



# English



Self-Learning pack  
Grade 8






## Lesson-12

## Let's read and comprehend.

## Activity 12.1

Let's learn these words and their meanings.

carnival	
merry - go-round	
Ferris wheel	

Read the text and look at the underlined words.

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Shiva and his sister, Ranjana went to the carnival on Saturday. They rode the merry -go-round, and the ferris wheel. Shiva ate an ice-cream and some sweets. Ranjana drank lemonade and ate an apple. They saw many exciting shows. They were tired when they went home.

Now select the general idea of the above passage.

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- A. Shiva and Ranjana were hungry.
- B. Shiva and Ranjana did many things at the carnival.
- C. The merry-go-round was beautiful.
- D. The carnival was on Saturday.

## Activity 12.3

**Read the text and look at the underlined words.**

Meerkats in Africa live in large groups of 20 to 50 members. The group works together to survive. All members of the group care for the baby meerkats. They take turns babysitting and will protect the young ones from danger. Members of the group also take turns watching out for threats from others while the group finds food. If any dangerous animal comes towards the group, the meerkat will bark as a warning.



**Now select the general idea of the above passage.**

- A. Meerkats live in groups to help each other.
- B. All meerkats in a group take care of the baby meerkats.
- C. Meerkats in a group take turns watching out for danger.

## Activity 12.4

**Read the text and look at the underlined words.**

Nizam wanted a puppy. “A puppy is a lot of responsibility. I don’t know if you are ready for a puppy” Nizam’s mother said. “I am ready” Nizam said. Nizam did everything that he could, to prove that he was ready to take care of a puppy. He got up for school without complaining. He made up his bed. He put his dishes in the sink every night. He did his homework without any delay.

**Select the general idea of the above passage.**

- A. Keeping a puppy is a big responsibility.
- B. Nizam is a good student.
- C. Nizam is ready to take care of a puppy.



### Activity 12.5

Read the paragraphs (1-4). Read the general idea of each paragraph

(A-D). Now match the paragraphs with subheadings.

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1) Kavi loved reading. Every time her mother took her to the bookshop, she bought two books. When she went to bed, she had already read one book.

2) Mother said to Kavi next day, “I think you need to get a library membership.” “Wow!” cried Kavi. The next day after school mother took Kavi to the library to get her a library membership card. The lady at the desk asked mother to fill out a paper and then Kavi received a library card with her name printed on it. Kavi was glad.

3) When Kavi got to the library the next day, she didn’t have her card. “Oh no! I can’t find my library card.” She cried. “I’m sorry; you can’t take any books without your card.” The librarian said. Kavi left the library feeling sad about her lost library card.

4) When Kavi got home, mother told her that a boy came to the house with her library card. The boy had found it on the road near the library. “You need to be very careful hereafter” said mother. The next day Kavi met the boy and thanked him for his help. The boy also said you have to keep the library card safe.

A) Kavi lost her library card.

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B) Kavi needs to keep the library card safe.

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C) Kavi got a library card.

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D) Kavi was a book lover.

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