



Just one touch



I am sitting in a chair next to Momma's bed. I am watching her get ready for a party. She opens the beautiful jewelry box on her nightstand.

It is the size of a shoebox. It is wooden. It has colorful stones on top. They are red, green, yellow, and blue. To me, the box looks magical. It looks like it has special powers.

"Now, you know you must never touch this box, right?" Momma says. I feel like she knows exactly what I am thinking.

I just want to touch it. I just want to open it. I just want to try on all the jewelry inside and dance around the room!

"Yes, Momma," I say. "I know."

What do I know?  
I know Momma has always told me not to touch the box. She has said it since I was a little girl.

"You are not old enough to wear my jewelry," Momma says.

I am almost eleven years old! What is the big deal?

I know that when Momma puts on the rings and bracelets from the box, she looks different. She seems to glow.

There is one necklace with a yellow stone like a tiger's eye. When Momma puts this on, she seems to float instead of walk. Her feet do not seem to touch the ground. She moves lightly and gracefully. She moves without effort.

Momma kisses me goodnight. She leaves for the party. I run to the window to wave to her, but she is already gone.

Tonight I am very curious.

Just one touch.  
I sit on the edge of Momma's bed. I place my hand on the nightstand. I pause. I think.

My hand moves up and rests on the jewelry box. The box quickly flips open by itself! Jewels fly into the air. They dance around my head. I feel strange. I fall down to the floor.

I wake up in a place I have never seen before.

- Where does most of this story take place?  
A. at a party B. in a pretend place  
C. outside a window D. in Momma's bedroom
- Who is telling the story?  
A. Momma B. a young girl  
C. Momma's friend D. a pretend person
- At the beginning of the story, where is the girl sitting?  
A. in a chair B. on the bed  
C. on the floor D. next to the window
- The jewelry box looks magical. What does this mean?  
A. It looks simple.  
B. It looks expensive.  
C. It looks like it has special powers.  
D. It looks like it was made a long time ago.
- What does Momma tell her daughter about the box?  
A. that it is magical  
B. that she must never touch it  
C. that the jewels are expensive  
D. that she can touch it when she is older
- Where is Momma going?  
A. to a play B. to a party  
C. to a concert D. to a magic show
- What does the jewelry box look like?  
I. It is brown.  
II. It is wooden.  
III. It is the size of a shoebox.  
A. I only B. I and II  
C. II and III D. I, II, and III
- Which word best describes how the girl feels about the jewelry box?  
A. angry B. curious  
C. in love D. scared
- Momma seems to glow when she puts on  
A. make up  
B. a necklace  
C. the rings and bracelets  
D. nice shoes and a fancy dress
- What does the girl seem to be thinking about when she sits on the edge of the bed?  
A. going to a party  
B. how to open the box  
C. dancing around the room  
D. if she should touch the box
- How old is the girl?  
A. 11 B. 12  
C. 10 D. 15
- What does the reader learn about the box?  
A. It is evil.  
B. It can fly.  
C. It is very heavy.  
D. It has special powers.

- What does it mean if something is a big deal?  
A. It is a heavy thing.  
B. It is very important.  
C. It cannot be forgotten.  
D. It can make a lot of money.
- At the end of the story, what does the girl mean when she says that Momma seems to float?  
A. that Momma is swimming  
B. that Momma looks like a boat  
C. that it is difficult for Momma to move  
D. that Momma moves without much effort

Complete the following essay with your own words and ideas.

Life in a high-rise flat

Man is the only home making animal. He alone can enjoy the warmth of his hearth and family circle. Man has evolved from tree dwelling to the modern flat. Primitive man was the master of his hut and it was his castle. Till recently the house had been a complex affair. There were the gardens, barn, poultry, cattle shed and so on.

There was good neighborliness. In sorrow and joy the neighbor shared. They were helping each other in many of life's needs and operations. They had enough leisure. They had time to sit over a pipe or glass of drink and gossip. In short

But those days are gone though there may be vestiges in remote places. The onslaught of Industrial Revolution and the growth of industries as a result have caused

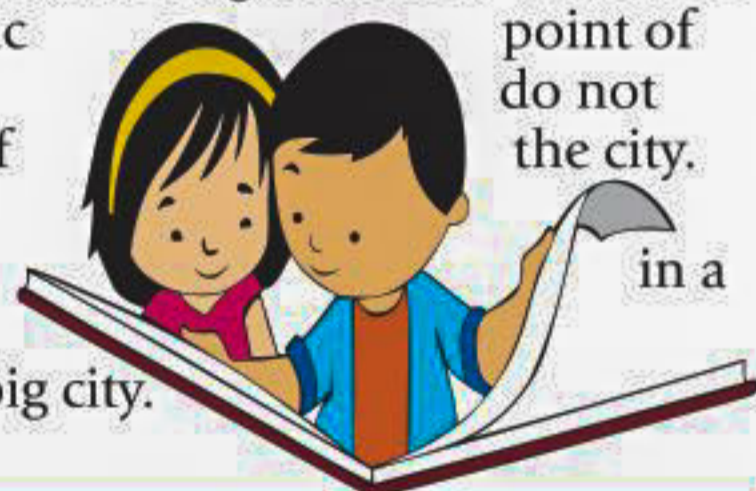
In an industrial area space becomes scarce and as more and more families pour in they cannot find space for houses. Not only the space but also the cost becomes prohibitive. So an average office goer or a worker cannot have the luxury of owning a house. Still they want some shelter to lay

These flats are provided with all facilities like water, electricity,

But there are more disadvantages in living in a high flat. The movement will be restricted and conditioned according to the circumstances. One may have to live with all sorts of people,

Since all facilities are artificially controlled any breakdown in them would paralyze life. For instance, if there is any defect in the water system, life will be upset. For want of space, one must plan carefully what one must own. Whereas in olden days people had enough space

Further if there were to be accidents like fire or the breakout of epidemics, the high rise flats will suffer most. From aesthetic view also the flats add to the beauty of the city. In short one may conclude that life high rise flat is a necessary evil in a big city.



Find the answers in next MONDAY issue

ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED MAY 11, 2015)

**KEY : Punctuation**  
1. When is your birthday? 2. I love pizza! 3. I am in elementary school. 4. One example will explain what I mean. 5. My bus stops at the next corner. 6. Do you like to read? 7. I love to skateboard! 8. Do you have a library card? 9. My favorite subject is science. 10. Where are you going with your cousin? 11. I was so scared! 12. My grandmother is an archaeologist. 13. Suddenly it occurred to me to try something different. 14. The fireworks were spectacular! 15. What are the odds of winning the lottery? 16. What is your favorite season of the year? 17. Twenty percent of the people in my class wear glasses. 18. Do you know how fast a cheetah can run? 19. Mrs. Thompson screamed, "I have had it up to here!" 20. Do you like sunrise or sunset the best?

**KEY : More Punctuation Challenge**  
Wesley Lablache is a very ambitious young man and wants to gain as many qualifications as possible. He lives in Victoria, the capital of Seychelles, at Flat 12, Main Avenue, with his parents and younger brother and sister. Their telephone number is 9714-2973410. His email address is weslablache@hotmail.co.cc. He doesn't own a computer of his own, but his brother who is away studying in the USA has allowed him to borrow his IBM Model 1234 laptop computer whenever he likes, and he is reasonably proficient in using it, although he still has a lot to learn. He is 17, having been born on March 12 1985, and he wants to be able to show future employers that he has a recognized ICT (Information and Communications Technology) qualification. He has seen an advertisement in his local newspaper, the MaheTimes, advertising a course for young people over 16 in preparation for a Cambridge certificate in ICT, and he

Find the words in the word bank that you need to complete the sentences below. You can use a word more than once or not at all.

(Use the verb tables for to be, to do and to have, if you need to.)

were/are/was/is/has/have/am/comes/come

- We \_\_\_\_\_ going out tonight.
- The sisters \_\_\_\_\_ the goal-scorers in the last match.
- These \_\_\_\_\_ my parents.
- Mr Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_ been teaching RE for more than a year now.
- This is our favourite café and we \_\_\_\_\_ here often.
- The boys \_\_\_\_\_ finished their writing already.
- I know you \_\_\_\_\_ wrong about this.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ two gym machines working.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ three glue sticks left.
- 'We \_\_\_\_\_ robbed,' said the bank manager.
- 'I \_\_\_\_\_ sorry but the experiments \_\_\_\_\_ failed,' said the teacher.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ very angry that he lost the contest.

Summarize the following article about THE REASONS FOR CHILD ABUSE in not more than 120 words.

The childhood years are supposed to be the best times of one's life; playing and having fun. Yet there are many children who are deprived of this childhood. They are tortured and verbally and physically abused.

There is no reason or excuse for child abuse. Abusers claim they do it because of the stress of work. Child-abusing housewives say they feel harassed by a crying child and are unable to curb their own fury, especially if no support is received from anyone. This is not surprising since support is extended to a victim of child abuse more readily than to the perpetrator. Occasionally, parents may vent their frustrations on their child if they fight and quarrel with each other. In cases like this, it is the children who are the victims.

In this modern age where both parents are usually holding jobs, children are left with babysitters and nurseries. Abuse by these carers may occur when there are too many children to be minded. The disappearance of the extended family system is partly to be blamed for these incidents.

Crowded homes and financial problems can also lead to child abuse. When there are too many mouths to feed, parents feel the pressure and vent their anger on a child. Substance abuse is another factor which increases the incidents of child abuse. Under the influence of alcohol or drugs, a parent may not know what he or she may be doing. Or, rather, knows what he or she is doing but is not bothered at all. A drug addict many experience mood swings and is easily provoked by a crying baby. Thus we see and read horrifying reports of a child being savagely tortured and dumped elsewhere, like garbage. Psychologists believe that child abusers may have been victims of abuse themselves. Thus, in anger and hatred, they repeat the vicious cycle of abuse. Some have no love for the children they abuse. Some have been brought up to believe that children should be beaten in order to maintain control. These are troubled people who need help.

A home is supposed to be a haven where a child ought to feel safe and secure. Unfortunately, more often than not, the home is also where a child is abused. Whatever the reasons for the abuse, something must be done to stop the cruelty and help these parents who simply cannot cope with parenting. Parents-to-be should be counseled and inculcated with parenting skills. The Child Protection Act which was passed in Parliament in 1991 does not effectively prevent child abuse. Stricter enforcement is necessary. Thus, it requires a commitment from each individual to help families with victims. and troubled parents, the perpetrators.

decides to apply. The course code is ICT999.

**TASK 1**  
1.a, 2.(no article), 3.the, 4. (no article), 5. (no article), 6. The, 7. (no article), 8. The, 9. A, 10. The, 11.a, 12. (no article), 13. the, 14. The, 15. The, 16. The, the, 17. The, 18. an, 19. an, 20. a, 21. (no article), 22. the, 23. an, 24. a, 25. (no article)

**TASK 2**  
(subject / verb)  
1. friend / is coming  
2. kittens / looked  
3. carriage / turned  
4. man / lives  
5. several / were playing  
6. water / flowed  
7. dollars / is  
8. book / was  
9. girls / carried  
10. I / do remember

**TASK 3**  
but / and / but / but / or

**TASK 4**  
1. because 2. so 3. or 4. and 5. but 6. but 7. so 8. because

**TASK 5**  
1. because 2. or 3. but 4. So

**TASK 6**  
1. She's in hospital because she had an accident.  
2. They work many hours, but they don't have much money.  
3. Paul asked me a question, so I replied.  
4. I buy tomatoes, peppers and potatoes.

**Reading Comprehension :BOOM**  
**KEY :** 1.D, 2.A, 3.A, 4.C, 5.C, 6.B, 7.D, 8.C, 9.A, 10.A, 11.C, 12.D, 13.A, 14.C

Are you GOOD at Connectives?

Complete the following sentences using the correct connective.

Although But So And Then Until

- \_\_\_\_\_ travelling by plane is fast, its expensive \_\_\_\_\_ bad for the environment.
- Car-racing is exciting, \_\_\_\_\_ it's very dangerous.
- I love exciting places, \_\_\_\_\_ I want to go to a city.
- It's usually very hot in Australia \_\_\_\_\_ the end of April.
- I would like to go to the beach first, \_\_\_\_\_ we can go to the restaurant.
- I like to eat beef, \_\_\_\_\_ I do like to eat chicken.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you're saying you want to go diving?
- I want to go snorkeling, diving \_\_\_\_\_ to the opera.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you finish your homework you can't watch T.V.
- It's foggy and stormy outside, \_\_\_\_\_ you should wear a coat \_\_\_\_\_ boots.
- You're not 17 years old, \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ you'll have to wait till you can drive a car.
- I love my pet dog, \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer music.
- It's windy today, \_\_\_\_\_ take your umbrella \_\_\_\_\_ be careful.
- Snorkeling in the sea is exciting \_\_\_\_\_ fun, \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to climb mountains.
- England is colder than Spain, \_\_\_\_\_ Spain is hotter than England.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT PREPOSITION IN THE GAPS :

- He's never \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
a) at b) on c) in
- Will you be \_\_\_\_\_ home later?  
a) at b) on c) in
- Which street did you park your car \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) at b) on c) in
- I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.  
a) at b) on c) in
- I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ May.  
a) at b) on c) in
- I met her \_\_\_\_\_ the party last week.  
a) at b) on c) in
- Can you come by \_\_\_\_\_ 7?  
a) at b) on c) in
- My brother doesn't live \_\_\_\_\_ the same neighborhood as me.  
a) at b) on c) in
- I haven't seen my cousin \_\_\_\_\_ three months.  
a) at b) on c) in
- I just heard that song \_\_\_\_\_ the radio.  
a) at b) on c) in



am, is, are, am, not, isn't, aren't

- It ..... an onion.
- Jasmine ..... a student.
- We ..... friends.
- I ..... hungry.
- Mark ..... 20 years old.
- A bee ..... a big insect.
- Newsweek ..... a magazine.
- I ..... a professional football player.
- I know you. You ..... in my class.
- Cows ..... insects. They ..... mammals.
- Dzmir ..... a city.
- He ..... a postman.
- It ..... nine o'clock.
- Manhattan ..... an island.
- Mr. Richards ..... a lawyer.
- I ..... ill. I ..... happy.
- London ..... a big city.
- Dave and Adrian ..... sisters. They ..... brothers.
- New York ..... near to New Jersey.
- Susan and I ..... teachers. We ..... students.

