

Class: VI-VIII

KITE MAKING

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Adnan is back from his home town after summer vacation and he is sharing his kite flying experience with his friend Rumi.



Adnan: Hello! Rumi, how are you?

Rumi : Hey Adnan! I am fine. How are you? I have not seen you for a long time. Where have you been?

Adnan: I am fine! I went to my home town Cox's Bazar to spend my summer vacation with my grandparents.

Rumi : You are very lucky indeed. Your home town is the best place to visit. Tell me what you did.

Adnan: I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it. My parents took me and my cousins to the sea beach, and we had great fun. We made sand castles and sand statues at the sea shore. My parents did not allow us to go in the water. The most exciting thing we did was participating in a kite flying competition.

Rumi : Really? Wow that's great!!! Tell me more about it.

Adnan: It was really exciting. Dhaka Youth Club organised the competition and it was open for all. Two of my cousins and I were really excited. The shape of my kite was not traditional, it was like an owl and it was very colourful. They gave us the kites and the reels. The weather was very windy and some of the kites were flying so high that they almost disappeared in the sky. My kite was dancing in the air and I could not control it. Some kites were only floating. Since all the kites were in different shapes and colours, the sky looked wonderful. Just imagine the sky covered with a colourful blanket.

Rumi : Oh! I missed it then. I have never flown a kite. It must be very thrilling.

Adnan: Yes, it is. We can do one thing. Let us organise a kite festival in our school.

Rumi : That's a brilliant idea. We can talk to our teachers about it.

Adnan: Yes, of course. OK, let us make some kites first. It is very easy. And then we can show it to our teachers to get permission for a festival.

Rumi : I am with you. Let's do it.

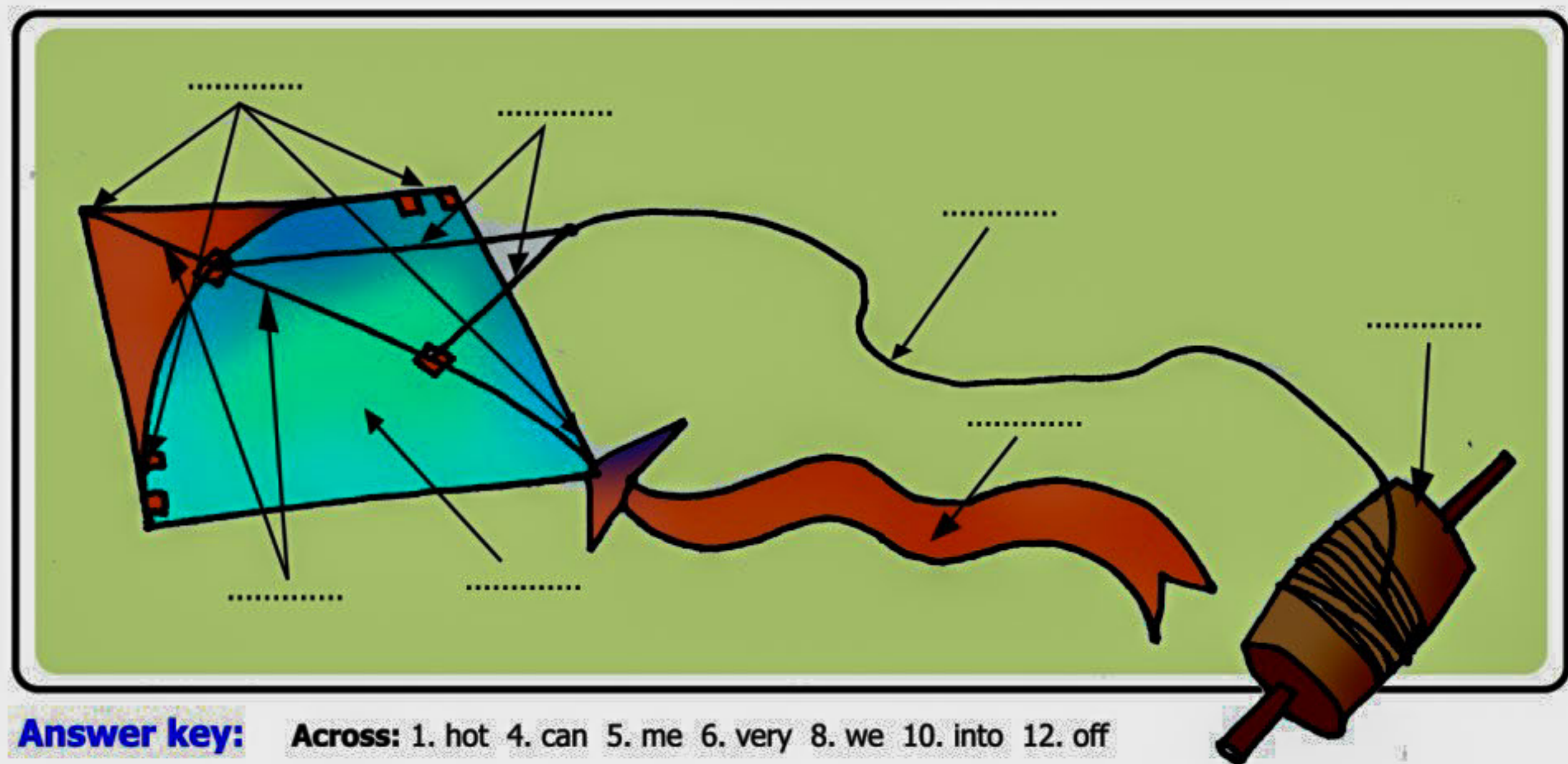
Now think of any other competition that you have participated and share it with your friends.

Parts of a kite:

In the following table parts of a kite are listed with the explanation.

Name	Explanation
1. Spine	Two main sticks (wooden or bamboo) on which you build your kite around.
2. Frame	Two joined sticks are connected from one end to another with a string that forms the shape of the kite and makes a support for the cover.
3. Cover	The paper, plastic, or cloth that covers the frame to make a kite.
4. Bridle	Two strings attached to the spine/main sticks, which help to control the kite in the air.
5. Flying Line	The string running from the kites' bridle to where you hold to control and fly the kite.
6. Tail	A long piece of paper attached at the end of the kite.
7. Reel	The object that holds the string thread to fly the kite.

Label the parts of the kite in the following picture from the table above.



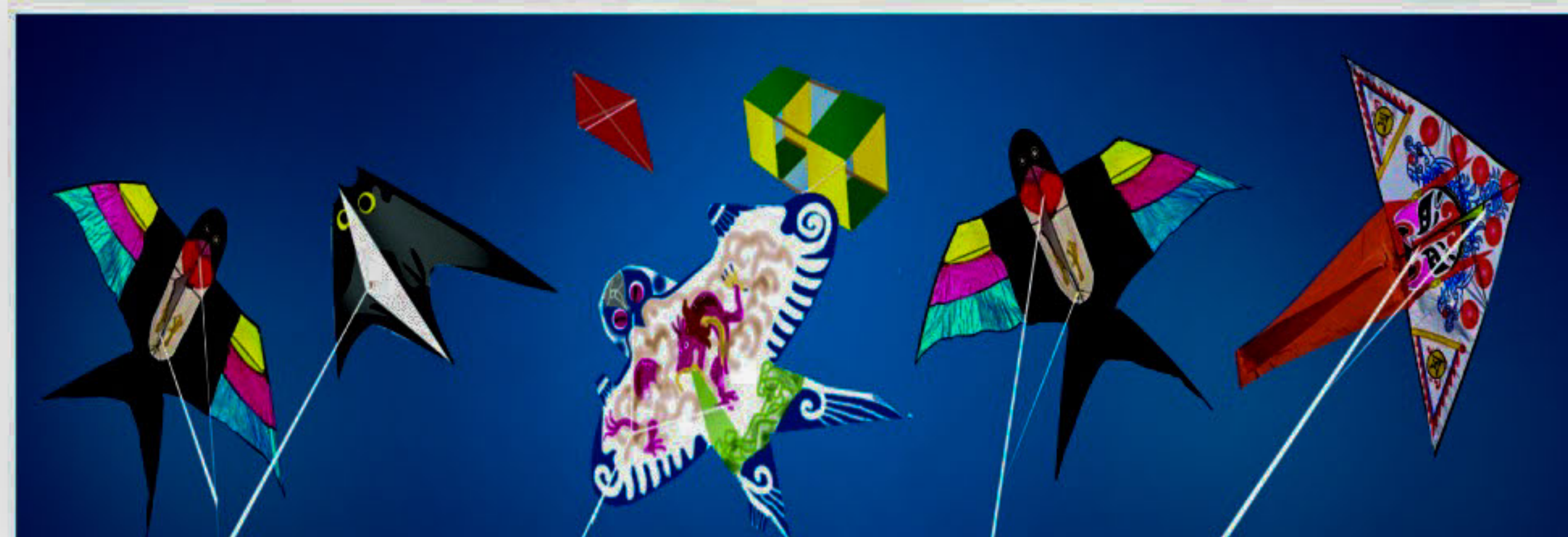
Answer key: Across: 1. hot 4. can 5. me 6. very 8. we 10. into 12. off

Down: 1. have 2. one 3. be 5. my 7. ran 8. who 9. so 10. if 11. to

Let us make a Chinese kite:

Chinese kite making is considered an art form in China. Chinese kite making needs bamboo and silk to make beautiful kites. It can range in size from a postcard to a kite many feet long and wide. Learn about this ancient art by following the simple steps below to create a Chinese kite.

- Step 1:** Choose your design. Chinese kite designs vary from simple kites to the more complex dragon and goldfish-shaped kites. You may want to choose a simpler design for your first Chinese kite and then progress to more difficult designs later.
- Step 2:** Select framing materials to make the Chinese kite. Popular framing materials include bamboo, hardwood sticks and fiberglass rods.
- Step 3:** Frame the materials into the shape of the kite.
- Step 4:** Choose the material to cover the frame of the kite. Traditional Chinese kites use silk as a flying material, but there are many things, including strong paper with a long weave, nylon or garbage bags.
- Step 5:** Make a model out of newspaper. Be sure of the size and shape of the flying material needed to cover the kite.
- Step 6:** Use straight pins to pin the newspaper to the flying material.
- Step 7:** Cut the flying material to fit the frame.
- Step 8:** Decorate the paper or silk with fabric paint, stamps, paintings or iron-ons.
- Step 9:** Sew or glue the material to the kite's frame.
- Step 10:** Attach the kite string to the bridle, which is the structure that holds the flying string.



Solve the Crossword:

Across:

- Do you want cold, or _____ water?
- _____ you play football?
- Please give that to _____.
- This is a _____ hot day.
- _____ played football today.
- Put this _____ the box.
- Please turn _____ the TV.

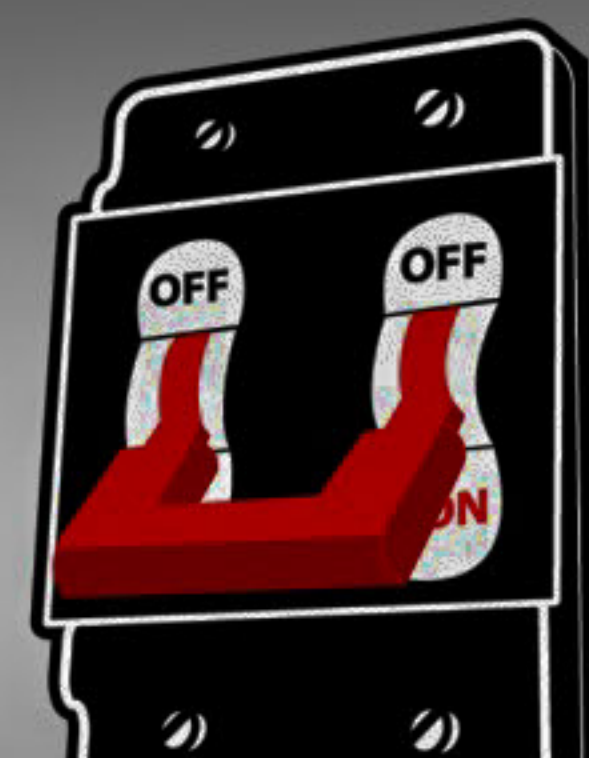
Down:

- I _____ a dog.
- _____, two, three
- I want to _____ rich.
- This is _____ book.
- I _____ after my dog.
- _____ is your English teacher?
- I have no money, _____ I can't buy this book.
- Please help me, _____ you have time.
- I like _____ listen music.

FIRE

if due to short-circuit
switch off the main circuit

In case of electrical fire, make sure you switch off the main circuit board. Then sand or heavy blankets can be used to put out the fire. Do not apply water first as it will result in greater damages.



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