

## 19. THE SCHOOL AND THE PLAYGROUND

**TASK 1.** Use the words in the box below to label the school rooms.

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<p>the basement the cafeteria a classroom the first floor (AmE - the second floor)</p>	<p>the ground floor (AmE - the first floor) the gymnasium / the gym the library the office / the staff room</p>	<p>the playground the roof the stairs the toilet (AmE - the bathroom)</p>
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Adapted from: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/language/english/label/schoolrooms/>

**TASK 2.** Read three clues that describe a room in the school and decide which room is described. The names of the rooms are given in the box.

<i>The playground</i>	<i>The Principal's Office</i>	<i>The Art Room</i>	<i>The Gym</i>
<i>The Computer Room</i>	<i>The Lunch Room / The Cafeteria / The Canteen</i>		<i>A Classroom</i>
<i>The Music Room</i>	<i>The Assembly Hall</i>	<i>The Staff Room / The Teachers' Room</i>	
<i>The Hall / The Corridor</i>		<i>The Reading Room / Library</i>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p> <p>I can hear children talking. I can see a lot of long tables. I can smell hot dogs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>B</b></p> <p>I can see children running. I can hear balls bouncing. I can hear sneakers sneak on the floor.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>C</b></p> <p>I can hear a teacher talking. I can hear children reading aloud. I can see children writing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>D</b></p> <p>I can see pictures on the wall. I can hear a teacher and a pupil talking. I can smell paint.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>E</b></p> <p>I can see children standing in a line. I can see a piano. I can hear children singing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>F</b></p> <p>I can hear children laughing. I can see a big slide. I can smell grass.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>G</b></p> <p>I can see posters on the walls. I can see a notice board. I can see a school caretaker (AmE - janitor) sitting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>H</b></p> <p>I can smell coffee. I can hear adults chatting. I can see a sofa and a few armchairs.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>I</b></p> <p>I can hear the Principal speaking. I can see many rows of chairs. I can see many children and their parents.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>J</b></p> <p>I can see many desks. I can see pupils wearing headphones. I can hear the clacking of keyboards.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>K</b></p> <p>I can hear children whispering. I can see many bookshelves. I can hear the turning of book pages.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>L</b></p> <p>I can hear two adults talking. I can see a big desk and a big rolling chair. I can see the school Principal.</p>

**TASK 3. Match the descriptions of various playground objects with their pictures.**

**THE PLAYGROUND for an inclusive school**

- A. For the SWING ZONE, we selected a tire swing because of space limitations. Up to three children can easily play on a tire swing at the same time, thus encouraging cooperative play.
- B. The NATURAL ZONE was developed around the periphery of the playground, throughout the planting area and a large open field for running and football, kickball and other outdoor games.
- C. The STORAGE ZONE includes a convenient lockable storage unit for playground equipment such as balls, jump ropes, and dramatic play props, as well as maintenance tools such as brooms and rakes.
- D. In the SAND PLAY, there is a shelter which diffuses direct sunlight into the sand pit / box. An accessible sand table is provided for children in wheelchairs.
- E. The COMFORT ZONE consists of a structure for shade, wooden bench, and brick seating.
- F. The GROSS MOTOR ZONE is a composite play structure with easy access for children and their assistants.
- G. The wooden structures reinforce the curriculum and provide DRAMATIC PLAY opportunities. From left to right: a replica of Alabama's state capital, a play stage, and a pair of playhouses.
- H. The HARD SURFACE ZONE is an activity street that includes pavement (AmE - sidewalk) games and [Bank Shot Basketball](#), an accessible sport that incorporates the skill of billiard's shot-making with the fun of basketball.

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**TASK 4. Read the text again and decide if these ideas are expressed in the text. Tick (✓) the box if they are included or put a cross (x) if the ideas are not in the text.**

1. Tyre / tire swings are safer than any other kinds of swings.	
2. Playground equipment and maintenance tools are stored in the playground area.	
3. The sand pit / box can be used by children with physical disabilities.	
4. In drama activities, children are guided by professional actors.	
5. Basketball can be played on the pavement / sidewalk.	



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**TASK 5. Match the words to make collocations.**

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| 1. tyre (AmE - tire) | (a) area      |
| 2. outdoor           | (b) pit / box |
| 3. planting          | (c) tools     |
| 4. jump              | (d) games     |
| 5. maintenance       | (e) bench     |
| 6. direct            | (f) swing     |
| 7. sand              | (g) play      |
| 8. wooden            | (h) ropes     |
| 9. dramatic          | (i) surface   |
| 10. hard             | (j) sunlight  |

**TASK 6. Use the words from the tasks above (1, 2, 3 and 5) to complete the sentences.**

1. In American English, the main floor is the first floor, and in British English it is the .....
2. Our school choir usually has its rehearsals in the Assembly .....
3. Staff meetings are sometimes held in the Principal's .....
4. My school has a lot of modern sports equipment, both in the playground and in the .....
5. Children should spend a couple of hours every day in the open air playing ..... games.
6. In summer, kids must wear sun hats and stay in the shade in order to avoid direct .....
7. Some primary pupils still enjoy playing in the sand .....To play basketball, you need a hard .....

## ANSWERS

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#### TASK 1.

1. the roof
2. the first floor
3. a classroom
4. the toilet
5. the library
6. the office / the staff room / the teachers' room
7. the cafeteria / the canteen / the lunch room
8. the gymnasium / the gym
9. the ground floor
10. the stairs
11. the playground
12. the basement

#### TASK 2.

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| A . The Lunch Room / Cafeteria / Canteen | B. The Gym                             |
| C. A Classroom                           | D. The Art Room                        |
| E. The Music Room                        | F. The Playground                      |
| G. The Hall / The Corridor               | H. The Staff Room / The Teachers' Room |
| I. The Assembly Hall                     | J. The Computer Room                   |
| K. The Reading Room / The Library        | L. The Principal's Office              |

#### TASK 3.

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|----------------------|-------------|
| A. SWING ZONE        | - Picture 4 |
| B. NATURAL ZONE      | - Picture 8 |
| C. STORAGE ZONE      | - Picture 3 |
| D. SAND PLAY         | - Picture 1 |
| E. COMFORT ZONE      | - Picture 2 |
| F. GROSS MOTOR ZONE  | - Picture 6 |
| G. DRAMATIC PLAY     | - Picture 7 |
| H. HARD SURFACE ZONE | - Picture 5 |

#### TASK 4.

1. Tire swings are safer than any other kinds of swings. X
2. Playground equipment and maintenance tools are stored in the playground area. ✓
3. The sand box can be used by children with physical disability. ✓
4. In drama activities, children are guided by professional actors. X
5. Basketball can be played on the pavement / sidewalk. X

#### TASK 5.

1. Tyre / tire swing
2. Outdoor games
3. Planting area
4. Jump ropes
5. Maintenance tools
6. Direct sunlight
7. Sand pit / box
8. Wooden bench
9. Dramatic play
10. Hard surfaces

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6. In summer, kids must wear sun hats and stay in the shade in order to avoid direct **sunlight**.
7. Some primary pupils still enjoy playing in the sand **pit / box**.
8. To play basketball, you need a hard **surface**.