



EXTRA ACTIVITIES 7th grade (31/08 a 11/09)

EXPRESSION 2

1- Read the poem. After, write true(T) or false(F) no seu caderno.

The Scout Cave (From Boys` Life, 1919)

By the Cave Scout F. J. P.

Hey, Cave Gang, come closer, let each of us name
The worst kind of nuisance - we'll call it a game
"I vote for the fellow who's never on time!"
"The fellow who always would borrow a dime!"
"The chap who takes pleasure in starting a fight!"
"The geezer, while camping, who snickers all night!"
Yes, those pests are terribly trying, I grant,
But, I'll cast my vote for the fellow who "can't".

[...]

He can't get his grammar, or spelling, or math,
Can't split the kindling, he can't take a bath,
He can't help his mother, he can't use his head,
Can't rise in the morning and can't go to bed,
He can't find his collar, he can't tie his tie -
He never knows what he could do if he'd try -
But repeats all day long his monotonous chant:
"Oh, mamma; oh, teacher; oh, mister; I can't."

There's great need in the world for the confident man
Who tackles his work with a heart "I can!"
So, if you would succeed and find living a joy,
Just learn how to do things while you are a boy;
For the boy who refuses to work when he SHOULD,
Loses the power to work when he WOULD.
Weakness and softness his talent supplant,
And he finds at the test that he REALLY CAN'T.

a) O garoto do texto quer ser independente.

b) O garoto tem limitações que o impedem de realizar algumas atividades, ainda que se esforce para tanto.

2- Segundo o poema, qual o risco de se ter preguiça de realizar atividades do dia a dia quando se é jovem? Quais os argumentos do "eu lírico" para que o garoto mude de atitude?

3- Marque no texto da atividade 1: a) as palavras cognatas (aqueles com grafia semelhante e mesmo significado das palavras que falamos, escrevemos na língua nativa - Português); b) aquelas que você já conhecia; c) as que você não sabe o significado, mas precisa procurar no dicionário ou na Internet para aprendê-las. Escreva no seu caderno.

4- Segundo o poema, qual o chant (refrão) sempre repetido pelo garoto? O que parece significar?

Obs.: As respostas às questões podem ser realizadas em Português, **mas no seu caderno**.