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1 QUICK QUIZ

Read the sentences about Cambodia. Are they true or false?

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|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| 1. Cambodia is in Asia | True | False |
| 2. It's next to India | True | False |
| 3. It's a very poor country | True | False |

In Cambodia, thousands of poor children don't go to school. Why not? Suggest two more reasons.

- Some children have to help their parents at home
- There isn't a school near their home
- _____
- _____

2 WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Match the words with their meanings. Write the correct word.

PARAGRAPHS 1-4

raise (money)
faraway

assistance
disorder

mailings
tutor

found out
article

- distant from you _____
- collect money for a particular purpose _____
- help _____
- illness _____
- many copies of letters sent to people at the same time _____
- someone who gives private lessons _____
- a piece of writing in a newspaper or magazine _____
- discovered or learned a fact _____

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PARAGRAPHS 5-7

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- 9. continue to do something _____
- 10. a building used for worship (in some religions) _____
- 11. move with no particular purpose _____
- 12. large types of cows used on farms _____
- 13. provided with the things they need _____
- 14. does things in a polite way _____
- 15. gave money to help someone _____
- 16. succeeded in doing something _____

PARAGRAPHS 8-10

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fund-raising	pay off	monsoons	generator

- 17. collecting money for a good purpose _____
- 18. someone who uses force to rule a country _____
- 19. stop doing something _____
- 20. a piece of cloth decorated with the pattern and colours
of the country _____
- 21. periods of heavy rain in south-east Asia _____
- 22. continues to speak, see or write to _____
- 23. a machine that produces electricity _____

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SCHOOL OF HOPE

by Mary Beth Maslowski

1 What would you be doing if you weren't going to school? Illness forced 18-year-old Rachel Rosenfeld to stay home from school for almost a whole year. But that didn't stop her from helping to build a school – in faraway Cambodia, in south-eastern Asia!

2 Rachel, from Harrison in the state of New York, had a stomach disorder that was causing her a lot of pain. When possible, Rachel studied at home with a private tutor and did a lot of reading. One day, Rachel read an article about children in Cambodia who can't go to school. The article also reported that some parents in Cambodia are so poor they have to sell their daughters into prostitution. That's when Rachel decided to build a school.

Cambodia

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4 Rachel started by sending out hundreds of mailings, hoping people could help. She let people buy signs with their names on them for things inside the school, like desks and chairs. She even made T-shirts and sold them for \$20 each.

5 Rachel was going to doctors and hospitals quite frequently and trying to keep up my studies." But eventually Rachel managed to raise about \$52,000. The World

Bank and the Asian Development Bank contributed \$10,000 and \$13,000 respectively.

6 When the school was ready, Rachel and her family moved to Cambodia. The R.S. Rosenfeld School is in a small village, close to the famous Angkor Wat, a huge 12th century Buddhist temple. The village has neither electricity nor running water. Chickens, cows and other animals roam free here. "We had to stop on the road," says Rachel.

7 Rachel provided Internet access for 300 primary-school pupils. Rachel says she was surprised by how well behaved the kids were.

8 Rachel stayed in touch with the school. Every year, additional funds are required, for example for the computer teacher and the generator.

9 For anyone interested in fund-raising, Rachel has some advice: "Don't give up when times get hard," she says. "It's important to be passionate, creative and hard-working."



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3 FIND THE INFORMATION

A. Rachel is ill. Complete this doctor's form for her.

CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH

Dr. J. Domsky
New York

First name: Rac Surname: _____

Age: _____ Address: _____, N Y r

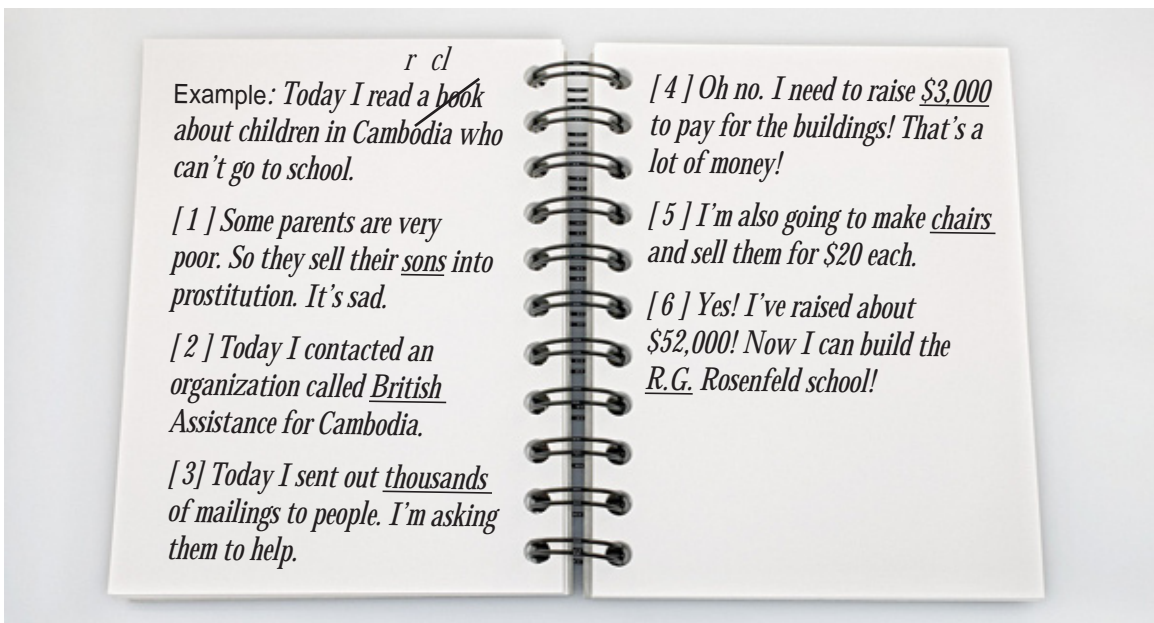
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B. What order did these events take place? Number them 1–6.

Rachel...

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> went to Cambodia | <input type="checkbox"/> decided to build a school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> opened a school there | <input type="checkbox"/> read an article about Cambodia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> got ill and couldn't go to school | <input type="checkbox"/> raised some money |

C. Read some sentences from Rachel's diary and correct the mistakes. Compare your answers with a classmate. Do you agree?



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4 TEEN TALK

Read this sentence from paragraph 3: "In truth, I was **pretty** confused about how I would raise enough money...."

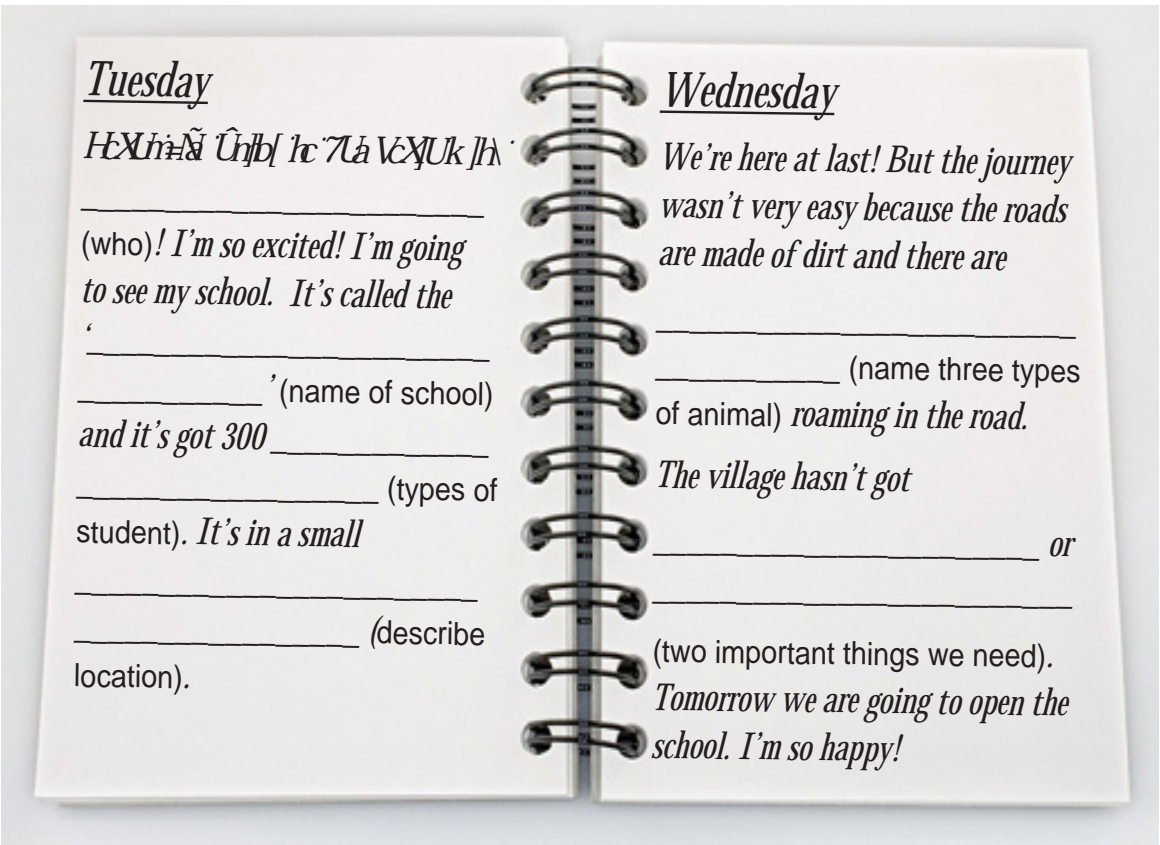
Pretty means quite.

Can you think of something you think is:

- a. pretty interesting? _____
- b. pretty boring? _____

5 WRITE A DIARY

Continue Rachel's diary. Find the missing information from the text.



6 WEBQUEST: CHOOSE THE WINNER OF A COMPETITION!

Every year 'World Challenge' holds a competition for the best aid project. Alone or in small groups, read some examples from the following website and choose an interesting aid project: www.theworldchallenge.co.uk

Make a poster about it. Read your classmates' posters and have a class vote on the best project.



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7 DESIGN YOUR OWN SCHOOL!

A. Imagine you are designing a primary school for children in a poor country. There is no electricity or running water. Some children are hungry and ill. How important for your school are the items in the list below? Discuss with a classmate.

The school needs...	Costs	Very important	Quite important	Not important
Desks, chairs and furniture	\$5,000			
Notebooks and pens	\$1,000			
Five computers	\$5,000			
A generator	\$4,000			
A library with books	\$2,500			
A health clinic	\$4,500			
Electricity	\$500			
A playground	\$500			
A well (for water)	\$2,000			
One free meal every day	\$18,000			
TOTAL	\$			

B. Discuss these questions.

1. Add up your costs. What's the total? How can you make some things cheaper?
2. What else would you like to buy for your school?
3. Most children in your school will eventually work in factories, on rice farms, in small businesses or as tour guides. What school subjects should you offer?
4. What kind of teachers do you want? What personal qualities should they have?
5. What's the name of your school?

C. How can you raise all the money to build your school? You need \$13,000 for the buildings and the additional money you listed above. Think of two more ideas.

We can....

- a. write to a big bank to ask for money
- b. email people to ask for money
- c. make things and sell them
- d. _____
- e. _____

Share your ideas with another group!



