Unit 9 · Facts and Truths

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 27

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Fact, habit, or not true? [6]

Read these six sentences.

1. The Sun rises in the east.
2. Water boils at 100 °C everywhere on Earth.
3. My grandfather drinks tea every morning.
4. The leopard is the fastest animal on land.
5. Red pandas are a kind of bear.
6. Snakes don't blink.

These facts may help: in Kathmandu, water boils at about 95 °C; a leopard can run at about 58 km per hour, and a cheetah at about 100.

a. Which sentences are **facts that are true**? Which one is a **habit**?
b. Three sentences are **not true**. Write each of them again so that it is true. Use what you learned in this unit.
c. Sentences 1 and 3 both use the present simple. Why can we use the same tense for a fact about the Sun and for something a grandfather does?

2 Who does it? [5]

Copy each sentence about red pandas with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. The furry pads under their paws ..... (give) them a good grip on snow.
2. A mother with three young cubs ..... (need) a lot of food.
3. The cubs of a red panda ..... (stay) with their mother for about a year.
4. Bamboo ..... (grow) in the cool, damp forests.
5. Its long tail, with all its rings, ... (keep) it warm.
6. Fruit and insects ..... (be) part of its food in warm weather.

Then answer: Ayushma wrote *need* in sentence 2 and *keep* in sentence 5. She said, "I looked at the word just before the verb." Explain how to find the right word to look at.

3 Questions about a red panda [6]

Read "Red Pandas" on pages 98 and 99 of your textbook again.

a. Write the question that asks for the words in **bold**.
i. Red pandas eat **the soft young leaves and shoots of bamboo**.
ii. A red panda lives **mostly in the trees**.
iii. A mother has **one to four** cubs at a time.
iv. Its bushy tail **keeps it warm**.
b. Write a yes/no question for each sentence, and its true short answer.
i. Red pandas are endangered.
ii. Red pandas eat only bamboo.
c. Nabin wrote two questions: *Does a red panda lives in the trees?* and *Where does red pandas live?* What is wrong with each?

4 Make it true [5]

Five of these sentences are **false** and one is true. Find the true one. Then make each false one true by writing it in the negative (with *not*). Change only the words you must.

a. The Moon is a planet.

b. The Sun moves around the Earth.
c. A snake has eyelids.
d. Red pandas live in hot, dry places.
e. The Earth spins once a week.
f. The Moon moves around the Earth.
g. Sita made sentence e true another way: *The Earth spins once a day.* Whose sentence tells a reader more, hers or your negative one? Why? Write a sentence like Sita's for b.

5 A letter to the poet [5]

Read "The Spinning Earth" on page 105 of your textbook again. The poet can't believe the Earth spins, because she sees and hears nothing spinning.
Write a short letter of five or six sentences to her. In it:

- choose **two** of the things she expects to happen (the seas, the dishes, the houses, the puppies, the robins…) and tell her why they don't happen;
- use these facts: the ground, the air, the seas and we ourselves all move **together**, smoothly and at a steady speed; and the Earth's **gravity** holds things down;
- write the facts in the present simple, with at least one negative (*doesn't* or *don't*).