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Unit 8: Presence of Mind

If I Were You

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Making the students understand the need for quick thinking, which can save them from tricky or difficult situations in life, through creative study and artrelated and social activities.
- Learning to have confidence in one's abilities to get something done; having the attitude of never giving up no matter how bad the situation seems, and succeeding.
- ▶ In today's world, we are living in a highly competitive society; there are times when we need to apply our mind and intelligence to take quick decisions through our activities at home, in school, in private and in public.
- Understanding the difference between confidence and overconfidence, the former being a positive trait while the latter a negative one that may lead to arrogance and failure.
- Comprehension: Learning to read and understand the lesson or any passage and answer questions on it, including reference to the context.
- Grammar: Active and passive voice Making appropriate changes; Kinds of sentences [Simple, compound and complex]; Direct and indirect (reported) speech – changes to be made.
- ▶ Listening, understanding, reading, speaking, pronouncing and writing correctly.
- Building a vocabulary, spellings, meanings, words describing one's character, pronouncing selected words correctly, punctuation, writing a paragraph, dictionary skills.
- This Unit has one lesson (play).

Get Going!	♦ Ask the students to read the question so they are clear about
	what is being asked. Then encourage them to share and speak
	about what they learned from their experience.
Read and	♦ Ask the students to take turns to read aloud the play – explain it
Enjoy!	as they read and ask questions to check and assess their level of
	understanding. [For example: How and when does the intruder
	enter Gerrard's cottage? What is Gerrard's reaction on seeing
	the intruder with a gun? What does Gerrard mean when he says
	that it's a question of 'inflection'? Why does he say, "At last a
	sympathetic audience!"?].

*	Exercises A–E: Ask the class if they understand what is to be done in each exercise. If there are any doubts, explain the details. Ask them to do the exercises on their own. Check and assess their work individually.	Read and Understand
\wedge	Exercise A: Read and explain the question. Then ask the	Think and
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	students to write the answer on their own. Check and assess	Answer
	their work individually.	
∧	Explain active and passive voice, using the blackboard, with	Grammar Snot
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	the given examples and your own. Explain the changes to be	
	made in a sentence when changing from one voice to another.	
♦	Also explain when and why the passive voice is used:	
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	(i) When the focus is on the action rather than the doer of	
	the action. For example: The car was stolen.	
	(ii) When the doer of the action is unknown or unimportant.	
	For example: The cake was eaten.	
	(iii) When the writer wants to avoid placing blame or	
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	responsibility on a specific person or group. For example:	
	Mistakes were made.	
	(iv) When the writer wants to be more tactful or diplomatic.	
	For example: The project deadline was missed.	
	Exercise A: Do the exercise orally first and then ask the	
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	students to write down the answers in their books/notebooks.	
 ♦	Explain kinds of sentences: Simple, compound and complex.	
\$	Define the three types and how they differ from each other,	
	and how to change one to the other, if possible, using the	
	blackboard. For example:	
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	(i) Janvi waited for the train. (Simple)	
	(ii) Janvi waited for the train, but it was late. (Compound)	
	(iii) While she waited at the train station, Janvi realised that	
	the train was late. (Complex)	
\$	Exercises B, C and D: Do the exercises orally first and then	
'	ask the students to write down the answers in their books/	
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	notebooks.	
\$	Explain direct and indirect [reported] speech, using the	
	blackboard, with the given examples and your own.	
\$	Also, explain the changes to be made in a sentence when	
	changing from one form of speech to another (changes in	
	tenses, changes in pronouns, changes in helping verbs/	
	auxiliary verbs/modals).	
\$	Exercises E and F: Do the exercises orally and then ask the	
	students to write down the answers in their books/notebooks.	
_	Announce the answers aloud for A-F and let the partners	
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	check.	

\$	Exercise A: The students can learn the words. Encourage them
	to use the words in their speech and writing.
\$	Exercise A: Read the passage at least twice, or ask the students
	to read it. Then ask the questions and tell the students to select
	the right options. Announce the answers and let them check
	their work.
\$	Exercise A: Ask the students at random to enact the
	conversation. Move around to assess the conversation.
\$	Exercise A: Ask the students at random to describe the
	picture. Encourage them to be creative and provide different
	interpretations. Guide and assess the students.
\$	Exercise A: Say each word aloud and ask the class to follow.
	Ensure that the students pronounce the words correctly.
\$	Exercise A: Ask the students to do the exercise on their own.
	Then write the correctly punctuated passage on the blackboard
	and let them check their work in pairs.
\$	Exercise A: Explain the question and then let the students
	write the paragraph on their own. Check and assess their work
	individually.
\$	Exercise A: Let the students refer to the dictionary and find
	the meanings of the given words on their own. Announce the
	answers or write them on the blackboard and let the partners
	check their work.
\$	Guide the students by explaining how they can conduct
	the survey. Give them time to talk to their neighbours and
	gather the required information. Check and assess their work
	individually.
\$	Exercises A and B: These can be done by the students on their
	own under the guidance of the teacher.
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\$	Exercise A: Let the students read the question and choose
	from the given options. Explain why it is important to report
	the theft. Remember, the person who sees a crime being
	committed and does nothing about it is as guilty as the person
	who commits the crime.
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