Grade 8 English, Explained

Unit 12 · Likes, Dislikes and Preferences

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 46

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Who would you ask? [4]

Name the science, and the person who studies it.

i. Why do the bark and leaves of sal differ from those of pine?
ii. Why did the ground shake last night?
iii. Why does the horse limp?
iv. Why do the apples in Jumla taste so sweet?

2 Reading: an unseen email [8]

Why I Left the Team (a made-up email)

To: Uncle Pemba
Subject: A big decision

Dear Uncle,
You asked why I stopped playing football for the school. Please don't tell Father yet.
I don't mind playing. I'm quite good at it, and I enjoy winning. But I have never loved it the way Sagar does. He is crazy about it. He talks about it at lunch, and he dreams about it at night. I just go to practice because everyone expects me to.
Last month, Ms. Radhika asked me to help her in the science room after class. I agreed to stay for one afternoon, but I'm still going. We are growing mushrooms in old sacks, and we write down what happens each day. I can't stand the smell of the sacks, but I'd rather stay there till dark than run around the field. I keep on thinking about why some sacks grow and some don't.
Father wants me to play for the district. He would be so proud. I hope to tell him soon, but I can't decide how. What would you do?
Your nephew,
Chiring

a. What does Chiring do in the science room? [1]

b. Put these feelings of Chiring's in order, from the one he dislikes most to the one he likes most: *playing football, the smell of the sacks, working in the science room*. Give a phrase from the email for each. [2]

c. Why doesn't Chiring want his father to know yet? [1]

a. His father hates mushrooms.
b. He has failed science.
c. His father wants him to play for the district and will be disappointed.
d. He has quarreled with Sagar.

d. What does "I agreed to stay for one afternoon, but I'm still going" show about Chiring? [1]

e. What does "expects" mean in "everyone expects me to"? [1]

f. Write **two** sentences of advice that Uncle Pemba could send, and say why it is good advice. [2]

3 -ing or to? [6]

Write the correct form of the verb in brackets. Then give the reason for i, v and vi.

i. Anup enjoys ..... (climb) trees.
ii. We have agreed ..... (meet) at the gate.
iii. She is keen on ..... (draw) birds.
iv. Yesterday we went ..... (shop) in Asan.
v. Thank you for ..... (help) me.
vi. I'd like ..... (see) the menu.
vii. Chandra helped me ..... (lift) the sack.
viii. Have you finished ..... (write) your essay?
ix. They hope ..... (win) the cup.
x. He avoids ..... (eat) meat.
xi. I decided ..... (learn) the sarangi.
xii. Don't leave without ..... (say) goodbye.

4 Prefer and would rather [3]

Rewrite each sentence with the words in brackets.

i. Rakshya likes rice more than roti. (*prefers*)
ii. I like walking more than taking the bus. (*prefer*)
iii. I want to stay here more than I want to go out. (*would rather*)

5 What do they mean? [2]

Explain the difference in each pair.

i. *I like swimming.* / *I'd like to swim.*
ii. *I don't mind tea.* / *I'm crazy about tea.*

6 Ask about the bold words [5]

Write a question whose answer is the part in bold.

i. **Pooja** broke the window.
ii. Pooja broke **the window**.
iii. **The wind** shook the tree.
iv. Suraj doesn't want **the job**.
v. **Nobody** has seen my pen.

7 The three sounds of ch [3]

Copy the table, and write each word in the right column: *chemist, charade, chalk, choir, chiffon, chore*.

/tʃ/ as in *cheese*	/ʃ/ as in *shoe*	/k/ as in *key*

8 Find and fix the errors [6]

This paragraph has **six** errors. Find each one and write the correction.

I enjoy to read about birds, and I want going to Koshi Tappu next winter. Who did tell you about it? My aunt, who is keen on to watch birds. She taught me using binoculars. Does she knows the names of all the birds? I would rather to ask her than read a book.

9 Writing: an essay [6]

Write an **essay** (about 120 words) on a hobby that you would like to take up but haven't started yet. Say why you want it, what you hope to do, what stands in the way, and what it might change in your life. Use at least **two** verbs with *-ing* and **two** with *to*.

10 Think [3]

Hari Sharan Nepali, Kazi Dai, left school early, and yet he became Nepal's Bird Man and shaped the life of a young scientist. In "Nepal's Bird Man" in your textbook, what made him so important? Can a hobby be worth as much as a degree? Give your view with a reason.