

Remedial Worksheet- Grade 8 **Language Skills and Structures.**

Activity One

The following has been adapted from the article, “Walking from Belgium to Berlin for bread”, published in the Cape Argus, on July 17 2009. Punctuate it correctly.

a police spokesperson has announced a belgian man who popped out to his local bakery to buy bread rolls took a wrong turn and ended up 400km away in germany

the absentminded pensioner spent several hours driving along the belgian and german motorway network before running out of fuel near the small town of waldaschaff in bavaria on thursday.

other motorists spotted the man walking aimlessly in his slippers along the hard shoulder and alerted police they towed away his car and took him with them to the nearest police station where he was later collected by family members
the mans daughter told police my father often gets lost while driving, but he has never strayed as1.

Activity two

Divide the following sentences into main clause and subordinate clause. Underline the conjunction in the subordinate clause. Fill in the table below:

- 1 The motorist paid the speeding fine which the traffic cop gave him.
- 2 When we get home tonight, I am going straight to bed.
- 3 The man is laughing like a mad man which is very disturbing.
- 4 If you want to go to buy clothes, you must get up now.
- 5 Here is the new bag which we bought at Cape Union Mart.

Activity three

Insert commas where appropriate in the following sentences.

1. Yesterday afternoon we went to a movie.
2. At the movie house we bought cold drinks large and frothy; popcorn with salt and butter; and chocolates that got sticky in our hands.
3. By the end of the movie we all felt slightly ill.
4. We came out washed our hands and threw all the rubbish a bin nearby.
5. In future we shall be more sensible and less greedy!
6. Immediately the pirate ran along the deck attacked the officer shouted to his comrades and leapt overboard.

MAIN CLAUSE	SUBORDINATE CLAUSE

Activity 4

Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.

Yesterday, we went to the zoo. I enjoyed being there again after so much time. The monkeys looked just as charming, the camels just as bored. We watched the seals being fed – oh, what grace and speed, and they seem to enjoy themselves so much. The pygmy hippo was not to be found, but the jackals were fighting over their lunch and the wild dogs lay panting in the heat.

Suggested Solutions

Activity 2

MAIN CLAUSE	SUBORDINATE CLAUSE
The motorist paid the speeding fine	<u>which</u> the traffic cop gave him
I am going straight to bed.	<u>when</u> we get home tonight
The man is laughing like a mad man	<u>which</u> is very disturbing.
you must get up now.	<u>If</u> you want to go to buy clothes,
Here is the new bag	<u>which</u> we bought at Cape Union Mart.

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ACTIVITY 3

1. Yesterday afternoon, we went to a movie.
2. At the movie house, we bought cold drinks, large and frothy; popcorn with salt and butter; and chocolates, that got sticky in our hands.
3. By the end of the movie, we all felt slightly ill.
4. We came out, washed our hands and threw all the rubbish in a bin nearby.
5. In future, we shall be more sensible and less greedy!
6. Immediately, the pirate ran along the deck, attacked the officer, shouted to his comrades

Activity 1

-½ for every error until you get to 0.

A police spokesperson has announced, “A Belgian man who popped out to his local bakery to buy bread rolls took a wrong turn and ended up 400km away in Germany.”

The absent-minded pensioner spent several hours driving along the Belgian and German motorway network before running out of fuel near the small town of Waldaschaff in Bavaria on Thursday.

Other motorists spotted the man walking aimlessly in his slippers along the hard shoulder and alerted police. They towed away his car and took him with them to the nearest police station where he was later collected by family members.

The man's daughter told police, “My father often gets lost while driving, but he has never strayed as far as Germany.”

Activity 4

WORD	PART OF SPEECH	WORD	PART OF SPEECH
yesterday	adverb (of time)	speed	abstract noun
went	finite verb	and	(co-ordinating) conjunction
to	preposition	they	(personal) pronoun
zoo	common noun	to enjoy	infinitive
enjoyed	finite verb	themselves	(reflexive) pronoun
there	adverb (of place)	pygmy	(descriptive) adjective
monkeys	common noun	was	finite verb
charming	(descriptive) adjective	were fighting	finite verb
camels	common noun	over	preposition
bored	(descriptive) adjective	their	(possessive) adjective
we	(personal) pronoun	wild	(descriptive) adjective
watched	finite verb	the	definite article
oh	interjection		