

ENGLISH
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
GR 7-9
FUN ACTIVITY BOOK



FUN ACTIVITY 1

Read the following poem and then complete the identification chart of the Marrog according to the vital information given in the poem.

The Marrog

My desk's at the back of the class	1
And nobody knows	
I'm a Marrog from Mars	3
With a body of brass	
And seventeen fingers and toes.	5
Wouldn't they shriek if they knew	
I've three eyes at the back of my head	7
And my hair is bright purple	
My nose is deep blue	9
And my teeth are half yellow half red?	
My five arms are silver with knives on them sharper than spears,	11
I could go back right now if I liked –	
And return in a million light years.	13
I could gobble them all for	
I'm seven foot tall	15
And I'm breathing green flames from my ears.	
I could wouldn't they yell if they knew	17
If they guessed that a Marrog was here?	
Or wouldn't they tremble with fear!	19
Look, look, a Marrog	
They'd all scrum and shout.	21
The blackboard would fall and the ceiling would crack	
And the teacher would faint I suppose.	23
But I grin to myself sitting right at the back	
And nobody nobody knows.	25

– R.C. Scriven –

BACKGROUND

1. Where does Marrog usually lurk in the class room?	
2. What is Marrog's planet of origin?	

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

1. Composition of body	
2. Number of fingers and toes	
3. Number of eyes	
4. Position of eyes	
5. Colour of hair	
6. Colour of nose	
7. Colour of teeth	
8. Colour of arms	
9. Number of arms	
10. Height	

WEAPONS

1. Arms armed with...	
2. Ears produce ...	

PROBABLE DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON OTHERS WHTN IT APPEARS

1. Fellow students would all...	
2. Blackboard would...	
3. Ceiling would...	
4. Teacher would...	

FUN ACTIVITY 2

DRAW AN IDENTIKIT PICTURE

Draw a frame and, from the information contained in the above chart, produce your own identikit picture of the Marrog.

FUN ACTIVITY 3

PUTTING IN THE CAPITAL LETTERS

Write out the following sentences and put in the capital letters where they are needed.

1. this year, christmas will fall on a tuesday.

2. the world's greatest playwright was william shakespeare.

3. pop fans will always remember elvis presley.

4. in 1769 a man called nicholas cugnot became the world's first motorist.

5. the famous entertainment centre of Disneyland is situated in los angeles.

6. the world's most isolated country, tibet, is now a part of china.

7. one of the best-known films of all time is *the sound of music* starring julie andrews.

8. one of the most popular breakfast cereals is kellogs corn flakes.

FUN ACTIVITY 4

ABBREVIATIONS

Match each word in column A, with its abbreviation in column B.

WORD	ABBREVIATION
1. Very Important Person	A. diag.
2. professor	B. Dr
3. Bachelor of Science	C. N.Z.
4. diagram	D. Sgt.
5. feminine	E. prof.
6. Street	F. jnr
7. Doctor	G. Mt
8. manufacturer	H. masc.
9. New Zealand	I. Rd
10. Mount	J. V.I.P.
11. masculine	K. B.Sc.
12. junior	L. fem.
13. Road	M. St
14. Sergeant	N. mfr

FUN ACTIVITY 5

LANGUAGE PATTERNS

Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct word from the text box below.

buys, helps, stays, is, works, earns

1. She _____ Betty Dlamini.
2. She _____ as a doctor.
3. She _____ in a house.
4. She _____ at 111 Church Street, Johannesburg.
5. She _____ money.
6. She _____ her parents.
7. She _____ food and clothes.

FUN ACTIVITY 8

WORD SEARCH - SILVER

G	X	G	G	N	V	K	M	O	I	V	D	A
G	H	N	B	M	I	C	P	E	X	P	O	G
W	C	O	C	I	X	A	I	S	D	K	C	D
Y	T	D	S	U	R	B	F	G	H	A	T	H
B	A	Z	Z	T	U	C	X	W	A	Z	L	Q
U	W	A	M	Q	C	O	H	U	I	Z	A	P
L	U	F	T	E	L	E	C	A	R	B	F	I
L	O	C	K	E	T	R	S	A	L	V	E	R
E	A	M	H	Y	K	P	S	L	P	T	B	X
T	Z	R	Y	Y	I	P	U	P	Q	O	O	G
N	F	I	P	R	K	H	U	U	X	F	X	Z
W	X	N	L	L	A	H	U	R	K	I	S	M
M	X	G	Y	R	E	L	L	E	W	E	J	P

BACK
FOX
MEDAL

BIRCH
GHOST
PURE

BOX
HAIR
RING

BRACELET
JEWELLERY
SILVER

BULLET
LOCKET
WATCH

FUN ACTIVITY 9

WORD LADDER

Change one word into another by altering a single letter at each step. Each step on the word ladder must be a valid word.

BURLY

SILKY

FUN ACTIVITY 10

WORD SEARCH – START WITH V

E	V	P	Y	M	G	N	Z	I	D	L	T	Z
Q	R	O	I	X	H	Z	B	A	E	I	V	M
S	Q	Z	G	U	U	I	N	C	V	E	O	Y
S	Q	Y	N	U	C	X	F	E	L	N	E	V
U	V	E	H	X	E	I	G	O	E	T	R	J
N	A	C	Y	V	O	E	C	V	R	E	Y	S
E	H	J	I	H	T	I	S	P	A	V	M	F
V	O	L	T	A	T	D	W	U	L	X	N	N
Y	E	I	B	Y	C	W	M	R	E	J	V	W
I	J	L	A	U	I	U	Q	T	V	U	T	V
N	E	V	A	M	P	I	R	E	S	Q	H	E
L	Z	O	Q	P	E	O	B	O	T	Q	A	I
V	M	Q	T	E	V	L	E	V	V	N	P	L

VAMPIRE
VELAR
VENOM
VIE
VOID

VEGETABLE
VELOCITY
VENUS
VILE
VOLT

VEIL
VELVET
VET
VOGUE
VORTEX

FUN ACTIVITY 11

WORD SEARCH – MY FAVOURITE

ADORED
BELOVED
CHOICE
DARLING
DEAR

PLEASANT
PREFERENCE
PRIZED
REVERED
PET

DEAR
IDOL
MAIN

DESIRED
LIKED
PERSONAL

Y	M	E	D	E	R	I	S	E	D	X	A	A
B	Y	C	D	U	F	H	P	A	C	P	S	I
H	C	I	I	J	X	H	R	D	S	A	N	O
T	N	O	R	O	B	L	E	G	E	C	I	V
N	F	H	Z	O	I	R	F	E	N	H	S	S
A	P	C	H	N	E	B	E	L	O	V	E	D
S	E	R	G	V	G	M	R	P	V	C	N	G
A	R	P	E	N	A	G	E	P	I	P	C	U
E	S	R	M	I	N	G	N	D	E	K	I	L
L	O	I	N	R	L	X	C	T	F	R	D	Y
P	N	Z	D	U	A	K	E	O	E	E	O	C
W	A	E	W	D	G	E	Q	L	M	R	L	Y
M	L	D	R	X	A	A	D	O	R	E	D	I

FUN ACTIVITY 12

VOCABULARY

Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B.

1. responsibility	A. to help someone
2. budget	B. to say you are not happy about something
3. receipt	C. being scared
4. complain	D. it is your job, or you are in charge of it
5. support	E. to plan how you will spend your money
6. afraid	F. a slip of paper from the shop that tells how much money you have spent

FUN ACTIVITY 13

SPELLING

Underline the correct spelling of the word provided in the box.

address

adres	address
addres	address

diary

dairy	diary
diry	dary

February

February	Febuary
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August

Ougust	Agast
August	Uagust

exaggerate

exaggerate	exagerate
excagerate	excaggerate

FUN ACTIVITY 14

MUDDLED UP?

The words in the following sentences are all muddled up. Can you write them in the correct order to make sensible sentences?

1. grade you are in Which?

2. birthday on October My 25 is .

3. were Where I you waiting was here while?

4. swimming Thabo's wet because was been had hair she.

5. time hated on George usually being late he was and.

FUN ACTIVITY 15

ADJECTIVES - COMPARISONS

Complete the blank sections of the table below:

large		
		highest
	more beautiful	
naughty		
frightening		
	scarier	
		roughest
		busiest
boring		
shiny		
	Worse	
exhausting		

FUN ACTIVITY 16

WORD SEARCH – WORDS WITH A SILENT “E”

W	T	K	B	I	O	M	O	D	E	S	T
Q	R	P	O	R	C	U	P	I	N	E	O
T	I	L	E	D	L	Q	L	O	U	T	P
F	P	A	S	T	O	R	A	L	S	T	C
S	T	S	Z	W	S	T	Y	L	E	A	L
H	S	T	A	T	E	M	E	N	Y	M	O
A	F	I	R	E	D	Z	D	R	A	E	T
P	A	C	E	P	C	M	E	S	S	S	H
E	V	I	T	I	E	I	G	H	T	T	E
D	U	N	E	D	B	L	A	D	E	H	S
A	P	E	N	C	I	L	C	A	S	E	E
L	I	I	S	A	M	E	N	R	O	S	E
E	C	L	E	A	R	R	A	N	G	E	R

PORCUPINE
TILED
MODES
SAME
FIRE
ODE

STATEMENT
BLADE
FIRED
STYLE
CASE

PACE
MODE
ROSE
STATE
APE

PENCILCASE
DUNE
TIE
ATE
PINE

FUN ACTIVITY 17

WORD SEARCH – PREPOSITIONS

A	S	A	R	E	S	U	L	T	O	F	B	B
M	O	G	B	K	Q	B	E	H	I	N	D	X
O	U	A	Y	F	R	E	K	R	P	U	U	F
N	T	I	V	Y	Z	L	C	O	W	T	E	R
G	O	N	E	A	R	O	I	U	I	N	T	O
A	F	S	N	T	M	W	G	G	T	E	O	M
U	N	T	I	L	S	A	A	H	H	X	R	A
N	W	Y	N	I	N	F	R	O	N	T	O	F
D	U	Z	S	I	N	C	E	U	N	T	R	T
E	P	P	I	T	P	A	S	T	X	O	U	E
R	C	D	D	E	X	C	E	P	T	F	O	R
I	N	B	E	T	W	E	E	N	O	V	E	R
I	N	T	H	E	M	I	D	D	L	E	O	F

AS A RESULT OF
BEHIND
IN BETWEEN
EXCEPT FOR
AGAINST
BELOW
INSIDE
OUT OF
BY

IN FRONT OF
NEAR
IN THE MIDDLE OF
SINCE
THROUGHOUT
DUE TO
FROM
WITH
UP

UNTIL
INTO
PAST
OVER
UNDER
AFTER
NEXT TO
AT

FUN ACTIVITY 18

MONKEY PUZZLE

Choose the correct answer to complete each of the following sentences:

1. I had to keep my son home from school today because he had a _____ of 38 degrees.
A. fever
B. headache
C. temperature
2. Is there anything _____ you'd like me to get you?
A. else
B. more
C. extra
3. I like going to England in the summer because it gives me a _____ to speak English.
A. chance
B. case
C. possibility
4. When we were in Spain last year we _____ at a marvellous hotel overlooking the beach.
A. stayed
B. stopped
C. lived
5. My sister lives _____ Soweto.
A. nearly
B. in
C. from
6. Does your husband ever offer to do the _____?
A. washing
B. discussing
C. dishing
7. The doctor gave her a _____ for some medicine.
A. recipe
B. statement
C. prescription
8. When a fire broke out in the Louvre, at least twenty _____ paintings were destroyed, including two by Picasso.
A. worthless
B. priceless
C. valueless
9. There is a lot of talk nowadays about _____ Rights.
A. Humane
B. Manly
C. Human
10. I usually _____ up at 7 o'clock in the morning.
A. get
B. awake
C. go

FUN ACTIVITY 19

WORD ASSOCIATION

Two of the words on the right are associated with (or are part of) the word on the left. Underline them.

FLOWER	wren, petal, clean, buttercup, suggest
SCHOOL	brown, examination, dinner, offer, lesson
SLEEP	calm, nightmare, sheet, tongue, cushion
CHURCH	congregation, cough, aisle, feet, money
SHOE	snore, lace, heel, sit, height
BOOK	leaf, side, title, sheet, paperback
GOLF	tea, green, stick, birdie, cod
FACE	heel, grin, writing, cheeks, ankle
TELEPHONE	switch, lure, dial, ramble, receiver
OFFICE	typewriter, lose, rabbit, file, perm
TREE	brim, trunk, car, climb, cabbage
HOUSE	laugh, attic, forest, tongue, brick
BICYCLE	speak, saddle, town, pump, green
FOOTBALL	mole, corner, umpire, hornet, penalty
CAR	run, basket, clutch, boot, head

FUN ACTIVITY 20

SYNONYMS

Choose a synonym from the text box for each of the following words:

obstinate	inquisitive	unhappy
reserved	well-mannered	dear
evil	thrilling	unattractive
witty	furious	wealthy
dreadful	industrious	uninteresting

1. expensive _____
2. angry _____
3. exciting _____
4. terrible _____
5. shy _____
6. ugly _____
7. polite _____
8. boring _____
9. curious _____
10. rich _____
11. stubborn _____
12. hard-working _____
13. sad _____
14. amusing _____
15. wicked _____

FUN ACTIVITY 21

WORD SEARCH – CAGE DIVING

Q	D	R	F	Q	K	S	Z	Z	B	B	H	L
N	S	C	O	C	E	A	N	N	C	O	M	T
K	R	A	H	S	E	T	I	H	W	A	C	M
A	G	I	L	E	Q	E	R	S	R	T	U	Y
O	J	J	X	R	H	K	G	H	Z	W	R	E
K	W	H	A	L	E	S	H	A	R	K	I	L
E	T	E	R	R	H	D	E	J	C	E	O	L
E	E	B	B	E	I	L	C	S	D	R	U	A
L	E	E	F	V	V	B	D	C	N	K	S	K
S	T	Z	I	E	U	I	L	S	B	E	P	R
Z	H	N	H	F	V	H	D	O	R	A	S	A
I	G	W	L	E	Z	R	E	F	O	X	B	H
L	E	A	K	P	M	Z	U	T	A	D	I	S

AGILE
DIVE
SHARK ALLEY
CURIOUS
WHALE SHARK

BLOOD
DIVER
SLEEK
SENSES
CAGE

BOAT
DIVING
TEETH
WHITE SHARK
OCEAN

FUN ACTIVITY 22

WORD SEARCH – DARTS CHAMPS

X	S	G	S	M	A	D	A	Q	F	T	R	M
N	I	H	Q	A	I	A	F	A	R	N	W	J
Q	W	N	K	H	W	C	H	A	L	N	C	O
W	E	F	L	D	T	O	P	A	D	E	S	N
X	L	O	J	R	L	G	T	A	A	D	P	T
K	W	J	O	O	F	E	N	S	V	R	W	A
E	W	D	I	F	G	D	V	Q	I	K	C	Y
W	A	F	Y	R	E	L	L	E	D	R	R	L
I	L	L	E	R	M	R	S	X	N	C	B	O
L	T	L	S	M	T	T	C	J	L	R	V	R
S	O	O	B	T	L	C	R	E	E	S	A	W
O	N	L	B	E	K	X	B	N	A	E	F	B
N	X	R	Y	B	E	J	X	V	Z	S	F	M

ADAMS
BRISTOW
FORDHAM
PART
TAYLOR

ANDERSON
DAVID
LEWIS
PRIESTLEY
WALTON

BARNEVELD
DELLER
LOWE
REES
WILSON

FUN ACTIVITY 23

WORD LADDER

Change one word into another by altering a single letter at each step. Each step on the word ladder must be a valid word.

TRIBE

GLACE

FUN ACTIVITY 24

HOMOPHONES

Underline the correct homophone in each of the following sentences.

1. Emily is **allowed** / **aloud** to go to the party.
2. Tom **ate** / **eight** 8 packets of chips.
3. I **blue** / **blew** out all the candles.
4. Common people should **bough** / **bow** to the king.
5. I will **by** / **buy** a new car.
6. I smell the **cent** / **scent** of perfume.
7. Wheat is a **serial** / **cereal**.
8. They gave the shopkeeper a **check** / **cheque**.
9. Ben has **fare** / **fair** hair.
10. You have to **brake** / **break** to stop the car.

FUN ACTIVITY 25

WORD SEARCH - COOKING

B	E	T	S	A	B	I	A	S	L	L	I	S
L	L	K	E	E	P	R	S	Q	L	M	L	L
E	I	A	I	R	E	B	T	E	C	I	D	O
N	F	H	N	O	E	T	C	O	V	N	C	P
D	G	W	X	C	L	J	A	E	E	C	V	E
N	M	A	S	H	H	D	R	N	K	E	Y	O
I	Y	P	O	H	C	H	E	S	I	A	R	B
R	S	Z	B	H	R	K	S	P	N	R	B	O
G	N	U	I	E	S	E	L	I	M	E	A	U
B	V	L	M	U	A	Y	D	C	N	E	E	M
O	L	M	U	S	U	T	Y	K	L	R	H	R
E	I	S	O	R	T	N	N	L	E	U	A	A
S	T	N	C	R	E	A	M	E	L	P	C	G

BAKE
BASTE
BEAT
BLANCH
BLEND
BRAISE
MARINATE

CHOP
CORE
CREAM
DICE
GARNISH
GRIND
SEASON

MASH
MINCE
PEEL
PICKLE
PUREE
SAUTE

SHRED
SIMMER
SKIN
SLICE
SLIVER
CHILL

FUN ACTIVITY 26

READING FOR FUN!

Read the following paragraph and then answer the questions that follow.

Michael Wood is a professional golf-player. He is very rich and drives a Ferrari. He often travels and spends much of his time in America. At the moment his plane is heading for Switzerland. He is on board the plane with a cold drink in his hand.

1. What does Michael Wood do for a living?

2. What is he doing at the moment?

3. What does he often do?

4. What car is he driving?

5. What is he drinking?

FUN ACTIVITY 27

IS OR ARE?

Fill in **is** or **are**.

1. Ian and his friend _____ handing out sponges.
2. Clair or her sister _____ responsible for the soft drinks.
3. The runner and his coach _____ looking forward to the race.
4. Either the chairman or the club members _____ entering for the race.
5. Not only my sister but also my parents _____ keen on jogging.
6. They major and his wife _____ to present the gold medals.
7. Not only the winner but the first ten athletes _____ given a gold medal.
8. Either the teacher or his helpers _____ in charge of the medical tent.
9. Neither you nor your parents _____ prepared to take part.
10. _____ the champion or his sponsors keen on marathons?

FUN ACTIVITY 28

WORD SEARCH – MONTHS OF THE YEAR

J	A	O	A	U	G	U	S	T	W
A	P	C	G	S	Y	P	Z	K	X
O	R	T	E	T	A	R	F	A	C
C	N	O	V	E	M	B	E	R	C
T	E	B	F	J	D	H	B	G	J
O	M	E	J	U	N	E	R	L	P
A	P	R	I	L	K	I	U	T	M
X	O	S	A	Y	B	O	A	N	Q
S	H	T	N	O	M	A	R	C	H
Y	Z	W	O	R	X	B	Y	U	V

APRIL
OCTOBER
MARCH

MAY
NOVEMBER
MONTHS

JUNE
AUGUST

JULY
FEBRUARY

FUN ACTIVITY 29

VALUES

Match the values in column A with how you spend your time in column B.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
HERE IS WHAT I VALUE	HERE IS WHAT I DO / HOW I SPEND MY TIME
1. INDEPENDENCE You need to control your own life. Would you like to own your own business or work for yourself?	A. I find ways to test myself and I go out of my way to meet new friends and see new places.
2. SECURITY You want to have enough resources to meet your needs with minimum risk, worry or fear.	B. I know the kind of place where I want to live and I plan to live there a long time.
3. FAMILY AND FRIENDS Relationships with family, friends, and co-workers are a high priority for you. You want plenty of time to be an active partner, friend or parent.	C. I have a lot of projects that I am doing, and I express my creativity through art, or dance, or music, theatre, or?
4. CONSISTENCY AND STRUCTURE You like stability, structure, and you worry when unexpected things happen.	D. I have a plan in place to reach my financial goals.
5. ADVENTURE Do you thrive on change, risk, excitement, and seek new places and people? Do you get bored easily?	E. I take time to reflect on my beliefs and try to apply them in my life.
6. LOCATION Where you live is important to you, whether it is by a beach or in a city.	F. I volunteer to help others in my community.
7. CREATIVITY You are creative in the arts, like experimenting with new ideas. You prefer to do things your way.	G. I take courses that challenge me and I look for ways I can learn a new skill. I like to study.
8. LEARNING You enjoy learning about new ideas and methods.	H. I look for situations where I can start something and follow it through to the end. I don't need someone to remind me to finish things.
9. HELPING OTHERS You want to help others through your work and you get satisfaction from community service.	I. I have started saving money, and I don't buy everything I want even when I do have enough money.
10. SPIRITUAL You believe in a higher power. Your religious life is important to you.	J. I spend time with my family and I look for ways that I can support and do things with my friends.
11. WEALTH You want to have enough money to buy the things you want	K. I avoid changing things around and I keep to a regular schedule. I join organisations.

FUN ACTIVITY 30

OPPOSITES

Choose from the text box an opposite for each of the following words.

lazy	noisy	depressed	mean
poor	smooth	boring	sober
complicated	attractive	weak	careless
shallow	guilty	blunt	

1. strong _____
2. generous _____
3. exciting _____
4. innocent _____
5. quiet _____
6. simple _____
7. hard-working _____
8. careful _____
9. deep _____
10. rough _____
11. sharp _____
12. wealthy _____
13. ugly _____
14. happy _____
15. drunk _____