs and vacation plans.

Our day concluded with a group photograph. Our grandfather expressed his joy at seeing his children and their families united. Warm hugs and farewells were exchanged. I eagerly anticipate our next family get-together.

CEFR Level Card

General Level: B1.3

Vocabulary: B1.5

Verb Forms: A2.8

Sentences: B1.0

Vocabulary

adore VERB B2 x1

Definition (En):

v. love intensely

anticipate VERB B2 x1

Definition (En):

v. act in advance of; deal with ahead of time

v. realize beforehand

v. be excited or anxious about

v. be a forerunner of or occur earlier than

bustle VERB B2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a rapid active commotion

n. a framework worn at the back below the waist for giving fullness to a woman's skirt

v. move or cause to move energetically or busily

delight VERB B2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a feeling of extreme pleasure or satisfaction

v. take delight in

eagerly ADV B2 x1

Definition (En):

r. with eagerness; in an eager manner

enthusiasm NOUN B2 x1

Definition (En):

- n. a feeling of excitement
- n. a lively interest

joy NOUN B2 x1

Definition (En):

- n. the emotion of great happiness
- n. something or someone that provides a source of happiness

knitting NOUN C1 x1

Definition (En):

- n. creating knitted wear

spacious ADJ B2 x1

Definition (En):

- s very large in expanse or scope
- s (of buildings and rooms) having ample space

Phrases

PHRASE	COUNT	SENTENCES
converse about (someone or something)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The adults conversed about their jobs and vacation plans.
engage in	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I engaged in a game of football with my brother and cousins.
pay a visit to (someone or something)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Sunday, my parents suggested we pay a visit to our grandparents.
pick up	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meanwhile, my sister spent her time chatting with our grandmother and picked up knitting.

Reading Comprehension Exercises

True / False / Not Given

1. My family went to see our grandparents on a Saturday.
2. My siblings were happy about the idea of visiting our grandparents.
3. We were surprised to see other family members at our grandparents' house.
4. Our grandmother's house is known for its small size.
5. While the kids played outside, the adults were all asleep.
6. My aunt made a cake that was so bad no one liked it.
7. My sister learned how to knit from our grandmother.
8. My mother and aunt were talking about a movie.
9. By the end of our visit, we were all feeling sad.
10. My uncle and aunt shared their job experiences during the visit.

Multiple Choice

1. Why did the speaker feel excited?
 - A) Because of the large cake
 - B) Because they were visiting their grandparents
 - C) Because they played football
 - D) Because of the garden work

2. What did the sister do at the grandparents' house?
 - A) She baked a cake
 - B) She repaired something
 - C) She played football
 - D) She chatted with the grandmother and knitted

3. What was special about the cake?
 - A) It was very small
 - B) It was not tasty
 - C) It was exceptionally tasty
 - D) It was a gift from a friend

4. Who did the father help with the garden work?
 - A) The uncle
 - B) The mother
 - C) The grandfather
 - D) The cousin

5. How did the day end?
 - A) With a game of football
 - B) With a large cake
 - C) With a family argument
 - D) With a group photograph

6. What did the grandfather express?
 - A) His disappointment
 - B) His excitement for the next visit
 - C) His joy of the family being together
 - D) His worries about the garden

7. Why were the mother and aunt laughing?
 - A) Because they told jokes
 - B) Because of a funny TV show
 - C) Because of the garden work
 - D) Because they were discussing the cousin

8. What did the adults talk about?
 - A) Their childhood memories
 - B) Gardening tips
 - C) Their jobs and vacation plans
 - D) Educational subjects

9. What shared activity did the family enjoy?
- A) Playing football
 - B) Knitting together
 - C) Eating cake together
 - D) Taking a walk in the garden
10. What are the speaker's feelings towards future family get-togethers?
- A) They are uninterested
 - B) They do not want to go
 - C) They feel nervous
 - D) They eagerly anticipate them

Short Answer

1. Why was the house bustling?
2. What game did I play with my brother and cousins?
3. What did my sister do at our grandparents' house?
4. Who prepared the large cake?
5. Why was the cake special?
6. With whom did my father work in the garden?
7. About what did my mother and aunt talk?
8. What did the adults discuss?
9. What happened last during our visit?
10. What did our grandfather express?

Multiple Choice Cloze

On Sunday, my parents suggested we pay a visit to our grandparents. I felt ___1___. My sister and brother shared my enthusiasm. We all ___2___ visiting our grandparents' spacious house, which also boasts a lovely garden. Upon our arrival, we discovered my uncle, aunt, and cousins had also come. The house was ___3___ with family members.

I engaged in a game of football with my brother and cousins. Meanwhile, my sister spent her time ___4___ with our grandmother and picked up knitting. Our aunt prepared a large cake that ___5___ everyone. Its taste was exceptional, and we enjoyed eating it together.

My father ___6___ our grandfather with some garden work. My mother and aunt had a ___7___ discussion about my cousin. Their laughter filled the air. The adults conversed about their jobs and vacation plans.

Our day concluded with a group photograph. Our grandfather ___8___ his joy at seeing his children and their families united. Warm hugs and farewells were ___9___. I eagerly ___10___ our next family get-together.

- 1) A. bored B. excited C. worried D. tired
- 2) A. hate B. adore C. avoid D. dread
- 3) A. silent B. empty C. bustling D. quiet
- 4) A. arguing B. chatting C. singing D. reading
- 5) A. frightened B. angered C. delighted D. bored
- 6) A. avoided B. assisted C. ignored D. forgotten
- 7) A. serious B. lively C. boring D. silent
- 8) A. hid B. expressed C. denied D. questioned
- 9) A. postponed B. canceled C. exchanged D. forgotten
- 10) A. anticipate B. forget C. ignore D. postpone

Exercise Answers

True / False / Not Given Answers

1. False

Explanation: The text mentions that the visit was on a Sunday, not Saturday.
("On Sunday, my parents suggested we pay a visit to our grandparents.")

2. True

Explanation: The phrase 'shared my enthusiasm' indicates that the siblings were also excited.
("My sister and brother shared my enthusiasm.")

3. True

Explanation: The word 'discovered' suggests that it was a surprise to see their uncle, aunt, and cousins.
("Upon our arrival, we discovered my uncle, aunt, and cousins had also come.")

4. False

Explanation: The adjective 'spacious' indicates that the house is large, not small.
("We all adore visiting our grandparents' spacious house")

5. False

Explanation: The adults were doing activities like garden work and having discussions, which means they were not asleep.
("My father assisted our grandfather with some garden work. My mother and aunt had a lively discussion about my cousin.")

6. False

Explanation: The text says the cake 'delighted everyone', which means everyone liked it.
("Our aunt prepared a large cake that delighted everyone.")

7. True

Explanation: The phrase 'picked up knitting' while chatting with grandmother suggests that she learned to knit.
("Meanwhile, my sister spent her time chatting with our grandmother and picked up knitting.")

8. False

Explanation: The text specifically says they were discussing my cousin, not a movie.
("My mother and aunt had a lively discussion about my cousin.")

9. False

Explanation: The anticipation for the next get-together and the warm farewells suggest happiness, not sadness.
("Warm hugs and farewells were exchanged. I eagerly anticipate our next family get-together.")

10. Not Given

Explanation: The text does not mention what the uncle and aunt specifically talked about regarding their jobs.
("N/A")

Multiple Choice Answers

1. B

Explanation: The speaker felt excited because they adore visiting their grandparents which the text directly states.

("I felt excited. My sister and brother shared my enthusiasm. We all adore visiting our grandparents' spacious house, which also boasts a lovely garden.")

2. D

Explanation: The text says that the sister was chatting with the grandmother and picked up knitting.

("Meanwhile, my sister spent her time chatting with our grandmother and picked up knitting.")

3. C

Explanation: The text indicates the exceptional taste of the cake was what made it special.

("Its taste was exceptional, and we enjoyed eating it together.")

4. C

Explanation: The text explicitly mentions that the father helped the grandfather with garden work.

("My father assisted our grandfather with some garden work.")

5. D

Explanation: The day ended with a group photograph according to the text.

("Our day concluded with a group photograph.")

6. C

Explanation: The text clearly states that the grandfather expressed his joy at seeing his family united.

("Our grandfather expressed his joy at seeing his children and their families united.")

7. D

Explanation: The mother and aunt were laughing because they had a lively discussion about the cousin, as mentioned in the text.

("My mother and aunt had a lively discussion about my cousin. Their laughter filled the air.")

8. C

Explanation: The text indicates that the adults' conversation was about their jobs and vacation plans.

("The adults conversed about their jobs and vacation plans.")

9. C

Explanation: The family enjoyed eating the large cake together as suggested by the text.

("Its taste was exceptional, and we enjoyed eating it together.")

10. D

Explanation: The speaker expresses positive feelings about future get-togethers by saying they eagerly anticipate them.

("I eagerly anticipate our next family get-together.")

Short Answer Answers

1. Family members had also come.

Explanation: The house was full of activity because other family members arrived.
("Upon our arrival, we discovered my uncle, aunt, and cousins had also come.")

2. Football.

Explanation: The game mentioned that was played with the brother and cousins is football.
("I engaged in a game of football with my brother and cousins.")

3. Chatted and knitted.

Explanation: The text says the sister spent her time chatting with the grandmother and also knitted.
("Meanwhile, my sister spent her time chatting with our grandmother and picked up knitting.")

4. Our aunt.

Explanation: The text directly mentions that the aunt prepared the cake.
("Our aunt prepared a large cake that delighted everyone.")

5. Its taste was exceptional.

Explanation: The text points out the exceptional taste as the reason the cake was special.
("Its taste was exceptional, and we enjoyed eating it together.")

6. Our grandfather.

Explanation: The text states that the father worked with the grandfather in the garden.
("My father assisted our grandfather with some garden work.")

7. My cousin.

Explanation: The text specifies that the mother and aunt's discussion was about the cousin.
("My mother and aunt had a lively discussion about my cousin.")

8. Their jobs and vacation plans.

Explanation: The text indicates that the adults' conversation topics were their jobs and vacation plans.
("The adults conversed about their jobs and vacation plans.")

9. A group photograph was taken.

Explanation: The text mentions that the day ended with taking a group photo.
("Our day concluded with a group photograph.")

10. Joy at seeing his children and their families united.

Explanation: The grandfather's expression of joy is about seeing his family together according to the text.
("Our grandfather expressed his joy at seeing his children and their families united.")

Multiple Choice Cloze Answers

1. B

Explanation: The correct word 'excited' describes the speaker's positive feeling towards visiting grandparents.

2. B

Explanation: The correct word 'adore' indicates a strong positive feeling towards visiting.

3. C

Explanation: The correct word 'bustling' means full of busy activity.

4. B

Explanation: The word 'chatting' implies having a casual conversation.

5. C

Explanation: The correct word 'delighted' means made very happy.

6. B

Explanation: The correct word 'assisted' means helped with a task.

7. B

Explanation: The word 'lively' implies full of life and energy.

8. B

Explanation: The correct word 'expressed' means showed a feeling.

9. C

Explanation: The correct word 'exchanged' is used when referring to giving something and receiving something else in return.

10. A

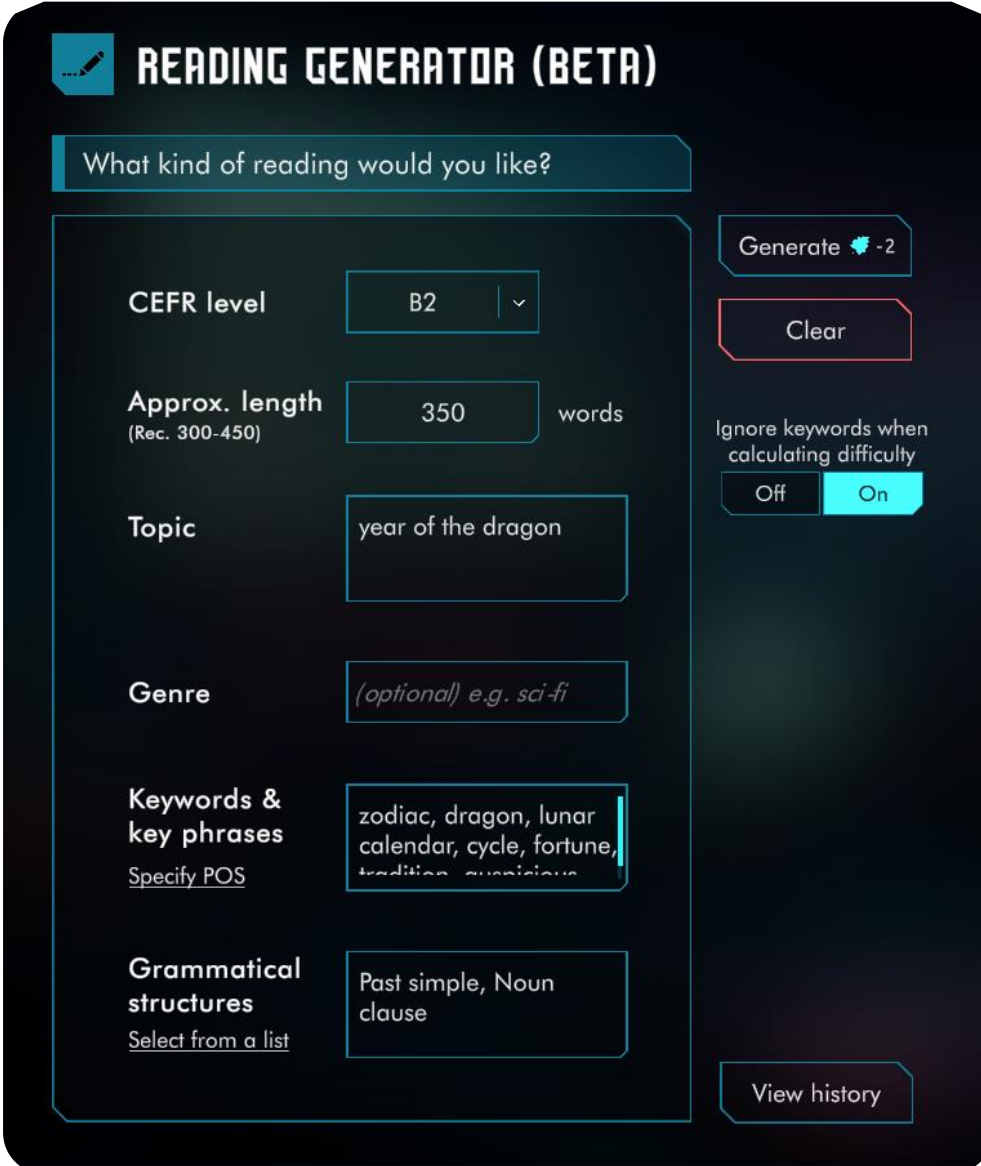
Explanation: The correct word 'anticipate' means looking forward to something with excitement.

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