

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to post | a. to speak with difficulty because you repeat the first sound of some words |
| 2..... nervous | b. to put something like a text or a picture on the internet |
| 3..... to cheer | c. worried or afraid about what is going to happen |
| 4..... to rap | d. the tube that goes from the back of your mouth into the inside of your neck |
| 5..... to stutter | e. a person who works with people who have difficulties with speaking |
| 6..... a speech therapist | f. to speak words rhythmically to music |
| 7..... your throat | g. to shout in encouragement or praise |
| 8..... to bark | h. (of a dog) to make a short loud noise |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Tom has difficulty saying the letter 'W'. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Tom likes Luke Williams. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Tom wants to take a new drug to stop his stutter. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Ryan Colby is Tom's friend. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. The science fair goes really badly. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Tom is very popular after the science fair. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Luke likes Tom. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. After dinner with his dad and Luke, Tom's stutter gets worse. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Write the word to fill the gaps.

1. I'm afraid _____ the letter 'W'.
2. His name's Luke Williams. I can't stop thinking _____ him.
3. The phone rang while I was having breakfast. Dad was _____ the shower.
4. I heard someone laughing. It sounded _____ Ryan Colby.
5. There are good days and bad days. This blog _____ helping.
6. After we finished, everyone wanted _____ be my friend.
7. Luke wasn't laughing _____ me this morning. He was ringing to say 'good luck in the science fair'.
8. We talked _____ three hours!!!

Discussion

Did you like the story?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.