



LESSON

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Pre-Reading Preparation

1. What do you know about Wii? Go online and find 5 facts about Wii.
2. What do you know about Nintendo? Go online and find 5 facts about Nintendo.

Reading

The Wii Day

1 When it arrived in the blue and white box, resting
 at my front door, my sister and I could not contain
 our excitement. It was Saturday morning and we
 were both smiling wide, suited in colorful pajamas.
 5 For those couple minutes, the mailman was our
 hero. We cheered him on, **applauding** him as he
 set the box down in front of us. Then, as quickly
 as he had been welcomed, he became immediately
 forgotten. We were **fascinated** with the box,
 10 charmed with its colors, curious about its
 contents. Our box. Our Wii.

Carrying the box over our shoulders, we **paraded**
 around the house as if we had won the lottery. To
 young video game **freaks** like we were, the new
 15 Nintendo Wii was *better* than the lottery. As we
 created a **ruckus** around the house, my mother
heaved a deep sigh, knowing well that the next
 three months would **consist** of me and my sister
 sitting glued to the TV, eating unhealthy snacks,
 20 and arguing.

It didn't take us long to get **addicted** to the **interactive** motions of the Wii. I beat my sister the first couple times, but after she started getting used to the movements, she became tough competition. One day, as
 25 we went through our usual **routine** of playing the Wii Bowling game, our dad walked into the room and sat to watch us. He **commented** on the unique concept of the interactive play. He told us that back when
 30 he used to play video games, there were no fancy machines and certainly no **motion-sensor** remotes like the Wii had. We laughed at him, making fun of how old he was and how bad he must be at modern day video games. My dad **chuckled** and left the room.

35 Two weeks later, we were playing the same game at the same time of day when my dad walked into the room again. I took this chance to make fun of him again and even **taunted** him to try and play against me. He laughed at first, but soon enough he
 40 grabbed the remote from my sister and accepted my challenge! I immediately became excited at the idea and even called my mom upstairs to watch the game. So I began the game and smiled, knowing that my dad would be so **embarrassed** when he lost. Victory
 45 would be mine.

And that was the day that my dad beat me at Nintendo Wii Bowling.

50 He had been practicing every night while I was asleep... How did I not know? When the TV screen displayed the score, his number just **slightly** higher than mine, my face turned chili red. I had been so confident, too confident, and this time, it was my dad
 55 making the jokes.

addicted *adj.* dependent; relying on.

Tim drinks three cups of coffee everyday; we think he's addicted!

applaud *v.* to clap hands as a sign of approval or appreciation. We applauded loudly at the end of the concert.

chuckle *v.* to laugh quietly. My dad chuckled as he read his book.

consist *v.* to be made up of something.

The meal consists of chicken and green beans.

comment *v.* to make a brief remark stating a fact or opinion.

Jason commented on how badly the team had played.

embarrassed *adj.* self-conscious; humiliated.

I was embarrassed when I made a mistake in front of the entire class.

fascinate *v.* to hold someone's interest.

The class was fascinated by the whales at the aquarium.

freak *n. (slang)* someone who is extremely enthusiastic about something; a fanatic. Carl is a sports freak; he watches games all weekend.

heave *v.* to make a long breathy sound (usually a sigh.)

Molly heaved a sigh of relief when she saw that her children were safe.

interactive *adj.* allowing communication between people, or between people and machines. The library has an interactive story time for children, where they get to read along with the librarian.

motion-sensor *n.* an electronic device that detects movement.

Our porch lights have motion-sensors and only turn on when someone is walking by.

parade *v.* to march around festively, as if in a procession.

The demonstrators paraded down the street.

routine *n.* the usual sequence of activities.

Elliot's morning routine is to walk the dog, buy a coffee, then pick up his mail.

ruckus *n.* a noisy commotion.

The lively children caused a ruckus in the library.

slightly *adv.* very small in amount or degree.

Carmen is slightly taller than her twin sister.

taunt *v.* to tease or mock someone.

James cried when the bully at school taunted him.

Vocabulary Exercise

A. Fill in the Blanks:

applaud *chuckle* *consist* *lottery* *slightly*
routine *parade* *unique* *embarrass* *comment*

1. Trevor did well on the exam, but his overall mark for the course only improved _____.
2. The diners at the restaurant _____ when the chef tossed the pizza dough in the air and caught it.
3. I didn't think the joke was funny, but I _____ just to be polite.
4. Kyle didn't mean to _____ Samantha when he taunted her about her new haircut.
5. Have you seen the new prize home for this year's _____?
6. After the team won the final, thousands of cheering fans _____ down the streets.
7. Our _____ while we were on vacation was to sleep in late, then spend the afternoon at the beach.
8. I hope I win the lottery! The prize package _____ of a vacation home, a speedboat, and a hot tub.
9. A challenge for novelists is to think of a _____ story that hasn't been told before.
10. It is annoying when people _____ on a movie while they are watching it.

Vocabulary Exercise

B. Multiple Choice:

1. ... my sister and I could not contain our excitement.
 - a. hide our excitement
 - b. show our excitement
 - c. pretend our excitement
2. ... the next three months would consist of me and my sister sitting glued to the TV. What does this phrase imply?
 - a. sitting in front of the TV
 - b. playing the Wii endlessly
 - c. watching our favorite shows
3. I beat my sister the first couple times...
 - a. hit
 - b. lost to
 - c. defeated
4. I took this chance to make fun of him...
 - a. tried
 - b. took the opportunity
 - c. took time
5. My face turned chili red...
 - a. I felt hot.
 - b. I was embarrassed.
 - c. I was angry.

Grammar Point

Present progressive tense shows an action that is currently in motion while present tense often talks about habits and routines. Practice simple present tense and present progressive tense by filling in the blanks with the appropriate verbs according to the context.

1. **listen**

I _____ to music every day.

He _____ to music right now.

2. **cheer**

Both of my parents are here and _____ for me.

We _____ him on as he puts the present on the table.

3. **chuckle**

Look at Mike! He _____ over the book he's reading.

Dad always _____ when he watches funny movies.

4. **fascinate**

The literature course I'm taking this week _____.

Anything to do with insects _____ Jake.

5. **taunt**

I feel sorry for Alison. Everyday, kids _____ her about her weight.

Brenda is upset right now because the boys _____ her.



6. **applaud**

Listen to this crowd! They _____ so loudly. Parents always _____ at their children's performances, even if they do badly.

7. **comment**

I like this journalist's work; once a week she _____ on the current affairs in the city.

Come watch this news program. At the moment they _____ on the election results.

8. **carry**

Can you help us for a minute? We _____ all these boxes over to the car.

Kangaroos _____ their babies in their pouches.



