

- 1 Read and listen to the passage. Name five extracurricular activities mentioned. **Extracurricular Activities**



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KEY WORDS

cheerleader encourage involved
club extracurricular team spirit

Extracurricular Activities

School isn't just a place to learn. It's also a place where you can become involved in extracurricular activities. Some schools have dances for different holidays. Students attend these events to socialize with friends while they're listening to music.

Many schools have sports teams. Students can try out to play baseball, soccer, or basketball. Some prefer to be a cheerleader that helps root their teams on to victory. Participating in school sports can help build team spirit. When students feel team spirit, they're proud of the team that is representing their school. They'll come to games to encourage their team to win.

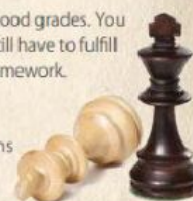
If you're not athletic, you can try a different kind of extracurricular activity. There may be different clubs to join at your school. Students can get together to debate, play chess, or create art. Some students can decide to be part of the school choir. Others can play an instrument in the band. You will need to find out the club's schedule so you can attend the first meeting.

In many schools, there's a school newspaper. Students can learn to be reporters and write articles to contribute. Most schools have students that patrol the hallways. They're in charge of making sure students are following the school rules between classes.



No matter which activities you choose to be involved in, it's important to keep good grades. You won't be allowed to continue with activities if you're failing your classes. You'll still have to fulfill your academic obligations. You'll have to study for tests and complete homework.

Students who are involved in extracurricular activities have fun while developing many new skills. In addition, they shouldn't have any problems making friends. You'll see that getting involved in your school's activities is something you won't regret.



- 2) Drag the correct answer you will use only 3:

A teacher

No, it isn't because it uses contractions.

A student

Activities you can do at school apart from studying



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Look at the text and answer the questions.

1. What is the reading about?

2. Who do you think wrote it?

3. Is it a very formal text? Why?

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3 Replace the underlined words with a single word.

1. School is not just a place to learn. _____
2. It is also a place where you can get involved in extracurricular activities. _____
3. Students attend dances to socialize while they are listening to music and dancing. _____
4. If you are not athletic, you can try a different kind of extracurricular activity. _____
5. In many schools, there is a school newspaper. _____

Language Key

A **contraction** is a shortened version of words. It is usually made up of two words that have been combined to make one shorter word.

Example: *should not = shouldn't*
The word *shouldn't* is a contraction.

6. You will not be allowed to continue with activities if you are failing your classes. _____
7. You will still have to study for tests and complete homework. _____

4 Unscramble the contraction and write it in the spaces provided. Then, write each shaded letter in its corresponding numbered space at the bottom to answer the question.

1. We _____ going to forget to clean up our work area. **N' A T E R**
2. They wish _____ begun work on their projects earlier. **Y' T D E H**
3. _____ planning to present our report to the class next Tuesday. **R E' E W**
4. Rita _____ work because she was ill. **U T L C D O N'**
5. The kids _____ played baseball since summer. **T A E N' H V**
6. I _____ waste time. **O H T D L U N' S**
7. Rosalinda thought _____ like to go to a music club. **H D S E'**
8. _____ be signing up to do hallway patrol next year. **L L I'**
9. Gina _____ like clubs, but she loves after-school sports. **S T O D E N'**
10. _____ already visited three different countries! **V Y E U' O**
11. Lalo _____ do other activities because he is in the chess club. **T C N' A**
12. You should have told me _____ be late! **U' Y D O**

In what situation are contractions most often used?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Answer:

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