

Language exercises

Name: _____

1. Pick out the adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe and tell us more about a noun (a naming word).
Example: The old man. Underline the adjectives in the sentences below.

- a) He likes eating boiled eggs in the morning.
- b) The teacher left the room for a few minutes.
- c) The cupboard had only a little food in it.
- d) Granny bought John an expensive cricket bat for his birthday.
- e) She likes to listen to lively music.

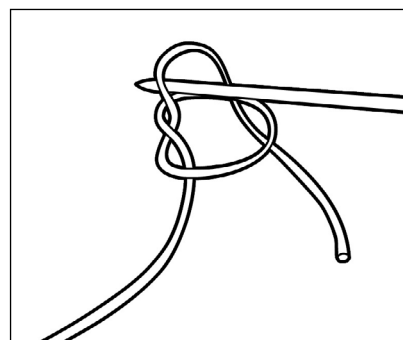
2. Prepositions

Prepositions show the relationship of one thing to another.
Example. The book was on the floor.

Fill in the correct prepositions in this paragraph, using the correct word listed below.

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John, when you make a starter knot in knitting, you have to pull the wool _____ the loop to the other side. Place one of your needles _____ the new top loop created. After that pull the wool tightly _____ the needle. When you start casting on, place your right needle _____ the left needle.



3. Simple sentences and complex sentences

A simple sentence has one subject and one verb.

A complex sentence is made up of two or more verbs.

Decide whether these sentences are simple or complex sentences.

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- b) The sports car collided with the truck. _____
- c) I switched on the light and opened the fridge door. _____
- d) My friend lives in Johannesburg. _____
- e) Andy spent his money on marbles, while Mary spent her pocket money on clothes. _____

Memorandum

Suggested answers to the activity:

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(5 marks)

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(Total = 14 marks)