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Exercise D: Learners book page 4

Completing Sentences with Question Tags

1. This is not your final year at school, is it?
2. You will write the final examinations this year, won't you?
3. Your sister did not write the same examinations last year, did she?
4. This is your head teacher, isn't it?
5. This is good news, isn't it?
6. There are not many learners in your class, are there?
7. Some children run away from this school, don't they?
8. My parents forced me to go to school, didn't they?
9. This means that l had to reach home late, didn't l?
10. Sometimes he did not want to go to school, did he?

Exercise E. learners book page 10

Identifying Parts of Speech

1. We all sat quietly in our room sitting room watching television.
   Quietly (adverb) Our(pronoun)
2. I thought l could be one of the lucky three. (pronoun)
3. I became very nervous. (became- verb) (very-adverb)
4. Three draws were conducted but l did not win. (adjective, conjunction)
5. Then the director of ceremonies stood up. (article, adverb)
6. I left the sitting room and went to my bedroom. (conjunction)
7. Many people were laughing at me. (adjective, pronoun)
8. I knew I was just trying my luck. (adverb, noun)
9. I was surprised to hear such a noise. (verb, noun)
10. I did not know what to say. (pronoun, verb)

Exercise E. Learners book page 19

Identifying verb Tenses

1. I am reading an interesting book at the moment. (present continuous)
2. The teachers teach learners. (present simple)
3. Our head teacher works very hard (present simple)
4. We are learning English. (present continuous)
5. She passed her examination because she had studied very hard. (past simple)
6. He was only 11 years old when he went to secondary school. (past tense)
7. Have you ever been to the market? (present simple)
8. the teacher was going to the bus depot when he met us. (past continuous)
9. I cannot find my pencil. Have you seen it? (present tense)
10. How long have you been learning Mathematics? (future perfect)
11. He has already posted the application letter. (present perfect)
12. Mary will write a letter today. (future simple)

Exercise D. Learners book page 23

Identifying noun clauses (Remember that this is standard 7 work)

1. The rumour that Jeremy was caught stealing shocked us.
   Function: noun in apposition to 'rumour'
2. The news that his car had been involved in an accident made him collapsed with shock.
   Function: noun in apposition to 'news'
3. The news that Rose had been selected to secondary school pleased her parents.

Function : noun clause in apposition to ‘news’

4. The report that Mr Kalila had failed the examinations displeased his wife.
   Function : noun clause in apposition to ‘report’
5. The message that Madalitso won a min bus in the competition made her happy
   Function :noun clause in apposition to ‘message’
6. The announcement that the head teacher was on transfer shocked the learners.
   Function: noun clause in apposition to ‘announcement’

Exercise E : **Identifying the types and functions of noun clauses**
Learners book page 28.

1. I hope that they will come
   Function: complement of the verb ‘hope’
2. This is not l wanted.
   Function: subject of the verb ‘wanted’
3. What he did has put all of us to shame.
   Function: Subject of the verb ‘has put’
4. The report that the thief had been released from jail annoyed us.
   Function: noun clause in apposition to ‘report’
5. My father did not sell our house for what it is now.
   Function: object of preposition ‘for’
6. You must not depend on what she tells you.
   Function: object of preposition ‘on’
7. Why l do this is not your problem.
   Function: subject of the verb ‘is’
8. She does not understand the mistake she made.
   Function: object of the verb ‘does not understand’
9. This seems to be what we want

Function: complement of the verb ‘seems to be’

10. The news that he failed the examinations did not surprise us.
    Function: in apposition to ‘news’

Exercise E . Learners book page 33

Identifying noun clauses

1. They asked me where l put the things.
   Function: object of the verb ‘asked’
2. Whether we eat nsima or not depends on the availability of relish.
   Function: object of preposition ‘on’
3. Mary asked if she could go with her.
   Function: object of the verb ‘asked’
4. The rumour that Mr Phiri is dead is not true.
   Function: in apposition to ‘rumour’
5. Where she was coming from was my first concern.
   Function: subject of the verb ‘was
6. We were happy with what they had written
   Function: object of preposition ‘with’

Exercise D ; Learners book page 37

Identifying adjective clauses

1. The man who fell into a well is a hunter
   Function: qualifies noun ‘man’
2. The car which hit your cow is at the police station
   Function: qualifies noun ‘car’
3. He fell into a well which has the finest water.
   Function: qualifies noun ‘well’
4. The learners who cheated during the examinations will appear before the court

Function; qualifies noun ‘learners’

5. The visitors whom we were waiting for have arrived
   Function: qualifies noun ‘visitors’
6. I was caught up in a trap which Mr Bunga had placed near the bee hive.
   Function: qualifies noun ‘trap’
7. The person whom you met yesterday has sent you a gift
   Function : qualifies noun ‘person’
8. The boy who stole the books has been arrested
   Function: qualifies noun ‘boy’
9. The hospital which is near the market has experienced doctors
   Function: qualifies noun ‘hospital’
10. The girl who passed the examinations is my sister
    Function: qualifies noun ‘girl’

Exercise D; Learners book page 43 and 44

Identifying adverb clauses

1. My father came while l was away
   Adverb clause of time, modifies the verb ‘came’
2. Sarah has gone back to where she came
   Adverb clause of place modifies the verb ‘gone back’
3. I came late because it was raining
   Adverb clause of reason modifies verb’ came’
4. Mphatso worked hard so that she could go to university.
   Adverb clause of purpose modifies the verb ‘worked’
5. Tiyanjane has gone to school although she is sick
   Adverb clause of reason modifies verb ‘gone’
6. My father dances as if he has no bones
   Adverb clause of manner modifies verb ‘dances’
7. Mr Phiri follows his son wherever he goes.

Adverb clause of place modifies verb 'follows'

8. Many learners have come back to school <u>because of the school feeding programme.</u>
   Adverb clause of reason modifies verb 'have come'
9. We trained hard <u>so that we win the game</u>
   Adverb clause of purpose modifies verb 'trained'
10. <u>Even though my grandfather is very old</u>, he runs fast.
    Adverb clause of concession modifies verb 'runs'

Exercise A : **completing question Tags**
Learners book page 51

1. D
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. B
6. C
7. D
8. C
9. B
10. D

EXERCISE B**: Part of speech**
Learners book page 51

1. <u>This</u> book is mine. (adjective)
2. <u>This</u> is the book l bought yesterday (pronoun)
3. I go to school <u>every day.</u> (adverb)
4. What is <u>your</u> name? (pronoun)
5. <u>The</u> book is on the table (adjective)

6. Before this company was established, many fruits in our area were just rotting. (conjunction)
7. Every time a person sent five empty bottles of their products. (adjective)
8. They had different products for people of different age groups. (preposition)
9. You sent more entries to this competition than we did. (pronoun)
10. This is not the first time that l entered a competition. (pronoun)

Exercise C: Completing sentence with an appropriate word (Prepositions)

Learners book page 52

1. My father is going to work by car
2. I sat between chimwemwe and John
3. Open your book on page 76
4. Where are you coming from?
5. The books are on the table.
6. It is not good for to you to eat rotten food
7. He is basking in the sun
8. My parents arrived at the hospital very late
9. Do not put all the eggs in one basket
10. It is very pathetic to see mangoes and other fruits being wasted away

Exercise E**: identifying subordinate clauses and their functions**

Learners book page 54

1. I will follow you wherever you go.
   Adverb clause of place, modifies verb 'will follow'
2. This is the house which I bought.
   Adjective clause, qualifies noun 'house'
3. Chimwemwe is sure that she will pass her examinations
   Noun clause object of 'is'
4. The fact that John does not work hard at school worries his parents
   Noun clause in apposition to 'fact'
5. I will go home after l have done the assignment
   Adverb clause of time, modifies verb 'will go'
6. This is what l want you to do
   Noun clause, complement of the verb 'is'
7. The lady who is in red skirt is my sister
   Adjective clause, qualifies noun 'lady'
8. If you do not find him at his house check at the church
   Adverb clause of condition, modifies verb 'check'
9. This is the place where l was born
   Adjective clause, qualifies noun 'place
10. What she says doesn't' convince me
    Noun clause, subject of the verb 'doesn't convince'

Exercise D. identifying parts of speech
Learners book page 75

1. We waited for many hours and saw nothing. (verb, adjective)
2. As the clock struck seven, the people gathered quickly for prayers. (verb, adverb)
3. John decided that a trip to the village was worth his time. (preposition, noun)
4. He is wearing a green shirt. (pronoun, adjective)

5. Mary has written a letter to me. (verb)
6. Emmie and Janet are sisters. (conjunction)
7. Oh! I have broken my leg. (interjection)
8. He always drives carefully. (adverb, adverb)
9. We love our school. (noun)
10. They are not happy with the loss. (pronoun, noun)

Exercise E: **Changing sentences from direct to indirect speech**
Learners book page 84

1. The next seven years will be a special era for all us.
   -He said that the following seven years would be a special era for all of them

2. You elected me your member of parliament for this constituency
   He told them that he was elected member of parliament for that constituency

3. We had a lot of promises but no development
   -They said that they had a lot of promises but no development

4. My husband and l have decided to leave our beautiful house in town
   -She said that she and her husband had decided to leave their beautiful house in town

5. We will now live in this constituency together with you
   -They said that they would live in that constituency together with them

6. We cannot develop this constituency if l continue to live in town
   -He told them that they could not develop their constituency if he continues to live in town

7. One of my tasks when l go to parliament will be to ask for the construction of tarmac road in this constituency
   -He said that one of his task when he got to the parliament would be to ask for the construction of tarmac road

8. We were unable to grow winter crops through irrigation because of lack of water
   -They said that they were unable to grow winter through irrigation because of lack of water

9. I have all the hope that we will work together
   -He said that they had hope that they would work together

10. We are the bread basket for our colleagues in the capital city
    -They said that they are the bread basket for their colleagues in the capital city

Exercise E: **Changing sentences from active to the passive voice**

Learners book page 92

Active

1. Kwerani school hosted the sports festival
   Passive : The sports festival was hosted by kwerani School

2. The girls played volleyball
   Passive :Volleyball was played by the girls

3. The Traditional Authority accompanied the guest of honour
   Passive : The guest of honour was accompanied by the Traditional Authority

4. We accumulated more points than any other school
   Passive : More points were accumulated by us than any other school

5. The director awarded the prizes to the winners
   Passive : **The winners were awarded the prizes by the director**

6. Our school won the trophy
   Passive: The trophy was won by our school

7. The committee bought some food and drinks for the participants

Passive: Some food and drinks were bought by the committee

8. The committee elected Mrs Mafuno as the chairperson
   Passive :Mrs Mafuno was elected as the chairperson by the committee

9. Tayamba beat our netball team
   Passive: Our netball team was beaten by Tayamba

10. Supporters cheered for the team
    Passive: The team was cheered for by supporters

Exercise B : **Completing passage with correct tenses of the words in the bracket.**

Learners book page 95

1. Passed (pass)
2. Waited(wait)
3. Did not pass (not pass)
4. Waited(wait)
5. Gave up (give)
6. Went (go)
7. Started(start)
8. Could stop(cannot stop)
9. Stopped(stop)
10. Would pass(will pass)
11. Will wait(wait)

12. Will not pass(not pass)
13. Brokedown(breakdown)
14. Felt (feel)

Exercise E : **identifying part of speech**
Learners book page 104

1. The day it rained we were at home. (verb)
2. William is the last born son in his family. (adjective)
3. Which road goes to the market? (adjective)
4. Which is the road to Domasi? (pronoun)
5. The girl hid the book under the table. (preposition)
6. This is a very good exercise. (adverb)
7. Oh! I have broken my leg. (interjection)
8. Soon we will be eating rice. (verb)
9. Eating healthy food is good. (noun)
10. Tuweni and Ayiweni are twins. (conjunction)

Exercise C **: Changing sentences from direct to indirect speech .**
Learners book page 104

1. 'I do not like gossip' the teacher said.
   -The teacher said that he does not like gossip

2. 'tomorrow is my birthday' Mary exclaimed.
   -Mary exclaimed that the next day would be her birthday

3. ‘have you seen the cat?’ My boss asked me.
   -His boss asked him if he had seen the cat

4. ‘we have been studying hard since the school opened’ the learners said.
   -The learners said that they had been studying hard since the school opened

5. ‘I will not rest until l finish the work’ the girl said
   -The girl said that she would not rest until she finished the work

6. ‘I saw them taking away the box’ Tiyamike said.
   -Tiyamike said that she saw them taking away the box

7. ‘who was knocking the door?’ the head teacher asked.
   -The head teacher wanted to know who was knocking the door

8. ‘Margret will soon leave for the city’ Peter explained.
   -Peter explained that Margret would then leave for the city

9. ‘Thoko works hard’ commented the patron.
   -The patron commented that Thoko worked hard

10. ‘We will write the final examination next term’ the learners told the visitors.
    -The learners told the visitors that they would write the final examinations the following term

Exercise G: **Changing sentences from the active to the passive voice.**
Learners book page 105, 106

1. The rat chased the mouse
   Passive: The mouse was chased by the rat

2. Our team won the competition
   Passive: The competition was won by our team

3. The little girl cleared the table
   Passive: The table was cleared by the little girl

4. Mr Malefula planted the trees last season
   Passive:**Last season trees were planted by Mr Malefula**

5. The head teacher presided over the prize giving ceremony
   Passive: The prize giving ceremony was presided over by the head teacher

6. We saw the aeroplane disappear into the thick clouds
   Passive: The aeroplane was seen by us disappear into thick clouds

7. The carpenter made the beautiful picture frame
   Passive: The beautiful picture frame was made by the carpenter

8. The hunter hid the dead antelope in the bush

Passive: The dead antelope was hidden in the bush by the hunter

9. Rita sent a present to Luka
   Passive: A present was sent to Luka by Rita

10. Standard eight learners will write their final examinations very soon.
    Passive : Final examinations would be written by standard eight learners very soon

Exercise **B : Identifying parts of speech**
Learners book page 158

1. The forest had different kinds of animals. (adjective)
2. The chief was tired of losing his crops (adjective)
3. When the harvesting season started, everyone was excited (adjective)
4. The people used to live in very small houses. (adjective)
5. Chakanika had been a farmer for many years. (preposition)
6. There are several other things that you ought to know. (verb)
7. I heard shouts and clapping of hands. (noun)
8. It was quite challenging but exciting as l had to use ladders to get to the upper decker. (conjunction)
9. I went to Lilongwe yesterday. (adverb)
10. After supper we had a long chart with Walisungu. (article)

Exercise E : Completing sentences
Learners book page 161

1. We go to school every day
2. He will write the examinations next year
3. We failed to plant maize on time last year
4. My father has gone to the market already.
5. I had been looking for him for a week.
6. We have been at this school for eight years
7. The standard one learners are singing now.
8. You were absent from school yesterday, weren't you?
9. A teacher teaches children at school every day.
10. We were living here in the past.

Exercise F **: Changing sentences from direct to indirect speech**
Learners book page 162

1. 'I will come tomorrow' John said.
   -John said that he would come the next day

2. 'Mary went to the hospital yesterday,' Her mother said.
   -Her mother said that Mary went to the hospital the previous day

3. 'My father goes to work every day' I said to the visitor
   -He said to the visitor that his father goes to work everyday

4. ‘This man has just been released from prison’ Chimwemwe said
   -Chimwemwe said that the prisoner had just been released from prison

5. ‘Do not drink and drive’ a police officer warned our minibus driver.
   -A police officer warned their driver that he should not drink and drive.

6. ‘There is a holiday tomorrow’ the head teacher announced
   -The head teacher announced that there would be a holiday the next day

7. ‘Do you admit the charges levelled against you in this court?’ The judge asked Landani
   -The judge asked Landani if he admitted the charges levelled against him in that court

8. ‘No, l don’t accept the charges my lord’ Landani answered.
   -Landani answered him that he didn’t accept the charges

9. ‘I have a feeling that you will win the competition today’ Mwayi said
   -Mwayi said that she had a feeling that she would win the competition

10. ‘I’m warning you for the last time not to steal from my garden’ the chief said.

-The chief warned him for the last time that he must stop stealing from his garden