

## THEME 1 SCHOOL LIFE READING SKILL (SPICE UP)

### **A. Read the text about life at a boarding school and match the topics with the paragraphs. One is extra.**

- a) After-school activities
- b) General information about the school
- c) Social activities
- d) An ordinary day at school
- e) Medical care at school

### HOME AWAY FROM HOME

\_\_\_ 1. I'm a student at the Castle High Boarding School near Vancouver, Canada. We live in the school during the terms. There are girls from all around the world since it is an international school for girls. We have the weekend and holidays off during the ten-month school year to spend time with our families. Our school building is over 100 years old. There is also a studio, a modern laboratory and a gym for activities during and after school.

\_\_\_ 2. A typical school day starts at 8:00 a.m. Generally, the headmaster has a small, friendly conversation with us about the week's theme. Sometimes one of our teachers or friends gives us a presentation. The best part of it is that we usually sing songs all together. At 8:25 a.m., we have an advisor session to plan our day and studies. We have four 80-minute classes to save time, but we have enough breaks and lunchtime as well. It is a pleasure to have lunch in the great dining hall with our friends and teachers. Our day ends after a homework session in our advisors' offices at around 5:30 p.m. We have to do every task on time. We are never late.

\_\_\_ 3. We arrive at the dormitory at 6:00 p.m., take off our uniforms and go to the river or swimming pool near our school to swim or row. Some of us prefer to play tennis or volleyball on the schoolyard courts. Others join clubs like drama, photography or language. All the girls enjoy doing these activities in their spare time.

\_\_\_ 4. We try to make time to enjoy ourselves, so the weekends are great for school trips, sporting events or theatre nights. It's great to watch plays on stage! Most of us have local families to visit when we miss our homes. We also go camping with the entire school twice a year. Most people think boarding school is boring, but we have a whale of a time with the staff, roommates and friends.

### **B. Read the text again and fill in the graphic organiser below.**

#### LIFE AT CASTLE HIGH BOARDING SCHOOL

School Activities	Activities After School	Weekend Activities
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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### **C. Read the text again and answer the questions.**

1. When do the students visit their parents?
2. What facilities are there at school?
3. How does a typical day start at school?
4. Who helps the students with their studies and homework?
5. Why do the students visit local families at weekends?