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## Предисловие

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Книга может использоваться как для индивидуальной работы, так и в классе с учителем. Рекомендуется выполнять упражнения последовательно после прочтения текста, обращая внимание на грамматику, лексику и контекст. Особое внимание уделено устойчивым выражениям с предложениями, что облегчает выполнение заданий типа «Fill in the gaps» и помогает студентам быстрее освоить правильные конструкции в английской речи.

Материал книги подходит для подростков и молодых учащихся, желающих улучшить уровень владения английским языком, расширить словарный запас и развить навыки самостоятельного анализа текстов. Следование инструкциям и регулярная практика позволят достичь ощутимого прогресса в изучении языка.

Желаю успехов!

## My Best Friend

I have a best friend. His name is Alex, and we have known each other since we were very young. We met at primary school when we were in the first grade. At first, we did not talk much, but one day we were in the same group for a class project. We worked together to make a poster about animals, and we laughed a lot during the project. Since that day, we became close friends.

Alex is tall and has short brown hair. He wears comfortable clothes most of the time. He is very funny and often tells jokes. Sometimes his jokes are silly, but they always make me laugh. He is also kind and helpful. If someone in our class has a problem, Alex tries to help them. He is honest and never lies, which is why I trust him so much.

We spend a lot of time together. After school, we usually go outside to play or walk around our neighborhood. Sometimes we sit in the park near our houses and talk about many things. We talk about school, our families, and our dreams for the future. Alex listens carefully when I talk, and I do the same for him. I feel comfortable sharing my thoughts and feelings with him.

One of our favorite activities is playing outside. We like running, jumping, and playing with a ball. Sometimes we create small games where we have to work together or try to solve a problem. We enjoy competitions too, but it is not about winning. It is about having fun and spending time together. We also like to draw and make small crafts. Sometimes we spend hours making drawings or little things from paper, and we show them to our parents proudly.

On weekends, we often go on small trips. One Sunday, we decided to visit a large park near our city. We woke up early in the morning, packed some sandwiches, fruit, and juice, and took a small backpack with a bottle of water. When we arrived, we found a quiet place near the lake. The water was clear, and some birds were flying above it. We threw small pieces of bread to the birds and watched them swim and fly. It was peaceful and beautiful.

After that, we played a game where we had to run and catch each other. We ran for a long time, laughing and trying to be faster than the other. We got tired but happy. Then we decided to have a small picnic. We ate our sandwiches and fruit, drank juice, and sat in the sun for a while. We talked about our favorite moments from school and our plans for the summer. It was a very happy day, and we both agreed that we should do this more often.

Alex is also very creative. He likes to invent new games and activities. One day, he suggested that we make a small obstacle course in the park. We used sticks, stones, and some benches to create paths and challenges. We tried to finish the course as quickly as possible, and it was both funny and exciting. We laughed when we fell or made mistakes, and we cheered for each other. That day, I realized that spending time with Alex is always fun because he can make even simple things exciting.

Sometimes we also spend time indoors. We like to sit in one of our houses and do small activities together. We draw, write short stories, or just talk. We share our favorite ideas and support each other in schoolwork. When one of us has a problem with homework, the other helps without complaining. Alex is very patient, and he explains things in a simple way. This makes learning easier and more enjoyable.

Another reason Alex is my best friend is that he is always there when I need him. Last year, I had a difficult time because I had a problem with a school assignment. I felt stressed and nervous, but Alex encouraged me and helped me finish it. He gave me advice and told me to stay calm. Because of him, I finished the assignment on time, and I was proud of my work. I know I can always count on him, and this is very important for me.

Alex and I also share our dreams. We talk about what we want to do in the future. He wants to travel to different countries and learn new languages. I want to try new activities and meet different people. We support each other's dreams and encourage each other to work hard. We also make small plans for the weekend or holidays. Sometimes we imagine trips to other cities or countries, and we plan what we would like to do there.

I am very happy to have a friend like Alex. He makes me feel safe, happy, and confident. We have many memories together, and I hope we will make many more. I think a best friend is someone who listens, supports, and shares fun moments with you. Alex is all of these things and more. I feel lucky to have him in my life.

Even though we sometimes argue or disagree, it never lasts long. We always solve our problems by talking and understanding each other. I think this is very important in a friendship. A true friend is someone who stays with you in both good and difficult times. Alex is that friend for me.

I hope that our friendship will continue for many years. I hope we will always meet, talk, and have fun together. I know that life can change, but real friends stay in your heart forever. I am grateful for Alex and for all the happy moments we share. He is my best friend, and I cannot imagine my life without him.

## Activities

### 1. Comprehension Questions

What is the friend's name?  
How long have they known each other?  
What is Alex like? Describe his appearance and character.  
What activities do they enjoy together?  
What did they do in the park on Sunday?  
How does Alex help the narrator with schoolwork?  
Why does the narrator trust Alex?  
What dreams do they share?

### 2. True or False

Alex is short and has black hair.  
They met during a school project.  
They like to create small games together.  
They had a picnic near a lake.  
Alex never helps anyone with problems.  
They sometimes argue but always solve problems.  
Alex is creative and invents new games.  
The narrator feels lucky to have Alex as a friend.

### 3. Fill in the Gaps (Prepositions)

I feel comfortable sharing my thoughts \_\_\_ Alex.  
We met \_\_\_ primary school.  
We sat \_\_\_ the park and talked.  
We played a game \_\_\_ running and catching each other.  
We had a picnic \_\_\_ the lake.  
Alex helped me \_\_\_ a school assignment.

### 4. Vocabulary Match

creative  
trust  
honest  
obstacle  
support

- a) a feeling that someone will not tell your secrets
- b) a person who helps and encourages you
- c) able to think of new ideas
- d) a challenge or course you have to complete
- e) telling the truth

### 5. Speaking

Who is your best friend? Can you describe them?  
What activities do you like to do with your friends?  
Why is trust important in a friendship?  
Can you remember a happy day you spent with a friend?

## A Day with My Family

Last Saturday, I spent a wonderful day with my family. We decided to do something special because we had not spent a full day together for a long time. The weather was sunny and warm, perfect for spending time outside. Everyone was excited about the plan, and we woke up early to get ready.

First, we had breakfast together. My mother made pancakes with honey and fruit. We drank tea and juice, and everyone enjoyed the meal. During breakfast, we talked about our plans for the day. My father suggested going to a nearby park, and my older sister wanted to visit a small museum. After discussing, we decided to start with the park and then visit the museum in the afternoon.

After breakfast, we packed some essentials for the day: a small bag with sandwiches, water bottles, a hat for each person, and a camera to take photos. My little brother was very excited because he wanted to play in the park and feed the ducks. My sister took her notebook because she wanted to draw some flowers she might see in the park. I took my camera and notebook as well.

When we arrived at the park, it was busy, but we found a quiet place near a small pond. The water was calm, and some ducks were swimming. My little brother ran quickly to the pond and threw small pieces of bread to the ducks. He laughed every time the ducks came closer to eat the bread. My parents watched him and smiled, and my sister started drawing some flowers near the pond. I took some photos of the ducks and the scenery.

After that, we went for a long walk around the park. We walked along paths with trees and flowers, and we saw people jogging, riding bicycles, and walking their dogs. We talked about many things: school, work, friends, and our favorite activities. My father told us some stories from his childhood, and we all laughed. I felt very happy because I realized how much I love spending time with my family.

Later, we played some games together on the grass. We ran, jumped, and even tried to play a simple game where we had to catch each other. It was fun and made us all laugh. My mother suggested sitting on a blanket for a short break, so we ate sandwiches and drank water. We talked about our favorite moments from the morning and our plans for the future.

In the afternoon, we went to a small museum near the park. The museum had many interesting exhibitions about nature and animals. My little brother was curious and asked many questions. My sister liked to draw some of the animals she saw in the exhibition. My parents explained some things to us, and I took photos of my favorite displays. We spent a couple of hours learning and enjoying the museum. It was both fun and educational.

After the museum, we returned to the park for a short walk. We watched the sunset, and the sky was very beautiful with red, orange, and pink colors. Everyone took photos, and we talked quietly while enjoying the peaceful evening. My little brother collected some small stones as souvenirs from the park. We all felt relaxed and happy.

On the way home, we stopped at a small shop to buy ice cream. Each of us chose our favorite flavor, and we ate it while walking. It was a sweet and delicious end to a perfect day. When we arrived home, we shared our photos and drawings with each other and talked about what we liked the most about the day.

I felt very grateful for spending this day with my family. It was full of laughter, learning, and special moments. I realized that even small activities, like walking in the park or visiting a museum, can be very fun when we are together. I hope we will have many more days like this in the future. Spending time with family is important because it makes us happy and creates wonderful memories.

## Activities

### 1. Comprehension Questions

- Why was the day special for the narrator's family?
- What did they eat for breakfast?
- What did the little brother enjoy the most in the park?
- What did the sister bring to the park and why?
- What did the family do after walking in the park?
- What exhibitions did they see in the museum?
- How did they finish their day?
- Why does the narrator think spending time with family is important?

### 2. True or False

- The family spent the whole day at home.
- They had pancakes and juice for breakfast.
- The little brother liked feeding the ducks.
- The sister drew flowers in the park.
- They visited a museum in the morning.
- The family watched the sunset together.
- They bought ice cream on the way home.
- The narrator did not enjoy spending time with the family.

### 3. Fill in the Gaps (Prepositions)

- We packed sandwiches and water bottles \_\_\_\_ the bag.
- The ducks were swimming \_\_\_\_ the pond.
- My sister drew flowers \_\_\_\_ her notebook.
- We had a break \_\_\_\_ the blanket on the grass.
- We spent a couple of hours learning \_\_\_\_ the museum.
- We ate ice cream \_\_\_\_ the way home.

### 4. Vocabulary Match

picnic  
exhibition  
souvenir  
relaxed  
grateful

- a) a small object you keep to remember a place
- b) feeling calm and not worried
- c) a special meal eaten outside
- d) a display of objects or information in a museum
- e) feeling thankful

### 5. Speaking

How do you usually spend a day with your family?  
What is your favorite activity to do together?  
Why is it important to spend time with family?  
Can you describe a perfect day with your family?

## My Older Brother

I have an older brother. His name is Daniel, and he is three years older than me. We have spent most of our lives together, and I know him very well. Daniel is tall, has dark hair, and usually wears casual clothes. He is very active and likes to do many things. People often say that he is responsible and hardworking, and I think this is true.

Daniel is very friendly. He has many friends, and he is always ready to help them when they have problems. He is also kind to our family. He helps our parents with small tasks at home and is always ready to take care of me when our parents are busy. Even though he can sometimes be strict, I know he cares about me and wants the best for me.

We spend a lot of time together, and I enjoy it. When we are at home, we often talk about our day at school. Daniel listens to me and gives advice when I need it. He also tells me interesting stories about his school and friends. Sometimes we help each other with homework. He explains difficult tasks in a simple way, and I can understand better because of his explanations. I feel lucky to have an older brother who is so supportive.

Daniel has many interests. He enjoys being active, so he spends a lot of time outdoors. He likes running, riding his bicycle, and sometimes going on small trips with friends. I like to join him when I can. He also enjoys learning new things. For example, he likes reading books about history and nature. He often tells me what he learns, and I find it interesting too. Because of him, I have learned many new things about the world.

One of my favorite memories with Daniel was last summer. We went on a small trip to a nearby mountain. We woke up early in the morning, packed sandwiches, water, and some snacks, and took a small backpack. The weather was sunny, and the sky was clear. We walked on a long path through trees and flowers. Along the way, we saw birds, butterflies, and even some small animals. Daniel showed me how to identify some birds and plants. I felt like a real explorer with him.

When we arrived at the top of the mountain, we rested and ate our sandwiches. The view was amazing. We could see the whole town and the river that passes near it. Daniel took out a notebook and drew a small sketch of the view, and I took some photos with my camera. We spent a long time enjoying the landscape and talking about our plans for the summer. It was a very happy and peaceful moment.

Daniel also teaches me many life skills. He shows me how to be patient and responsible. He explains how to solve problems carefully and how to think before making decisions. Sometimes we cook together. He shows me simple recipes, and we prepare meals for our family. Cooking together is fun, and I learn new skills every time.

Even though Daniel is older and sometimes strict, he can also be very funny. He likes telling jokes and making funny faces to make me laugh. I enjoy these moments because they make me happy and help me forget stressful things from school or home. He knows how to make the day more cheerful.

Another reason I admire my brother is that he is very honest. He always tells the truth, even when it is difficult. I know I can trust him with my secrets and personal problems. He listens carefully

and never judges me. It is important to have someone like Daniel in my life because I feel supported and understood.

Sometimes we argue, as siblings do. We might disagree about small things, like what to do in the evening or who gets the last piece of cake. However, we always talk about it and find a solution. I think these small arguments make our relationship stronger because we learn to understand each other better.

Daniel also inspires me to try new things. He encourages me to be active and curious. For example, last month he suggested we explore a small forest near our town. We walked through the paths, discovered small streams, and looked at interesting plants. I learned a lot from him about nature, and we shared a fun experience together.

I am very grateful to have an older brother like Daniel. He is responsible, kind, and supportive, but also fun and caring. He has taught me many lessons about life, friendship, and family. I hope that our relationship will stay strong as we grow older. I know that no matter what happens, Daniel will always be someone I can count on. He is not only my brother but also my friend, teacher, and guide in many ways. I feel very lucky to have him in my life.

## Activities

### 1. Comprehension Questions

What is the older brother's name?  
How much older is Daniel than the narrator?  
What are some of Daniel's hobbies?  
How does Daniel help the narrator with homework?  
Describe the trip they went on last summer.  
What life skills does Daniel teach the narrator?  
Why does the narrator trust Daniel?  
How do they solve disagreements?

### 2. True or False

Daniel is younger than the narrator.  
He enjoys reading books about history and nature.  
They went on a trip to the beach last summer.  
Daniel teaches the narrator to be patient and responsible.  
They never argue or disagree.  
Daniel is honest and supportive.  
They like to cook together.  
The narrator feels lucky to have Daniel as a brother.

### 3. Fill in the Gaps (Prepositions)

Daniel helps me \_\_\_ my homework.  
We walked \_\_\_ a long path through trees and flowers.  
We took photos \_\_\_ the view from the mountain.  
He teaches me many skills \_\_\_ life.  
I can trust him \_\_\_ my secrets.  
We talked \_\_\_ our plans for the summer.

### 4. Vocabulary Match

responsible  
honest  
supportive  
curious  
sketch

- a) a small drawing of something you see
- b) wanting to learn and discover new things
- c) always tells the truth
- d) helps and encourages someone
- e) careful and reliable in your actions

### 5. Speaking

Do you have an older or younger sibling? Describe them.

What do you like to do together with your sibling?

Why is it important to trust your family members?

Can you tell a memory you shared with your sibling?

## A Family Celebration

Last Sunday, my family had a special celebration. It was my grandmother's birthday, and everyone was excited to celebrate it together. We decided to organize a small party at home because she loves spending time with family. I woke up early in the morning to help my parents and siblings prepare for the day.

First, we cleaned the house and decorated it with colorful balloons and ribbons. My little brother helped by putting some balloons in the living room, and my sister arranged flowers on the table. I helped by setting the chairs and the table. We wanted everything to look beautiful for my grandmother. My parents were very busy in the kitchen, preparing food and drinks for the party.

When my grandmother arrived, she was very surprised. She smiled and hugged all of us. She said it was the best birthday she had ever had because everyone was together. We all helped her sit down, and we started the celebration with a small speech. My father said a few words about how much we love her, and my mother thanked her for all the care she gives to the family. Then it was my turn. I told my grandmother how much I appreciate her and how she always makes me feel happy and safe. She looked very happy and touched by our words.

After that, we ate a delicious meal. There were sandwiches, salads, and some of my grandmother's favorite dishes. My parents also baked a big cake with candles. Everyone sang the birthday song, and my grandmother blew out the candles. She made a wish, and we all cheered. I took some photos to remember the moment. The cake was very tasty, and we all enjoyed it while talking and laughing together.

Later, we played some fun games. My grandmother wanted to participate, so we chose simple games that everyone could play. We laughed a lot because sometimes we made mistakes, but that made the games even more fun. My little brother ran quickly from one side to the other, and my sister and I tried to help him. Even my parents joined the games, and it was exciting to see everyone having fun.

In the afternoon, we went outside to enjoy the sunny weather. We walked in the garden, watched the birds, and took more photos. My grandmother loved seeing the flowers, and she told us stories about her childhood while sitting on the bench. I listened carefully and realized that she has many interesting experiences. I learned a lot about our family history and traditions from her stories.

Later, we gave my grandmother the presents we bought for her. I gave her a small photo album with pictures of our family, and my sister gave her a handmade card. My little brother gave her a small toy, and my parents gave her something she wanted for a long time. She was very happy with all the presents and thanked everyone. It was wonderful to see her smile and feel loved by her family.

Before the party ended, we all took a group photo. We wanted to remember this special day for a long time. We also wrote small messages for my grandmother, telling her how much she means to us. She read them carefully and smiled. It was a very warm and happy moment for the whole family.

In the evening, we helped clean the house and put everything back in order. My grandmother thanked us again for the wonderful celebration. We were tired but very happy. I realized that family

celebrations are not only about gifts and food, but also about spending time together, sharing stories, and creating memories.

This day made me feel very close to my family. I understood how important it is to celebrate special moments with the people we love. Even small activities, like preparing food or decorating the house, become fun when we do them together. I hope we will have many more family celebrations in the future. Spending time with family is very special, and I am grateful for every moment we share.

## Activities

### 1. Comprehension Questions

- What was the special celebration about?
- How did the family prepare the house?
- What did the grandmother say when she arrived?
- What did the family eat during the celebration?
- Which activities did they do after the meal?
- What stories did the grandmother tell?
- What presents did the grandmother receive?
- Why does the narrator think family celebrations are important?

### 2. True or False

- The celebration was for the narrator's birthday.
- The house was decorated with balloons and ribbons.
- Everyone participated in the games.
- The grandmother told stories about her childhood.
- They did not eat any cake.
- The narrator gave a photo album as a present.
- They took a group photo to remember the day.
- Family celebrations are only about gifts and food.

### 3. Fill in the Gaps (Prepositions)

- We decorated the house \_\_\_ balloons and ribbons.
- My grandmother smiled and hugged us \_\_\_ arrival.
- We sang the birthday song \_\_\_ my grandmother.
- I listened carefully \_\_\_ her stories about childhood.
- We helped clean the house \_\_\_ the evening.
- She thanked everyone \_\_\_ the wonderful celebration.

### 4. Vocabulary Match

celebration  
surprised  
delicious  
memories  
grateful

- a) feeling happy and thankful
- b) a special event to mark an important day
- c) very tasty food
- d) something that makes you remember past events
- e) feeling shocked in a happy or unexpected way

### 5. Speaking

Have you ever attended a family celebration? Describe it.

What is your favorite part of family celebrations?

Why is it important to spend time with family during special days?

Can you share a story about a happy moment with your family?

## How I Met My Friend

I want to tell you about how I met my best friend. His name is Leo, and we have been friends for several years. We met at school when we were in the same class. At first, we did not talk much because we were shy, but one day something happened that changed everything.

It was a sunny morning, and we were in the playground during a break. I was sitting alone on a bench, reading a small book. Leo came near and asked me what I was reading. I told him about the story, and he seemed interested. He said he liked reading too, and we started talking about our favorite books. That was the first time we really spoke to each other. I remember feeling happy because he was friendly and easy to talk to.

After that day, we began spending more time together. We sat next to each other in class and shared our school materials. Sometimes, we helped each other with homework. If I did not understand a lesson, Leo explained it carefully, and I did the same for him when he needed help. We discovered that we have many things in common, like our favorite subjects, hobbies, and interests. It felt like we had known each other for a long time, even though we had just met.

We also enjoyed spending time outside school. After classes, we often went to the park near our houses. We liked walking, talking, and sometimes playing simple games. We laughed a lot during those afternoons. Leo is very funny, and he always knows how to make people smile. I enjoyed being with him because he made even small things exciting and fun.

One day, our teacher asked us to work in pairs on a class project. We naturally chose to work together because we were already friends. We worked very well as a team. We divided the tasks, shared ideas, and helped each other. The project turned out very well, and our teacher praised us. That moment made me realize that Leo is not only a good friend but also a reliable person.

We also share our hobbies. Leo likes drawing and sometimes paints pictures of animals and landscapes. I like writing short stories and making small crafts. We often do these activities together. Sometimes, we create our own little games and challenges. Spending time with Leo is always fun because he has many creative ideas. He is also patient and encouraging. Even when I make mistakes, he supports me and helps me improve.

As our friendship grew, we started talking about personal things. We shared our dreams, fears, and plans for the future. Leo wants to travel to many countries and learn new languages. I want to try new activities and meet interesting people. We support each other's goals and encourage each other to work hard. It feels good to have someone who understands you and motivates you to do your best.

I remember another important day. Leo invited me to his birthday party. All his friends were there, and it was a fun day. We played games, ate delicious food, and laughed a lot. That day made me feel very close to him because I could see how kind and caring he is with everyone. I realized that friendship is not only about spending time together but also about supporting and respecting each other.

Sometimes we argue or disagree, like all friends do. Maybe we have different opinions about a topic or want to do different activities. However, we always talk calmly and solve our problems. I

think these small disagreements make our friendship stronger because we learn to understand each other better.

Leo has also taught me important lessons. I learned to be patient, kind, and honest. He always tells the truth, and I know I can trust him with anything. I have learned that a true friend listens, supports, and shares both happy and difficult moments with you. Leo is all of these things.

I am very happy that I met him that sunny morning in the playground. Our friendship has grown for many years, and I hope it will continue for many more. Spending time with Leo is always enjoyable, and I feel lucky to have a friend like him. I know that even when life changes, our friendship will remain strong because it is based on trust, respect, and understanding.

Meeting Leo has made a big difference in my life. He is my friend, supporter, and sometimes my teacher. He makes me laugh, helps me learn, and encourages me to try new things. I hope everyone can have a friend like Leo, someone who is always there for you. I am grateful that I met him and that our friendship has grown so strong.

## Activities

### 1. Comprehension Questions

- Where did the narrator meet Leo?
- What happened on the first day they spoke?
- How do they help each other at school?
- What do they do after classes?
- How did the class project show that Leo is reliable?
- What hobbies do they share?
- How do they solve disagreements?
- Why does the narrator feel lucky to have Leo as a friend?

### 2. True or False

- The narrator met Leo in the playground during a break.
- Leo does not like reading books.
- They help each other with homework.
- Leo invited the narrator to his birthday party.
- They never argue or disagree.
- Leo is patient and encouraging.
- Friendship is only about fun activities.
- The narrator feels grateful to have Leo as a friend.

### 3. Fill in the Gaps (Prepositions)

- I started talking \_\_\_ Leo in the playground.
- We help each other \_\_\_ school and homework.
- He explained the lesson carefully \_\_\_ me.
- We often walk and play \_\_\_ the park.
- Leo teaches me important lessons \_\_\_ life.
- I am grateful \_\_\_ meeting him.

### 4. Vocabulary Match

friendship  
encouraging  
creative  
reliable  
grateful

- a) thankful
- b) someone you can trust and depend on
- c) giving support and confidence
- d) having many new ideas
- e) a relationship with a friend

### 5. Speaking

How did you meet your best friend?

What do you enjoy doing together with your friend?

Why is trust important in friendship?

Can you share a story about a special day with your friend?

## **My Favorite Cousin**

I have many cousins, but my favorite cousin is Emma. She is two years older than me, and we have always been very close. We see each other at family gatherings, during holidays, and sometimes we spend weekends together. Emma is kind, funny, and very creative. I enjoy being with her because she makes every moment special.

Emma has long brown hair and bright eyes. She always dresses in a simple but stylish way. People often say she looks friendly, and I agree. She has a warm personality and is always ready to help others. When I am with her, I feel happy and relaxed. She has a great sense of humor and can make anyone laugh, even in difficult situations.

We spend a lot of time together. During holidays, we like playing games, cooking, and sometimes doing arts and crafts. Emma is very creative. She loves drawing and painting, and sometimes she teaches me how to draw. I enjoy learning from her because she is patient and encouraging. Even when I make mistakes, she always helps me improve and never criticizes me.

One of my favorite memories with Emma was last summer. We went to a nearby lake with our families. The weather was sunny and warm, perfect for a day outdoors. We swam, played in the sand, and explored the small forest near the lake. Emma showed me how to make a small boat from wood and leaves. We raced our boats on the water, and hers won every time because she is very careful and smart. I laughed a lot, and we had a lot of fun.

Emma also helps me with school. She is very good at math and English. When I have homework, she explains difficult tasks in a simple way. I feel confident when I work with her because I know she will help me if I do not understand something. She also gives me advice on how to organize my time and study more effectively. I have learned a lot from her, not only about school but also about life.

We often talk about our dreams and plans for the future. Emma wants to become a designer or an artist. I want to study languages and travel to different countries. We encourage each other to try new things and to follow our dreams. I feel lucky to have a cousin who inspires me and supports my ideas.

Emma is also very thoughtful. She remembers small details about people and always cares about their feelings. For example, she often gives small handmade gifts for birthdays or special occasions. I remember last Christmas she made me a small painting with my favorite animals. I loved it and still keep it in my room. These little things make her very special to me.

Even though we sometimes argue, like all cousins, we always make up quickly. Maybe we disagree about which game to play or what movie to watch. However, we always find a solution and continue to have fun together. I think these small arguments make our relationship stronger because we learn to respect each other's opinions.

Emma has taught me many important lessons. She has shown me how to be patient, creative, and kind. She always tries to help others and never gives up when something is difficult. I admire her for her hard work and her positive attitude. I hope I can be as thoughtful and creative as she is.

Spending time with Emma is always exciting. Even simple activities, like walking in the park or baking cookies, become fun when she is with me. She can make ordinary moments feel special and memorable. I always look forward to seeing her and spending time together.

I am very grateful to have a cousin like Emma. She is not only my family but also my friend and teacher. She inspires me, makes me laugh, and helps me grow as a person. I hope we will continue to spend time together and create many more happy memories. Emma is truly my favorite cousin, and I feel lucky that she is part of my life.

## Activities

### 1. Comprehension Questions

Who is the narrator's favorite cousin?  
What are some of Emma's hobbies?  
What did they do at the lake last summer?  
How does Emma help the narrator with school?  
What are their dreams for the future?  
Give an example of a thoughtful action by Emma.  
How do they solve arguments?  
Why is Emma special to the narrator?

### 2. True or False

The narrator has only one cousin.  
Emma likes drawing and painting.  
They went to the beach last summer.  
Emma helps the narrator with homework.  
They never argue.  
Emma gives thoughtful gifts.  
Spending time with Emma is always fun.  
The narrator feels lucky to have Emma in their life.

### 3. Fill in the Gaps (Prepositions)

I enjoy spending time \_\_\_ Emma because she is creative.  
We went \_\_\_ a nearby lake last summer.  
Emma showed me how to make a boat \_\_\_ wood and leaves.  
She helps me \_\_\_ school and homework.  
We talk \_\_\_ our dreams and plans for the future.  
I am grateful \_\_\_ having a cousin like Emma.

### 4. Vocabulary Match

creative  
thoughtful  
patient  
inspire  
memorable

- a) something you will remember for a long time
- b) giving attention to other people's feelings
- c) showing imagination and new ideas
- d) able to wait and help others without getting angry
- e) to make someone want to do or try something

### 5. Speaking

Do you have a favorite cousin? Describe them.  
What activities do you enjoy doing together?  
Why is it important to spend time with family?  
Can you share a happy memory with your cousin?

## A Fun Weekend with Friends

Last weekend, I spent a very fun time with my friends. We had been planning it for a few days, and everyone was excited. We wanted to do something different from our usual routine, so we decided to spend the weekend together outside the city. I woke up early on Saturday morning because I was very excited to meet my friends.

We met at the train station and traveled to a small town near the mountains. The journey was enjoyable. We talked, laughed, and shared snacks during the trip. When we arrived, the weather was perfect — sunny but not too hot. We found a nice place to stay, a small guesthouse with a garden. It was cozy and comfortable, and we immediately felt at home.

After leaving our bags, we went for a walk around the town. There were small streets with colorful houses and local shops. We visited a bakery and bought some fresh bread and pastries. Then we found a small park where we played football and ran around. I was very happy because I enjoy being active with my friends, and we laughed a lot.

In the afternoon, we decided to explore a forest near the town. We took a small path and walked among the trees. The birds were singing, and the air was fresh. We found a small river and sat on the grass near it. Some of my friends skipped stones on the water while others took photos. I tried to climb a tree, but I didn't manage to go very high. Everyone encouraged me, and we laughed at my small adventure.

In the evening, we returned to the guesthouse. We cooked dinner together. Some of us prepared sandwiches, others made a salad, and a few helped with washing the dishes. Cooking together was fun because we talked and shared stories while working. After dinner, we sat in the garden and played card games. The night was warm, and we could hear the sounds of the forest. It was peaceful and relaxing.

The next morning, we woke up early and had breakfast. Then we decided to go on a small hike to the top of a hill. The view from the top was amazing. We could see the mountains, the forest, and the small town below. We took many photos and even made a short video. I felt happy and proud because we reached the top together.

After the hike, we returned to the guesthouse, packed our bags, and prepared to go home. Before leaving, we sat in the garden for a few minutes and talked about the weekend. Everyone said they had a great time and that we should do it again soon. I felt lucky to have friends who are fun, kind, and supportive.

During this weekend, I realized that spending time with friends is very important. It is not only about having fun but also about helping each other, sharing experiences, and creating memories together. Even small activities, like walking in the park or cooking dinner, become exciting when you are with good friends.

I also learned that teamwork and support make any activity more enjoyable. During the hike, some of my friends were tired, and others encouraged them to continue. When I was nervous about climbing the tree, they helped me and made me laugh. These moments made our friendship stronger.

By the end of the weekend, I was tired but very happy. I had many photos, stories, and memories to remember. We promised each other that we would organize another weekend trip soon. I know that these moments with friends are very valuable, and I will always remember this weekend.

I returned home feeling relaxed and grateful. Friends make life more enjoyable, and spending time with them gives me energy and happiness. I hope that we can have more fun weekends like this in the future. Spending time together, laughing, and sharing experiences is something I will never forget.

## Activities

### 1. Comprehension Questions

Where did the friends go for the weekend?  
What did they do on the first day in the town?  
Describe the forest walk and activities near the river.  
What did the friends do in the evening at the guesthouse?  
What was special about the hike to the hill?  
Why does the narrator feel lucky to have friends?  
What did the narrator learn about spending time with friends?  
How did the friends support each other during activities?

### 2. True or False

The friends stayed in a hotel in the city.  
They visited a bakery and bought fresh bread.  
They played football in a small park.  
They cooked dinner together in the guesthouse.  
They made a video during the hike.  
The narrator felt tired but happy at the end.  
Spending time with friends is only about playing games.  
They promised to organize another weekend trip.

### 3. Fill in the Gaps (Prepositions)

We traveled \_\_\_ a small town near the mountains.  
We walked \_\_\_ the streets and visited local shops.  
We sat \_\_\_ the grass near the river.  
We played card games \_\_\_ the garden in the evening.  
We took many photos \_\_\_ the top of the hill.  
I felt grateful \_\_\_ having such good friends.

### 4. Vocabulary Match

journey  
cozy  
encouraged  
memories  
supportive

- a) comfortable and warm
- b) to help someone feel confident
- c) a trip from one place to another
- d) a person who helps and cares for you
- e) something you remember from the past

### 5. Speaking

Describe a fun weekend you spent with your friends.

What activities do you enjoy doing with friends?

Why is it important to support your friends?

Can you share a memorable moment from a trip with friends?

## **My Friend's Birthday Party**

Last Saturday, I went to my friend Mia's birthday party. I was very excited because I had never been to a party at her house before, and I knew it would be fun. Mia invited many friends from our school, and everyone was looking forward to celebrating together.

The party started in the afternoon. When I arrived, the house was decorated with colorful balloons, streamers, and banners. There was music playing, and everyone was smiling and talking. Mia's parents welcomed us and showed us where to put our bags and coats. The living room was full of snacks, drinks, and a big table with birthday treats.

At first, we all sat together and talked. I met some friends I hadn't seen for a while. We laughed and shared stories about school, hobbies, and holidays. After a while, Mia's parents organized some fun games for us. We played treasure hunts, musical chairs, and some team games. Everyone participated, and it was exciting. I tried my best, and I was happy when my team won one of the games.

Then it was time for food. We ate sandwiches, pizza, fruit, and cakes. The birthday cake was very special. It was decorated with colorful icing and candles. Mia looked very happy and surprised. Everyone sang the «Happy Birthday» song, and she made a wish before blowing out the candles. We all clapped, and Mia thanked everyone with a big smile.

After eating, we played more games. Some of us danced to music, while others played board games or drew pictures. Mia gave small prizes for the winners of the games, and everyone enjoyed the activities. I liked the drawing game the most because I could be creative and funny with my friends.

Later in the afternoon, Mia gave out party favors. Each of us received a small bag with sweets, stickers, and little toys. I was happy with my bag and thanked Mia for the thoughtful gift. We took many photos together to remember the day. Everyone looked cheerful, and the house was full of laughter and happiness.

Before leaving, we all signed a birthday card for Mia. We wrote messages wishing her happiness, fun, and success in school. Mia read the messages and looked very touched. I realized that celebrating a birthday is not only about gifts or food but also about showing your friends that you care about them.

During the party, I noticed how much effort Mia's parents put into organizing everything. The decorations, the food, the games, and the prizes were perfect. They made sure everyone had fun and felt comfortable. I thought it was very kind of them, and it made the party even more enjoyable.

I also realized the importance of friendship. Seeing everyone having fun together, supporting each other in games, and sharing laughs made me appreciate my friends more. Mia is a wonderful friend, and I felt happy to be part of her special day. The party reminded me that good friends make life more enjoyable and that small celebrations can create unforgettable memories.

By the evening, I was tired but very happy. I said goodbye to Mia and her family and thanked them for the invitation. On the way home, I thought about all the fun moments of the day: the games, the cake, the music, and the laughter. I also thought about how I could organize something fun for my own birthday in the future.

That birthday party was one of the most enjoyable experiences I had recently. It taught me that celebrating with friends is about more than just gifts or food; it is about sharing happiness and spending time together. I hope to have many more parties like this with my friends.

I am grateful for having friends like Mia. She made me feel welcome and included, and I had so much fun. I will always remember her birthday party and the happy moments we shared. Parties like this remind me how important friendship is and how small celebrations can bring people closer.

## Activities

### 1. Comprehension Questions

Whose birthday party did the narrator attend?  
How was Mia's house decorated for the party?  
What games did they play at the party?  
Describe the birthday cake.  
What did Mia give out at the end of the party?  
Why did the narrator appreciate Mia's parents?  
What did the narrator learn about friendship?  
How did the narrator feel at the end of the day?

### 2. True or False

The narrator had been to Mia's house many times before.  
The party included games, food, and music.  
Mia blew out the candles before making a wish.  
Everyone received party favors.  
The narrator did not enjoy the drawing game.  
Mia's parents helped organize the party.  
The party taught the narrator about the importance of friendship.  
The narrator went home feeling tired but happy.

### 3. Fill in the Gaps (Prepositions)

I arrived \_\_\_ Mia's house in the afternoon.  
We played treasure hunts and musical chairs \_\_\_ the living room.  
Mia made a wish \_\_\_ blowing out the candles.  
We signed a birthday card \_\_\_ Mia.  
I thanked Mia's parents \_\_\_ organizing everything.  
I felt happy and grateful \_\_\_ being part of her special day.

### 4. Vocabulary Match

party favors  
celebration  
organized  
memorable  
included

- a) a small gift given to guests at a party
- b) planned and arranged carefully
- c) an event to celebrate something special
- d) something you will remember for a long time

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