

Grade 9 a**Vocabulary**

Version A

Part A – Match the Word to Its Meaning (10 points)*Match each word to its definition. Write the correct LETTER in the blank next to the word.*

	Word	Answer	Definition
1	Adopt	_____	A. A spiritual being in religious stories, often shown with wings, who brings messages from heaven.
2	Angel	_____	B. To legally take a child into your family and care for them as your own.
3	Aspect	_____	C. One particular part or feature of a situation, idea, or problem that you can think about.
4	Cage	_____	D. A special method or skill used to do a practical task well.
5	Colleague	_____	E. To make certain that something happens or that something is true.
6	Custom	_____	F. A box or space with metal bars where birds or animals are kept.
7	Demonstrate	_____	G. To stop being angry with someone and not punish them for something wrong they did.
8	Ensure	_____	H. To show clearly how something works or how to do it, often to a group.
9	Forgive	_____	I. A person who works with you at the same job or workplace.
10	Technique	_____	J. A traditional way of behaving that people in a group or society have followed for years.

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Part B – Complete the Sentences (10 points)

Complete each sentence with a word from the word bank. Use each word once.

Word Bank: afterwards | odd | hardly | borrow | announce | selfie | headache |
equal | convenient | mean

1. We watched the film, and _____ we went out for pizza.
2. The principal will _____ the winners of the contest tomorrow morning.
3. Can I _____ your pen for a minute? I forgot mine at home.
4. The bus stop is next to my house, so it is a _____ way to travel to school.
5. Boys and girls should have _____ chances to play sports at school.
6. I took some medicine because I had a bad _____.
7. It was so noisy in the classroom that I could _____ hear the teacher.
8. The boy was _____ to the new student and laughed at his accent.
9. It was _____ to see a man wearing a winter coat in the middle of summer.
10. I took a _____ with my friends in front of the old castle.

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Part C – Complete the Paragraph (10 points)

Complete the paragraph using the words from the word bank below. Use each word once.

Word Bank: sense of humor | original | photography | result in | nowadays |
previous | announcement | go viral | post | appreciate

Our school made an (1) _____ about a new club. Teenagers take pictures all the time (2) _____, so many students joined. The teacher, Ms. Dana, loves (3) _____ and shows us useful tricks. At the first lesson, she asked us to (4) _____ one photo online. My photo of a dog in a hat was a surprise, and it started to (5) _____ within two days! Unlike the club we had in the (6) _____ year, this one meets every week. Ms. Dana has a great (7) _____, so lessons are fun. Too much screen time can (8) _____ tired eyes, so she reminds us to take breaks. I really (9) _____ her help. I hope my next picture will be more (10) _____.

Part D – Reading Comprehension

Read the article below and then answer questions 1–10.

The Photo That Changed Bamba's Life

I Nowadays, almost every teenager uses a phone for photography, and fourteen-year-old Noa is no exception. Last spring, her class visited an animal shelter for a school project. Noa had planned to take a quick selfie with the puppies, but then she noticed a thin brown dog named Bamba sitting alone in a cage at the back of the room. His eyes looked so sad that she completely forgot about the selfie.

II Instead, Noa remembered a technique from her photography lessons: get down low, so that you are at the same level as your subject. She knelt on the cold floor and waited patiently until Bamba lifted his head. Then she took one perfect picture. That evening, she decided to post it online with a short message: "Meet Bamba. He is waiting for a family." To be honest, she only expected her classmates to see it.

III However, by the next morning, the photo had started to go viral. Thousands of strangers shared it, and many of them wrote kind comments. The shelter manager, a former colleague of Noa's mother, phoned Noa with surprising news: forty people wanted to adopt Bamba. In an announcement on the shelter's website, she explained that the dog would go to the home that could best ensure his happiness. Though the choice was difficult, everyone agreed that a quiet family with a large garden was perfect.

IV Bamba's story did not end there. In previous years, the shelter had hardly any visitors, but the viral photo resulted in a wave of interest, and ten other animals found homes within a month. Noa said she appreciated all the support, although she felt the real hero was Bamba. Her teacher, who has a great sense of humor, joked that Noa was now the official photographer of the shelter. Noa smiled and replied that she had learned something important: one small action can change a life.

QUESTIONS (45 points)

(4 pts.)

1. Why did Noa forget about the selfie? (Paragraph 1)

- a) Her teacher told her to stop taking photos.
- b) The sad look in Bamba's eyes caught her attention.
- c) The puppies were too noisy.
- d) She lost her phone at the shelter.

2. **True or False?** Noa went to the shelter planning to take a picture of Bamba. (Circle one) **True / False** (Paragraph 1)

(4 pts.)

Copy the words from the text to show your answer.

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3. Noa knelt on the cold floor and waited _____ until Bamba lifted his head. (Paragraph 2)
(4 pts.)

4. Which technique did Noa use to take the picture? (Paragraph 2)
(4 pts.)

- a) She asked a friend to hold the dog.
- b) She took many photos very quickly.
- c) She got down to the same level as the dog.
- d) She used a very bright light.

5. Why did the shelter manager phone Noa? (Paragraph 3)
(5 pts.)

6. **True or False?** The photo became popular the day after Noa posted it. (Circle one)
(4 pts.) **True / False** (Paragraph 3)

Copy the words from the text to show your answer.

7. What kind of family did everyone agree was perfect for Bamba? (Paragraph 3)
(4 pts.)

- a) A busy family living in a city flat
- b) A quiet family with a large garden
- c) A family with many young children
- d) A family that worked at the shelter

8. The viral photo _____ a wave of interest, and ten other animals found homes within a month. (Paragraph 4)
(4 pts.)

9. What important thing did Noa learn? (Paragraph 4)
(5 pts.)

10. Do you think Noa made a good decision when she posted the photo online? Explain your opinion.
(7 pts.)

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Part E – Writing (25 points)

Write about a photo or video that you took and remember well.

Think about where you were, who was with you, and why the moment was special to you.

You will tell about something that happened in the past, so you will mainly use the Past Simple.

Say what you took a photo or video of and where you were.

Explain what happened afterwards and how you felt.

Write 60-80 words.

Use the Past Simple.

Write 70-90 words. Pay attention to grammar and spelling.

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Good Luck!

Grading elements	Points	
Content	8	
Vocabulary	6	
Language	6	

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Mechanics	3	
Between 70-90 words	2	