



Activity #1: Read the article “Beware of Flood-Damaged Cars When Buying a Used Auto”

1. Besides a hurricane like Katrina, can you think of some other natural events that might damage cars?
2. What happens to cars that the insurance company writes off as total losses?
3. T/F The most common cause of a car being damaged is water in the engine.
4. Wisconsin law requires labeling cars about flood damage:
 - a. On the car's rear-side window
 - b. In internet advertising
 - c. In advertising in the newspaper
 - d. All of the above
5. Who does not have to label a flood-damaged car in Wisconsin?
6. What are some signs of flood damage?
7. T/F Flood damage to a car's systems will usually show up right away.
8. How many cars are estimated to be damaged from Katrina and Rita?
9. Of the 570,000 cars damaged, _____ could turn up in the used car market.
 - a. 427,000
 - b. 190,000
 - c. 285,000
 - d. 142,000



Activity #2: Read the article “Barry Alvarez is Coaching His Final Games for UW”

1. If Barry Alvarez won 116 of 193 games at UW, what is his winning percentage?
2. Barry Alvarez coached the Badgers to (one, two, three or four) trips to the Rose Bowl?
3. T/F Wisconsin Badgers had been to the Rose Bowl several times before Alvarez coached the team.
4. T/F To replace Alvarez, Wisconsin has recruited a coach from another school.
5. What is the other job Alvarez will continue to do for the University of Wisconsin?

Activity #3: Read the article “Leaders Fear Bird Flu...”

1. If flu outbreaks occur about 3 times every 100 years, epidemics kill large numbers of people on the average every _____ years.
a) 25 b) 29 c) 33 d) 38 e) 42 f) 50
2. What is the special name for an epidemic that kills many people over a large part of the world?
3. T/F Bird flu usually kills large numbers of wild birds.
4. So far, the 100 cases of bird flu in humans have occurred in:
a) east Africa, b) eastern Europe, c) southeast Asia, 4) southern Japan, 5) Siberia
5. T/F Bird flu symptoms are similar to symptoms from the normal kinds of flu that we get.
6. Name some of the usual symptoms of the flu.
7. The article says that the common source of human infection with the bird flu has been “close contact” with infected birds. Can you think of some ways or places “close contact” could happen?



8. If a person gets any kind of flu, what are some of the things you should do?
 - a) Drink lots of water,
 - b) bed rest,
 - c) be clean - wash your hands,
 - d) eat chicken soup,
 - e) all of the above.

9. What is one important tool the federal Department of Health & Human Services is using in regard to the bird flu?

Activity #4 Read the article “Buck's Off-Season Changes Promise a Winning Season”

1. The article mentions several ways the Bucks line-up changed from last season. Can you name some?

2. What was important about the Buck's first four wins?

Activity #5: Read the article “Home Made Chicken Soup”

1. What is the most important secret for making home-made chicken soup in less than _ hour?

Activity #6: Read the article “A CD Can Help You Build Your Savings Account”

1. If you keep \$10,000 in a bank savings account paying 1.5% interest per year, how much interest will you earn in 12 months?
 - a) \$0.15 b) \$1.50 c) \$15.00 d) \$150.00 e) \$1,500.00

2. If you buy a \$10,000 CD with a maturity of 1 year that pays 4.5% interest, how much interest will you receive when the CD is cashed out?
 - a) \$0.45 b) \$4.50 c) \$45.00 d) \$450.00 e) \$4,500.00

3. Why would you agree to commit your money to a CD for a longer period of time?

4. What happens if you cash out your CD before the maturity date?



Activity #7: Read the article “Bush Picks a Well-Known Conservative for the Supreme Court”

1. Who has President Bush recently nominated to the Supreme Court of the United States?
2. T/F His appointment could affect our nation for many years.
3. What kind of legal background has Judge Alito had?
4. Can you identify three kinds of courts, courts organized into 3 layers in the federal court system?
5. When is the US Senate expected to vote on Alito's nomination?
6. What happened to Harriet Meirs, the first person President Bush nominated to replace Justice O'Conner?
7. T/F Justices rule on cases based on facts and the law.
8. Alito's mother told reporters her son is for or against abortion?

Activity #8: Read the article “Use These Tips to Save Energy and Money This Winter”

1. If your household energy bill last year was \$1500.00, what would it be if it went up 50%?
2. List four places energy is used in the home.
3. Why will sealing your home save energy and money?
4. T/F It is a good idea to lower your thermostat to 60-65 degrees at night.
5. What are other areas where you can save energy and money?
 - a) hot water
 - b) let sunlight in
 - c) use light bulbs with energy star
 - d) turn on computers
 - e) a, b, d
 - f) a, b, c



Activity #9: Read the article “Can't Pay Your High Energy Bills?”

1. What percent will heating costs rise this winter?
2. T/F The Hurricanes are part of the reason for the increase in energy prices.
3. Where can you get help for energy cost problems in Wisconsin?
4. How will WE Energies help?
5. What are the three factors that determine how much help you can get from the Energy Assistance program?
6. When should you contact the Energy Assistance program?
7. T/F Governor Doyle has a plan to help low-income residents pay their heating bills.
8. What are the telephone numbers and the internet addresses to get help about heating bills in southeastern Wisconsin?

Activity #10: Read the article “Cheney's Chief of Staff Charged in Case Involving CIA Agent”

1. The Vice President's Chief of Staff, I. Lewis Libby, is being charged with how many felonies?
a) 10 b) 5 c) 6 d) 1
2. What is Libby accused of?
3. List the charges Libby faces.
4. What did the CIA agent's husband say about President Bush?: a) President Bush misled the country in the Iraq war; b) President Bush is doing a great job with the war?.
5. T/F President Bush said he would fire those who leak information.
6. The CIA agent, Valerie Plame, worked:
a) undercover b) out in public places c) always in danger



7. What is the name of the special prosecutor?
8. Does the article infer others like Vice President Cheney and presidential advisor Karl Rove also may be guilty?
9. How did Libby plead to the charges when he appeared in court?

Activity #11: Read the article “Are Cell Phones Destroying Good Manners?”

1. Good manners include:
 - a) saying please and thank you,
 - b) take off hat indoors,
 - c) no swearing,
 - d) holding the door for people,
 - e) use a cell phone in private,
 - f) all of the above.
2. Market research shows what percent of people experience cell phone rudeness daily?
3. What did Packer Coach Mike Sherman do during a news conference when a reporter's cell phone rang?
4. What message is conveyed by cell phone use at the dinner table?
5. What is a “cell yell?”
6. List 3 proper phone mannerisms.

Activity #12: Read the article “Rosa Parks, Mother of Civil Rights Movement, Dead at 92”

1. Is the article stating literally or figuratively that Rosa Parks changed America by sitting down for her rights?
2. What law did she violate and where was she?
3. Rosa Parks refused to sit in the back of the bus how many years ago?
 - a) 10
 - b) 50
 - c) 25
 - d) 75
4. T/F This incident led to more racial discrimination and segregation in the United States.
5. What do the letters NAACP stand for?



6. Why did Parks leave Alabama for Detroit?
- a) Tired of the southern heat
 - b) Tired of fighting for the rights of blacks
 - c) Had to work so hard as a seamstress
 - d) She and her husband were threatened and jobs were hard to find after the bus incident.

Activity #13 - New Words

Pick 10 words from the list of new words below and make sentences for each. The new words are defined on the right. Note that words like “Domestic” and “bowl” have other meanings. But the definitions here relate to the articles in the November issue of The Key. Please write your sentences using the definitions provided. Check your spelling, grammar and punctuation.

NEW WORDS

DEFINITIONS

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|-------------------|--|
| 1. Pandemic | Epidemic (spread of disease) over a wide geographic area |
| 2. Domestic | Relating to a country's own affairs |
| 3. Indication | A suggestion |
| 4. Cope | To deal with something that is difficult |
| 5. Outbreak | A sudden occurrence |
| 6. Judiciary | A system of courts of laws; or the judges of these courts |
| 7. Disobedience | Refusal to obey |
| 8. Segregation | To separate a race or class of people from the rest of society |
| 9. Discrimination | To show prejudice against |
| 10. Foremost | First in rank or position |
| 11. Prosecutors | Lawyers who pursue a court action against someone |
| 12. Insulation | Material that prevents heat, cold, or sound from getting in |
| 13. Perjury | Lying under oath |
| 14. Musty | State or moldy in taste or smell |
| 15. Seep | To pass slowly through small openings |
| 16. Thermostat | A device used to change temperature |
| 17. Bowl | A stadium shaped like a hollowed out container |
| 18. Sarcastic | One who says things that are meant to be cutting |
| 19. Eavesdropping | Listening in one (such as someone else's conversation) |
| 20. Rotisserie | A device that cooks meat on a spit by turning it over and over |



Answers

Activity #1:

1) high winds, rains/floods, tornados, typhoons; 2) salvage yard; 3) False 4) d; 5) a seller not licensed in Wisconsin; 6) must smell, seat/carpet water spots, dirt in tail lights/air filter, dirty/discolored hood insulation, brittle wiring; 7) F; 8) 570,000; 9) c.

Activity #2:

1) 60%; 2) 3; 3) F; 4) F; 5) Athletic Department Director.

Activity #3:

1) 33; 2) pandemic; 3) F; 4) c; 5) T; 6) fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, eye infections, breathing problems; 7) poultry farms, poultry processing plants; 8) e; 9) communication of information.

Activity #4:

1) traded (for Magloire), drafted top pick (Bogut), return from injury (Ford), signed free agent (Simmons), re-signed guard (Redd), replaced head coach (Stotts for Porter); 2) against highly rated teams.

Activity #5:

1) rotisserie chicken.

Activity #6:

1) d; 2) d; 3) you don't expect to need it, the bank will pay a higher interest rate; 4) you lose the interest and you pay a penalty.

Activity #7:

1) Samuel Alito; 2) T; 3) Yale Law School, government attorney, 10 years Circuit Court of Appeals judge; 4) Supreme Court, Circuit Courts of Appeal, "lower" federal courts; 5) January; 6) she asked to have her nomination withdrawn; 7) T; 8) For.

Activity #8:

1) \$2250.00 2) heating, cooling, lighting, appliances, computer, TV, cell phone chargers; 3) prevent heat from escaping to the outdoors; 4) T; 5) f.



Answers

Activity #9:

1) 40-50%; 2) T; 3) WE Energies & state Energy Assistance Bureau; 4) extra time to pay; 5) income, how many people, heating costs; 6) now; 7) T; 8) WE Energies: 1-800-842-4565, www.we-energies.com; Energy Assistance Bureau: 1-866-432-8947, www.energyhelp.wi.gov.

Activity #10:

1) b; 2) lying to federal investigators; 3) obstruction of justice, two counts of lying to the FBI, two counts perjury before a federal grand jury; 4) a; 5) T; 6) a; 7) Patrick Fitzgerald; 8) yes; 9) not guilty.

Activity #11:

1) f; 2) 70%; 3) stopped the conference; 4) user is rudely ignoring others; 5) yelling on a cell call; 6) turn off at the dinner table, return a call later, move out of earshot.

Activity #12:

1) literally; 2) segregation law, on the bus in Selma, Alabama; 3) b; 4) F; 5) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; 6) d.