

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE****Post Lockdown Baseline Assessment**

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NAME and SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Gr. 6 \_\_\_\_

**Section A - Language in Context**

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

**The adventure behind the mountain – Part 2**

1.1. Gregan struggled to sleep, because he couldn't decide how he was going to distract the teachers who was on break duty.



He decided on two possibilities: He would climb on the roof of the pavilion and pretend that he was unable to get off, or he would start a fight with the school's biggest bully.

**Eventually he decided on the blu eye, because he new that a bare-fisted-boxing-match between himself and Liam would get the most attention all the other kids wood swarm them like bees around hony, and therefore also the teachers on duty.**

On the morning of the big day each of the boys knew exactly what would happen. Ethan, Kwesi and Luke had to stand and eat their sandwiches at the gate right next to the cricket nets. Gregan already went and hid all of the supplies that they needed for the hike in the yard of an old lady that lives at 23 Carinus Street. (The food, tent, Tom-Tom and a few other things he thought might be handy).

During first break Gregan winked at his 3 associates and started walking towards Liam. He tapped him on his chest and said, "You are such a big baby, your mother must still wind you."

**Liam did not beat around the bush(6.1.).** He completely lost his cool and started swinging apples at Gregan. Liam's right fist made contact with Gregan's left eye and he fell like a bag of onions. Within seconds the entire school's learners were swarming around them. The teachers who were on duty came running to check what was going on.

At that moment Uncle Wally opened the gate and the other three boys snuck out without anybody seeing them. (They only had to bribe him with a bottle of Fanta Grape).

As they walked out, Kwezi quoted William Wallace "We want our freedom!"

They had to wait-in-hiding for Gregan behind McDonald's. They also had to get dressed in normal clothes so that they would not be easily recognised as De Kuilen Primary School learners who were **playing hookey(6.2).**

Back at school the dust had settled after a very one-sided fight. (Although Gregan didn't really try to hit Liam). 1.2. Both boys was immediately taken to Mr Fourie's office, where Gregan pretended to be as innocent as a lamb. He said that all of Liam's accusations were lies and that Liam simply started to hit him for no reason. Liam had a reputation of being a bully and was immediately put on detention. Gregan walked out of the office Scot-free.



Instead of going straight back to class from the office, he snuck through the hall and went to hide between the teacher's cars. While he waited he sang "Pitter Patter, Pitter Patter, fish cake batter" nervously. Then Uncle Wally brought one of those big black bins, which he thoroughly cleaned, and Gregan got in. Uncle Wally pushed the bin out of the small aftercare gate to where no one could see them anymore. Gregan climbed out, gave him the last part of his payment and bolted towards McDonald's

where the other boys were waiting for him. Now they could finally head towards the mountain...

1. Fix the **subject-verb agreement** error in the sentences numbered 1.1 and 1.2. (2)

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1.2.....  
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2. Divide the following words into **syllables**. (2)

aftercare - .....

thoroughly - .....

3. Study the following sentence from the story and complete the table below: (3)

The teachers who were on duty came running to check what was going on.

Main clause	Conjunction	Subordinate clause

4. Supply the sentence in the frame with the missing **colon**. (1)

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5. Write the following **direct speech** sentence in the **reported speech**.

5.1. Luke said, "We will hide at McDonald's tomorrow." (4)

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6. Two **idioms** in **bold** are numbered 6.1. and 6.2. Explain the meaning of each: (2)

6.1. ....

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6.2. ....

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7. Add a **prefix** to the following words to give the **antonym**: (3)

7.1. accurate - .....

7.2. represent - .....

7.3. function - .....

8. Complete the following table by writing the sentence on the left in all the indicated **tenses**. (4)

Uncle Wally _____ (push) the bin out of the small aftercare gate.	<b><u>Past Tense</u></b>
	<b><u>Present Continuous Tense</u></b>
	<b><u>Future Continuous Tense</u></b>

	<u><b>Present Perfect Tense</b></u>
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9. The paragraph that is printed in bold contains **punctuation** and **spelling** errors. Rewrite the paragraph and fix the errors. (6)

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10. Identify the **subject**, **verb** and **object** in the following sentence. (3)

10.1. Uncle Wally opened the gate.

**Subject:** .....

**Verb:** .....

**Object:** .....



11. Find a **synonym** for the following word in the story. (1)

11.1. options - .....

12. Find an example of each of the following **repeated sounds** from the song Gregan sang nervously as he waited for Uncle Wally (remember to underline the letters): (3)

12.1. **Alliteration:**.....

12.2. **Consonance**: .....

12.3. **Assonance**: .....

13. Study the last paragraph and decide which **parts of speech** the following words are. Then underline your option: (6)

13.1. "black"

- a. proper noun
- b. adjective
- c. verb

13.2. "Gregar"

- a. pronoun
- b. proper noun
- c. adjective

13.3. "gate"

- a. noun
- b. adverb
- c. verb

13.4. "nervously"

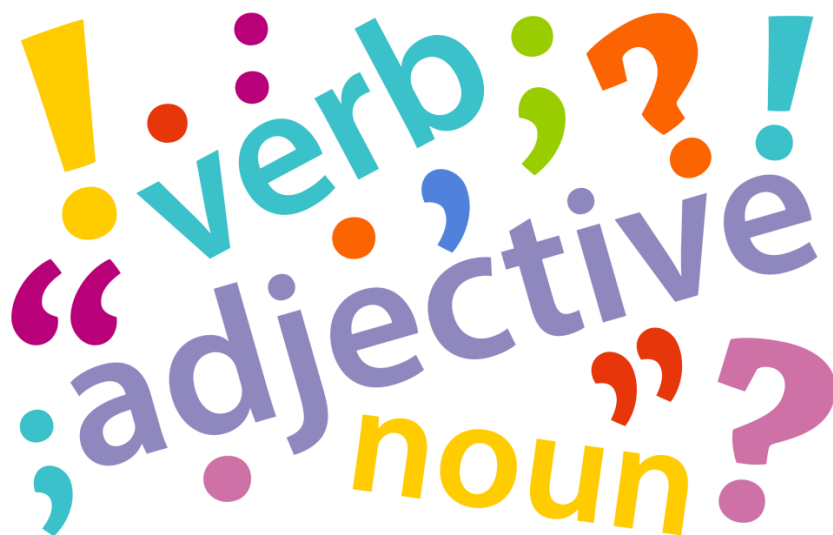
- a. adjective
- b. adverb
- c. verb

13.5. "his"

- a. proper noun
- b. pronoun
- c. verb

13.6. "were"

- a. verb
- b. adverb
- c. auxiliary verb



## Section B – Book review.

Read the story again and complete the **book review**:

<b>Title of the story (2)</b>	
<b>Author (2)</b>	
<b>Plot (5)</b>  What happens in the story?	
<b>Setting (2)</b>  Where and when does the story take place?	
<b>Characters (3)</b>  Who are the people in the story?	
Is the book fact or fiction? (1)	
<b>Theme (2)</b>  What is the story about? What is the message of the story?	
<b>What I liked (1)</b>  What was the best part of the story?	
<b>Recommendation (2)</b>  Why would you recommend the story to a friend?	

## **Section C – Reading Comprehension**

### **Question 1:**

**Answer the following questions about the story you read in full sentences:**

1.1 Why did Gregan struggle to sleep? (1)

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1.2 How did he eventually decide to distract the teachers? (1)

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1.3 Explain in your own words what is meant by “a bare-fisted-boxing-match.” (2)

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1.4 What was the sign that Gregan gave his friends to get ready? (1)

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1.5 What did Gregan say to Liam? (1)

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1.6 Write two words from the story that means that Liam started hitting Gregan.  
(only the two words) (2)

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1.7 According to the author the fight was “one-sided.” What does that mean? (1)

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1.8 They bribed Uncle Wally with a bottle of Fanta Grape.

1.8.1 Is this sentence **TRUE** or **FALSE**? (1)

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1.8.2 Quote a sentence from the story to prove your answer. (1)

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1.9 Where did Gregan hide the supplies for the hike? (1)

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1.10 In your own words, write what it means to have a reputation of bullying. (2)

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1.11 Did Gregan admit that he said something rude to Liam? Motivate. (2)

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1.12 Summarise the story in only three sentences.

(3)

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## **Question 2: Cartoons**

**Study the cartoons and answer the questions that follow.**



2.1 What is this cartoon making fun of?

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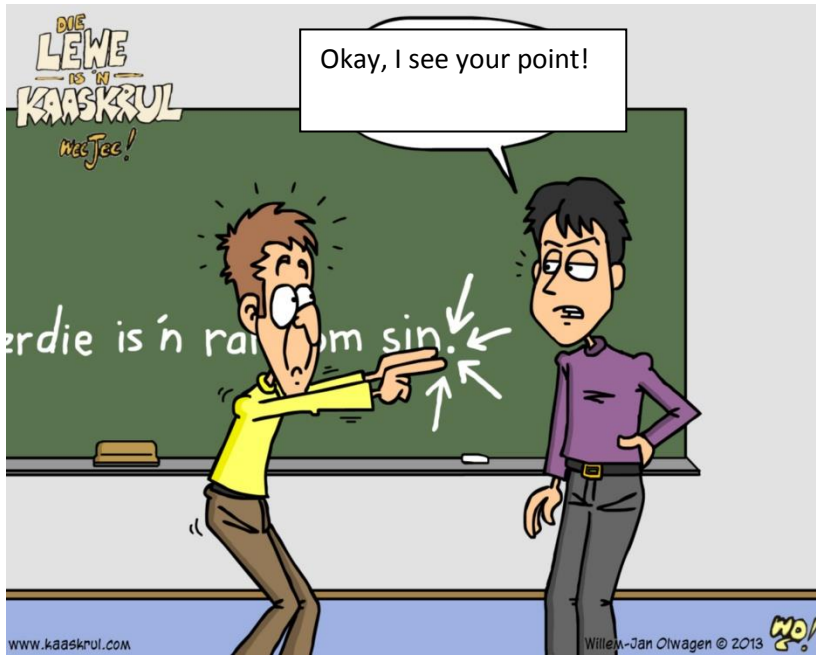
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2.2 How do you know the man on the left is scared of the tissue?

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- 2.3 What does it mean when you say that you “see someone’s point?” Is it meant literally or figuratively? (2)

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- 2.4. Is this cartoon meant figuratively or literally? (1)

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