Sainik School Ambikapur Summer Vacation Homework (Class VIII) Subject- English

"Dear cadets, we are thrilled to announce an exciting project! You'll be creating vlogs to explore the world of English in fun and engaging ways. Choose from book reviews, word of the week, creative writing challenges, and more(S.no. 1,3 and 7 are compulsory. Any 4 of the remaining) Let your creativity shine, and let's make learning English an adventure together! Once your English vlog is ready, please upload it to your Google Drive or post it in your respective Whatsapp Group. Alternately, share the link with your respective teacher by sending it to our WhatsApp number. Let's showcase our fantastic English projects!

Happy learning!" - Prakash, Sudhir and Ashish sir.

- 1. **Word of the Day**: Introduce a new interesting or uncommon word every day. Explain its meaning, usage, and challenge your viewers to use it in a sentence.(**CEFR C1 or C2 level words**)
- 2. **Famous Author Spotlight**: Pick a famous author and create a vlog about their life, notable works, and writing style. Discuss what you find interesting about their contributions to literature.
- 3. Grammar Work: (Writing Task)
 - (a) Active vs. Passive Voice:

Write 10 sentences in active voice and then change them into passive voice. For example:

- Active: The chef cooked a delicious meal.
- Passive: A delicious meal was cooked by the chef.
- (b) Reported Speech Relay:

Write a dialogue between three friends. After the dialogue, write the same conversation in reported speech. For example:

- Direct Speech: John said, "I am going to the park."
- Reported Speech: John said that he was going to the park.
- (c) Modifiers Madness:

Write a short passage (150–200 words) about a recent event you enjoyed, like a picnic or festival. Focus on using modifiers (adjectives and adverbs) to make your writing descriptive and vivid. Highlight all the modifiers in your text. Make sure your modifiers are placed correctly!

- 4. **Poetry Recitation**: Choose a poem you love, memorize it, and recite it on camera. Discuss what the poem means to you and why you chose it.
- 5. **Create a Travel Journal:** Keep a travel journal during your vacation. Write about your experiences, describe new places you visit, and reflect on the sights and

- sounds you encounter. Improve your writing skills and foster creativity and observation.
- 6. **Book Review Podcast:** Choose a book to read over the vacation and create a podcast-style book review. Record yourself discussing the plot, characters, themes, and your overall impression of the book. Practice speaking and critical thinking skills.
- 7. **News Headlines Vocabulary: (Writing Task)** Every day, read a national and international news headline. Write two headlines that grab your attention, one from each category. Find two unfamiliar words from the headlines, look up their meanings, and then write their synonyms and antonyms. Use these new words in meaningful sentences of your own. Not only will this expand your vocabulary, but it will also keep you informed!(
- 8. **Interview a Family Member:** Interview a family member about their life experiences, favorite memories, or significant events. Write a narrative based on the interview, incorporating quotes and anecdotes. Develop interviewing, listening, and storytelling skills.
- Create a Digital Storyboard: Choose a favorite book or short story and create a
 digital storyboard using tools like Canva or Google Slides. Visually represent key
 scenes, characters, and events, and include captions or brief summaries for
 each.

Prompts: Write a story about a character who discovers a magical object hidden in their attic.

Imagine you woke up one morning with the ability to speak to animals. What adventures would you have?

Create a story set in a futuristic world where technology controls everything. Describe a day in the life of a superhero who has just discovered their powers. Write about a character who finds a mysterious map leading to a hidden treasure.

Invent a story about a group of friends who uncover a portal to a parallel universe.

Imagine you could time travel to any period in history. Where would you go and what would you do?

Write a spooky tale about a haunted house in your neighborhood.

Describe a world where humans have colonized another planet.

Invent a story about a young inventor who creates a robot companion.