



Robert and his friend, Mike, went to the amusement park for the day. The boys were so excited to try the whirl around ride.

The boys were hungry so Mike's mom gave them tickets to get cotton candy, hamburgers, and some popcorn. While getting the food, Mike saw a boy about his age standing at the whirl around ride.

"I wonder why he doesn't go on the ride?" asked Robert. "Maybe he's scared." Answered Mike. The boy was by himself and looked poor. His shirt and jeans were torn and dirty. Even his hair was messy. After the boys finished their food, they walked over to Mike's mom and told her about the boy. "Can we do something to help him?" asked Mike. "What do you want to do?" his mom asked. "Let's give him the extra tickets we have, and we can give him a ticket for a hamburger." Mike and Robert went over to the boy and said they had some extra tickets, and he could have them. The boy gave them the biggest smile and said, "Thanks that would be great!" "We have some extra food tickets too." "Wow, I would really like hamburgers," said the boy. He said his name was Chris and that he comes to the amusement park often, but he doesn't have the money to go on the rides. Mike's mom told the boys what they did for Chris was very special. "You both brightened a boy's day that is less fortunate than you. I'm proud of you both."

Reading comprehension : (6pts)

Activity 1: Tick the main idea of the text: (1pt)

- Helping a needy boy at the amusement park
- Having fun in the amusement park
- Meeting friends in the amusement park

Activity 2: these statements aren't correct; correct them with details from the text: (2pts)

1- The kids didn't enjoy themselves in the amusement park.	→ _____
2- Chris didn't play because he was worried.	→ _____

Activity 3: pick out two details from paragraph 2 showing Chris's poverty: (2pts)

1. _____
2. _____

Activity 4: what does the underlined sentence in the text express? Choose the suitable function from the box: (1pt)

Interest / suggestion / indifference
<u>Let's give him the extra tickets we have</u> → _____

Language: (8pts)

Activity 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct alternative from the list: (3pts)

work / come / interesting / cooperation / believe / wasting / needy
Being a volunteer is one of the best things you can do with your life. It's a great way to help 1) _____ people. It's also very satisfying to know that you are not 2) _____ your time and are helping people who need help. Many of us could and should be out there doing voluntary 3) _____ of some kind. So many voluntary organizations need extra hands. It really is easy. Just pick up the phone and offer your services. I 4) _____ that too many have a lazy lifestyle. We just want to 5) _____ home and watch TV. Life is much more 6) _____ if you're a volunteer. I've found it really opens your eyes to how some people live.

