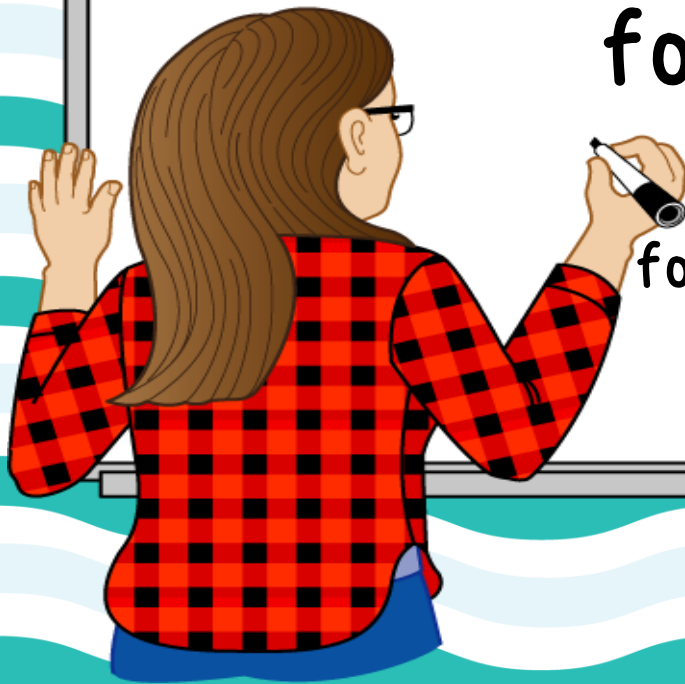


School's Out for Summer!



A Language Activity
for middle & high school
students

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Are you and your students excited for summer break?! Before you all head off for a few weeks of rest and relaxation, be sure to check out this summer-themed freebie! It addresses open-ended/"WH" questions geared toward middle and high school students with an "end-of-the-school year" theme!

Activities includes:

- 8 question cards/scenarios
- 8 speech and thought bubbles to fill in and/or discuss
- 12 "Summer Suggestions" cards and blank "To Do" list to help keep your tweens and teens busy and boredom-free all summer long! Use these cards as a discussion exercise or challenge them to create a summer to-do list (including some of these ideas.) You can ask them to be prepared to talk about the "summer suggestion" that they followed through with when they return.

This freebie activity can be used to target many speech and language skills including: answering questions, naming tasks, good sentence structure, social language/conversation skills, fluency and articulation. Enjoy! Have a great summer!!!

Anna is filling out an on-line summer job application.

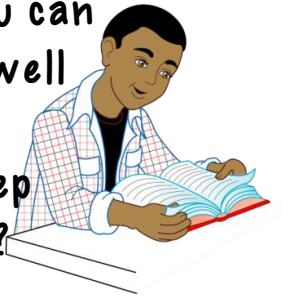
- Name some places where a high school student can find a summer job.
- Why is having a summer job a good way to spend part of your summer?
- What are some things you can do with the income you earn?
- What valuable skills can you gain from working during your summer break?



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Chris went to the school library to find books to read for the "Summer Reading Challenge."

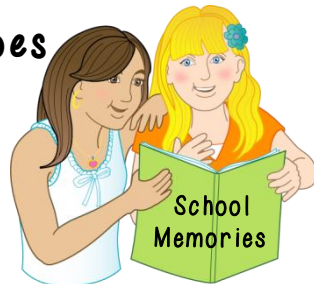
- Name some books that you have read in the past or plan on reading that you could recommend.
- Name some places that you can access books for free as well as by paying.
- Why is it important to keep reading over the summer?



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Mary and Liz were very excited to receive their school yearbooks today!

- What kind of information do you find in a yearbook?
- Why would students be excited to receive a yearbook?
- What purpose or uses does a yearbook have?



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Kelly received special recognition at the Achievement Awards ceremony at the end of the year.

- What kind of achievements might a student be recognized for?
- Why do you think a school gives out awards at the end of a school year?
- Describe how you would feel if you received an award.



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Dan is cleaning out his locker on the last day of the school year.

- Name some things that students keep in their lockers.
- Why do you think lockers need to be cleaned out at the end of the year?
- Why is important to keep your locker organized during the school year?



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Jenny and her friends have been studying hard all week and just finished taking the last final exam of the school year.

- Name three emotions they feel after completing their last exam?
- Name some ways they might celebrate when the school day is over?
- Do you think students should have to take final exams? Why or why not?



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Joe is keeping a summer journal to write about everything he is doing over the break.

- Name some topics/experiences that he might journal about.
- How can writing in a journal be both fun and beneficial?
- Do you keep a journal during the summer or at any other time of the year. Why or why not?



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Rob is glad the school year is over, but he will miss his friends. He wants to make plans to keep in touch with them throughout the summer. List three different text messages he could send to the following people letting them know he wants to get together over the summer:

- his best friend Zach
- his friend John on the baseball team
- his friend Jenny that he kind of "likes."



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Jenny just finished her last exam of the school year! What will she say when she is done?



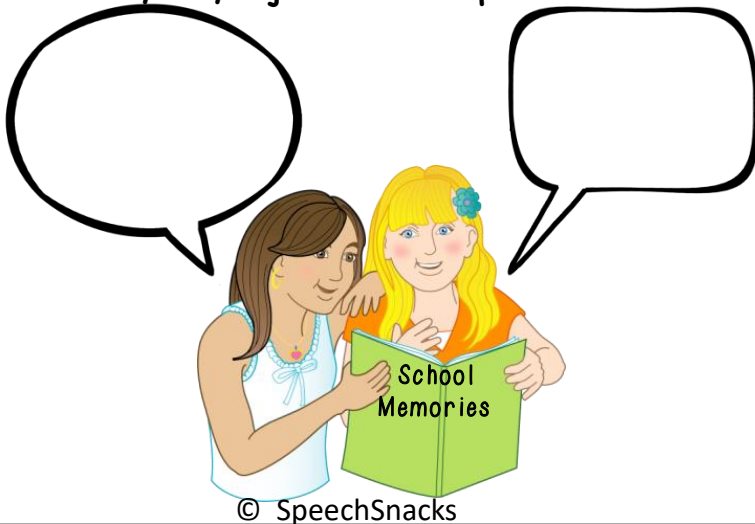
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Chris just found a book that he can't wait to read for the Summer Reading Challenge. What will he say about how he is feeling?



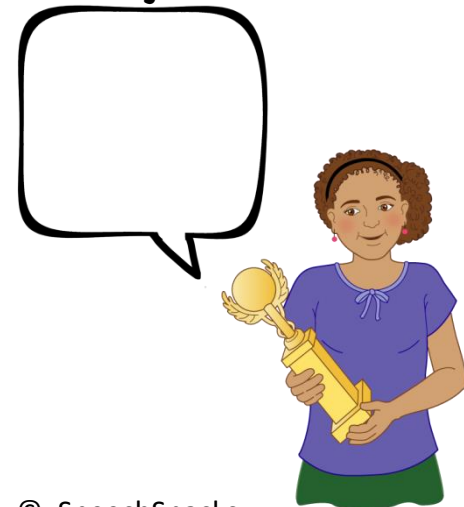
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Mary and Liz are looking through the school yearbook and find silly pictures of themselves. What are they saying about the pictures?



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Kelly received a special award at the school assembly. What will she say when she gives a short speech on stage?



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Dan is busy cleaning out his locker on the last day of school. What is he thinking about the mess he just discovered inside of it?



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Anna is busily searching for a summer job on her computer and not having a lot of luck. What is she thinking as she looks for a job?



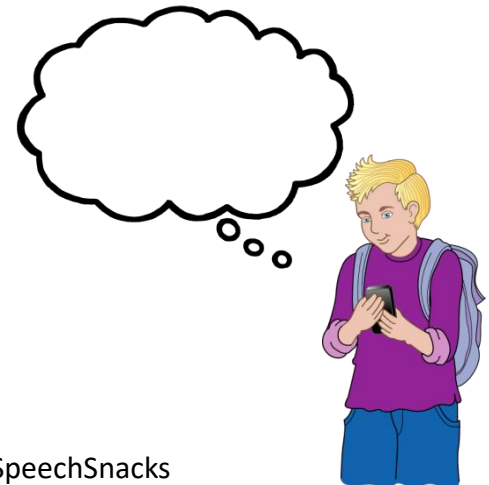
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Joe just bought a journal to record all his summer adventures in. What is he thinking about writing in it first?



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Rob is checking his contact list to make sure he has his friends numbers to keep in touch over the summer. Who is he thinking about texting first?



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SUMMER Suggestion #1

Learn how to make your own “cool” treats---homemade ice cream, ice pops or a healthy fruit smoothie.

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SUMMER Suggestion#2

Plant a garden.
Grow your own herbs and vegetables---it’s rewarding and teaches responsibility.

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SUMMER Suggestion#3

Start your own lawn service. Start by making a flyer and distributing it in your neighborhood.

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SUMMER Suggestion#4

Get a job in a bagel store, ice cream shop, or as a camp counselor. Make good decisions with the money you earn.

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SUMMER Suggestion#5

Go to a farmers' market. Buy at least one food you've never eaten before. You'll be supporting local farming and expanding your interest in different foods.

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SUMMER Suggestion#6

Read a good book in a hammock, at the beach or someplace relaxing.

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SUMMER Suggestion#7

Get some exercise! Go for a nature hike with friends, play with a Frisbee, have a pickup basketball game or go on a bike ride.

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SUMMER Suggestion#8

Wake up early and watch the sun rise--
-Then take in a sunset. Let the sun inspire you to write a poem.

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SUMMER Suggestion#9

Go to an outdoor concert. Enjoy music under the stars with some good friends—but don't forget to protect your hearing when you do!

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SUMMER Suggestion#10

Go fly a kite! Learn how to make your own. Take your kite to the beach or an open field and let it fly!

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SUMMER Suggestion#11

Have fun with water---no pool necessary! Invite a few friends over and set up a sprinkler in your backyard, have a water balloon toss (fight) or set up a slip and slide (you can make your own with a plastic tarp and hose!)

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SUMMER Suggestion#12

Go camping in your own backyard. Set up a tent, roast marshmallows on the grill and star gaze with your family or friends.

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