Play: Activities

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

A. Word forms

Write one word in each gap. The hint tells you the meaning.

1. The kitten is very _____ and chases everything. (adjective: full of fun)
2. She _____ threw a cushion at her brother. (adverb: in a fun, joking way)
3. He is the best _____ on the team. (noun: a person in a game or sport)
4. Let's watch the _____ of the winning goal. (noun: a recording shown again)
5. The younger team _____ the champions in the final. (verb, past: did better than in a game)
6. Her _____ makes her a favorite with children. (noun: the quality of being fun)
7. The _____ wrote her first drama at nineteen. (noun: a person who writes for the theater)

B. Collocations and patterns

Circle the word that completes each sentence.

1. Let's _____ a game of cards after dinner.
   a) go b) do c) play d) make
2. She has _____ the piano since she was six.
   a) done b) made c) gone d) played
3. He was chosen to play the _____ of the king in the school play.
   a) piece b) part c) post d) place
4. Teachers play an important _____ in children's lives.
   a) place b) act c) role d) job
5. The city will play _____ to the summit next year.
   a) guest b) host c) home d) house
6. Our team plays _____ the champions on Saturday.
   a) across b) beyond c) against d) toward
7. He plays _____ a club in Portugal.
   a) to b) of c) by d) for
8. The minister tried to play _____ the problem, saying it was minor.
   a) over b) down c) out d) off
9. Let's see how the situation plays _____.
   a) off b) down c) out d) over
10. The advert plays _____ people's fear of missing out.
    a) in b) by c) at d) on

C. Fair or Unfair?

Write F if the person is playing fair, or U if they are acting unfairly.

1. Both teams played by the rules all season. _____
2. The coach played favorites and gave his nephew the best position. _____
3. She played fair and let everyone take a turn. _____
4. They played dirty by hiding the other team's equipment. _____
5. The referee treated both teams in exactly the same way. _____
6. He looked at his friend's cards when she wasn't watching. _____
7. The winner shook hands and thanked her opponent. _____
8. The manager played both sides to protect his own job. _____

D. Error correction

Circle the correct sentence, a or b.

1. a) I play tennis on Sundays.
   b) I do tennis on Sundays.
2. a) She plays yoga every morning.
   b) She does yoga every morning.
3. a) We go swimming in summer.
   b) We play swimming in summer.
4. a) He plays the guitar.
   b) He does the guitar.
5. a) Children learn a lot through plays.
   b) Children learn a lot through play.
6. a) The baby is playing by a ball.
   b) The baby is playing with a ball.
7. a) On weekends, I hang out with friends at a café.
   b) On weekends, I play with friends at a café.
8. a) Shakespeare was a famous playwriter.
   b) Shakespeare was a famous playwright.

E. Match the expressions

Write the letter of the correct meaning next to each expression.

1. child's play ____
2. play it by ear ____
3. play for time ____
4. play dirty ____
5. play hardball ____
6. play with fire ____
7. play dumb ____
8. play second fiddle ____

A to have a less important role than someone else
B something very easy to do
C to do something risky that could hurt you
D to delay something to gain more time
E to pretend not to know or understand
F to act in a tough, aggressive way to get what you want
G to decide what to do as things happen
H to act dishonestly or unfairly to win

The full lesson
Reading, word lists with translations in eight languages, interactive activities, a speed challenge, quotations, and discussion questions.
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