STUDENTS SAVE THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE

Young Students Learn Cherokee
1 Kindergarten students at Lost City School near Tulsa, Oklahoma, are learning how to speak Cherokee, a Native American language. They speak Cherokee for most of the day. The students repeat colors, numbers, and animal names in Cherokee. They call each other by their Native American names.

Singing Songs in Cherokee
2 The students learn how to sing songs in Cherokee, too. When you walk by the music classroom at Lost City School, you hear unusual sounds. The students are singing a popular song called "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." It is about animals on a farm, but the students are not singing in English. They are singing in Cherokee. They sing, "Old MacDonald had a wa-ga and a ka-wo-nu on his farm." Those words mean cow and duck in Cherokee.

Why Learn the Cherokee Language?
3 Cherokee is one of the 170 Native American languages in the United States. All of them are in danger of disappearing. People who can speak and understand Cherokee are over the age of forty-five. The children at Lost City School want to save their native language, so they are trying to learn Cherokee.

Working and Learning Together
4 At Lost City School, students help each other to learn Cherokee. The school has 100 students. Sixty-five of them are Cherokee. Crystal Braden is thirteen years old. She is one of the Cherokee students. Crystal and several of her classmates made a video to teach younger students the Cherokee words for colors. "If we don't learn Cherokee, our grandchildren won't know it," says Crystal.
5 Younger children are teaching older children, too. Kristian Smith is a 12 year-old boy. He is learning words from his younger brother Lane, who is only 8. Lane is in kindergarten. "I’m learning from Lane and this is strange," says Kristian. "I should be teaching him!"
6 The Cherokee word ga-du-gi describes the school's aim. It means working together to help the society. November is National American Indian Heritage Month. In that month, people work together to honor the Native American culture and celebrate its success, but Lost City School is different; at this school, everyone works together to help the community all year long.
A) What do the words in bold type refer to?
1. all of them (para. 3, line 1) : all of the ___________________
2. it (para. 4, line 4) : ___________________________
3. It (para. 6, line 1) : ___________________________
4. In that month (para. 6, line 2) : ___________________________

B) Read the text and fill in the blanks.

Paragraphs 1&2
Kindergarten students at Lost City School are learning how to speak Cherokee. To do this, they (1)_______________________________________ for most of the day. They repeat colors, numbers and animal names, and call each other by their Native American names. They also sing songs. The sounds that you hear near the music classroom are unusual. This is because the children are singing a song (2)_______________________________________, not in English.

Paragraph 5
Also, the students teach each other. For example, Kristian (3)_______________________________________ from Lane, and this is strange because Lane (4)_______________________________________ than Kristian; Kristian is 12, and Lane is only 8.

Paragraph 6
Lost City School has an aim. It wants to (5)_______________________________________ by working together. Many people work together to honor the Native American culture for one month every year, but this school is different. People at this school work (6)_______________________________________, not for one month only.
**Text II.**

**SENDING CYBER-HUGS**

1. You want to give a hug* to the person you love, but you are kilometers away from each other. Do not worry because soon this will not be a problem any more!

2. Computers and the Internet have changed the way we communicate with other people. We use the Internet to send e-mail messages for people to read. We also use it to send photos for people to see or music for them to hear. Today, the Internet uses only two of our senses: sight and hearing. It is possible that the things we can do over the Internet will change in the near future. Soon, we will give hugs* to the people that we love over it and they will feel our hugs even hundreds of kilometers away!

3. Scientists in Singapore have discovered (found) a completely new way to send the sense of touch over the Internet. They hope this new technology will help parents to keep in touch with their children who are far away; that is, they will communicate with their children in a new way. They think it will soon be possible to hug their children by using the internet.

4. James Teh is a scientist at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. He has found a way to enable people to “touch” their pets over the Internet. To do this, Teh invented a wireless “hug suit”, something like a jacket, for pets to put on. The pets wear this hug suit and when the owners are far away from their pets, they use a computer to control the hug suit. The suit gives the animals the feeling that their owners are hugging them. This makes them calm and happy.

5. Now, Teh is planning to use the same technology for something else: a hug suit for children. A child who is wearing a hug suit will get electronic hugs from his or her parents. Parents will use a computer so that the child will feel like she or he is being hugged by their parents. Also, when parents wear a suit like that, they will feel hugged.

6. Teh works with Professor Adrian Cheok. Cheok says, “The biggest group of customers will be parents with small children. Mainly, these parents will demand this product. These days, parents are going on a lot of business trips, but this is not so good because hugging and touching are very important for children, so they will want to buy it.” He thinks the new technology will be useful for parents and children. He thinks that many people will want to have the opportunity to use this technology. In other words, he believes that people won’t miss the chance to use this technology.

What do you think?
A. Match the words in column A with their definitions / explanations in column B and write the letters of the definitions in the blanks provided.

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B. What do the following words from the text refer to?

1. it (para.2, line 6) refers to : __________________________
2. they (para.4, line 4) refers to : __________________________
3. them (para.4, line 5) refers to : __________________________
4. this (para.6, line 3) refers to the fact that __________________________

C. Answer the following questions.

1. How have the computer and the Internet changed the way we communicate with others?
   a) ______________________________________________________
   b) ______________________________________________________

2. Why did James Teh invent a wireless “hug suit”?
   ______________________________________________________
VOCABULARY SECTION
Complete the following texts. Use words from the box. Use each word ONLY ONCE. BE CAREFUL! You do not need all of the words. Do not change the form of the words.

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It is a good idea to learn about the culture of a country before you go there. Every country has its own traditions, and life becomes difficult for you if you do not have an idea about them. I didn’t know this when I to live in Japan. Language was the first problem that I had. I knew very little Japanese, and I had communication problems. I was sorry for this at first. Then, I stopped feeling sad and started to look for a solution. I went to a language course to my Japanese because I wanted to speak Japanese better. Then, I made some friends. Things started to get better. We everything; good and bad times, and they didn’t me feel lonely. Six months later...

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Thousands of different brands of chewing gum are sold in the shops today. They have different logos, but the products inside are very . Each company tries to find different ways of selling their product. In order to the sales, some producers say that chewing gum helps you both concentrate and relax. Recent TV say that 20 minutes of chewing is good for your teeth. Research has shown that when people are told this, sales increase. It is a big business now, but chewing gum is not a modern . Gum was first obtained from mastic trees, which were found mainly in Greece and Turkey. For centuries, the Greeks chewed gum. Then, in late 1860s, chicle was discovered in the Mexican rainforest. Gum made from chicle is more elastic than gum from mastic trees, but the process of collecting chicle from the rainforests is difficult. Today, the main part of chewing gum is , not natural.