TOPIC 5: RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FREEDOM

Sub-topic 5A: Children's Rights and Freedom

Aspect A: Vocabulary Content

Aspect A1: Learn to pronounce and spell correctly all the words in the Vocabulary Content below.

child abuse, arrest, defile, rights, escape, torture, release, council, marry, early, marriage, crime, offence, court, imprison, prison, rape, incest, mistreat, convict, charge, plead, kidnap, accuse, cell, thief, sentence, freedom, cruel, guilty, innocent, rob, stranger, refuse, sugar daddy, sugar mummy, magistrate, bad touches, beware, dropout, witness, try, abort, impregnate, starve, batter, responsible, shelter, education, protect, peace, report, care, force, help, labour, obedient, respect, tidy

Aspect A2: Meaning, word family and examples

Child abuse: the crime of harming a child in a physical, sexual or emotional way

Example:

Child abuse may lead to imprisonment.

Arrest: to take an offender to a police post, especially by a police officer

Verb forms: arrests, arresting, arrested, arrested

Preposition: for

Examples:

He was arrested for murder.

Defile: to engage a child into sexual immorality

Verb forms: defiles, defiling, defiled, defiled

Noun: defilement

Examples:

He was hanged for defiling a six-year old girl.

Katono was sentenced to seven years imprisonment due to rape.

Rights: expected requirements of a child.

Examples:

Elders should respect children's rights.

Children's rights include shelter, medical care and education.

We should all respect the rights of children.

Escape: get away

Verb forms: escapes, escaping, escaped, escaped

Examples:

The thieves escaped from Luzira prison this morning.

Torture: the act of causing somebody severe pain

Verb forms: tortures, torturing, tortured, tortured

Examples:

It is bad to torture orphans.(Begin: Torturing.....)

Torturing orphans is bad.

Release: set free

Verb forms: releases, releasing, released, released

Examples:

Two prisoners will be released next week.

Council: group of people elected to govern an area

Noun: councillor, (member of a council)

Abbr: councillor, cllr

Examples:

Margret is our village councillor.

Counsel: advice, especially given by elder people

Verb forms: counsels, counselling, counselling, counselled, counselled

Examples:

Our teacher normally gives us guidance and counselling.

Our teachers sometimes counsel us.

Noun: counsellor (person who has been trained to advise)

Examples:

We shall meet several counsellors for some pieces of advice.

Marry: to get married

Verb forms: marries, marrying, married, married

Examples:

They are marrying next year.

Kato married a European woman.

Noun: marriage,(legal relationship between a husband and wife)

Examples:

Their marriage took place in a local church.

Early marriage: marriage where the couple is below eighteen years of age

Plural: early marriages

Examples:

Early marriages should not be encouraged.

Crime: activities that involve breaking the law

Examples:

Rape is a serious crime.

Noun: criminal,(person guilty of a crime)

Examples:

Three criminals were killed last night.

Offence: crime/an illegal act

Noun: offender,(person who commits a crime)

Verb forms: offends, offending, offended, offended

Example:

Murder is a big offence.

Who offended the little boy?

Court: place where legal trials take place and where crimes are judged

Examples:

She will appear in court tomorrow.

I will take him to court.

Court: The rapist will be taken to court next week.

Coat: Our teacher is dressed in a black coat.

Coat: Some tablets are sugar coated.

Imprison: put in prison

Verb forms: imprisons, imprisoning, imprisoned, imprisoned

Noun: imprisonment, prison, prisoner

Plural: prisoners

Examples:

Juma was imprisoned for three years.

They will imprison you if you continue mistreating children.

Prison: building where prisoners are kept as a punishment

Synonym: jail

Prisoner: one in prison

Examples:

Prisoners are usually tortured in prisons.

Rape: forced sex

Verb forms: rapes, raping, raped, raped

Examples:

She was raped while she was going to the market.

Noun: rapist (one who rapes)

Example:

The rapist was hanged in public.

Incest: sex between close relatives e.g brother and sister, father and daughter

Mistreat: to treat a person or animal unfairly/unkindly

Verb forms: mistreats, mistreating, mistreated mistreated

Noun: mistreatment

Examples:

They will imprison you if you continue mistreating children.

Convict: to declare somebody guilty of an offence/someone who is in prison because he or she has committed a crime/to find or prove to be guilty

Verb forms: convicts, convicting, convicted, convicted

Preposition: of

Noun: convict, conviction

Adjective: convict

Examples:

John was arrested and convicted of defilement.

Kapere is a convict because of killing a child.

He warned that the three escaped convicts were armed and dangerous.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

Charge: claim that somebody committed a crime

Preposition: with

Examples:

Kenneth was charged with theft.

Plead: to argue in support of somebody or yourself

Verb forms: pleads, pleading, pleaded, pleaded

Examples:

The little girl pleaded with the kidnapper for mercy.

Kidnap: abduct, seize, to take somebody away illegally and keep them as a prisoner

Noun: seizure, kidnapper, kidnap/kidnapping

Examples:

He admitted the charge of kidnapping.

Two pupils have been kidnapped from Pride Boarding School.

Accuse: one who is guilty

Preposition: of

Examples:

He was accused of theft.

Kaggwa was accused of knocking down a school child.

Cell: small room where prisoners live

Example:

A gang was put in a cell.

Cell: I bought new dry cells for my radio.

Cell: White blood cells fight against disease causing germs in our bodies.

Examples:

The prisoners have been taken to the cell.

Sell: Go and sell those tomatoes.

Sale: This land is not for sale.

Thief: person who steals

Plural: thieves

Noun: theft (crime of stealing)

Examples:

Draru was stoned to death due to theft.

The police arrested seven thieves yesterday.

Sentence: punish

Verb forms: sentences, sentencing, sentenced, sentenced

Examples:

The judge has sentenced the rapist to three years imprisonment.

A death sentence is the worst of all.

Freedom(n): state of being free/the right to do what you want

Adjective: free

Examples:

During our Christmas party, everyone had the freedom to choose what he or she wanted.

There is freedom of speech in Uganda nowadays.

Cruel: causing pain or suffering

Adjective: cruel, crueller, cruellest

Examples:

Of the two soldiers, Chris is the crueller.

Adverb: cruelly

Examples:

That stepchild has been cruelly treated.

Noun: cruelty

Examples:

Sam has been arrested because of his cruelty to orphans.

Guilty: having done something illegal

Opposite: innocent

Noun: guilt (opp=innocence)

Examples:

Amon was found guilty of murder.

Innocent(adj): not guilty

Examples:

The magistrate found Doreen innocent and released her.

Noun: innocence

Examples:

He was set free due to his innocence.

Rob: to steal money or property from a person or place

Verb forms: robs, robbing, robbed, robbed

Noun: robber (one who robs), robbery (act of robbing)

Preposition: of

The tycoon has been robbed of his wallet.

Stranger: unknown person

Plural: strangers

Examples:

Our maid did not accept gifts from strangers.

Refuse: reject/not to do as instructed or told

Verb forms: refuses, refusing, refused, refused

Noun: refusal

Sugar daddy: old man who gives gifts or money to a younger woman in return for sex

Opposite: sugar mummy

Plural: sugar daddies, sugar mummies

Example:

Sugar daddies and sugar mummies are a danger to the young generation.

Magistrate: judge in lower court of law

Plural: magistrates

Examples:

Nantale is a Grade 1 magistrate at Bulange court.

The magistrate has released a prisoner at three hundred thousand shilling-bail.

Bad touches: actions of putting your hands or fingers onto somebody/touches made by the opposite sex on someone's private parts

Examples:

Say no to bad touches.

Beware: be careful

Examples:

Beware of strangers.

Dropout(n): person who leaves school before they have completed studies

Examples:

The school dropouts have been jailed.

Witness: person who sees something happen and is able to describe it to other people

Plural: witnesses

Examples:

The witnesses were asked to make a statement each.

Try: to examine, evidence in court and decide whether somebody is guilty or innocent

Verb forms: tries, trying, tried, tried

Examples:

Masa will be tried at the High Court for murder.

Abort: medical operation that causes a baby to die inside its mother before it is fully developed

Verb forms: aborts, aborting, aborted, aborted

Noun: abortion(end pregnancy)

Example

Abortion may lead to death.

The young girl died while aborting.

Impregnate: to make a woman pregnant

Verb forms: impregnates, impregnating, impregnated, impregnated

Example:

She dropped out of school because she was impregnated by a stranger.

Starve: to suffer or die because you don't have enough food to eat

Verb forms: starves, starving, starved, starved

Noun: starvation

Examples:

My grandmother died of starvation.

Batter: violent physical abuse that usually involves the act of striking someone repeatedly or heavily in order to cause injury/to offensively touch or use force on (a person) without the person's consent

Verb forms: batters, battering, battered, battered

Noun: battery

Example:

A stranger was found battering a school girl.

Responsible(adj): able to be trusted or do what you are morally expected to do

Opposite: irresponsible

Noun: responsibility

Plural: responsibilities

Adverb: responsibly

Examples:

Parents should be responsible for teaching their children the difference between right and wrong.

She is a very responsible worker.

It is your responsibility to go to school and study.

Shelter: where you live

Verb forms: shelters, sheltering, sheltered, sheltered

Examples:

Every child has a right to shelter.

That organization provides food and shelter for homeless people.

They sheltered in a cave while they waited for the storm to pass.

Education(n): the process of learning and training or going to school to learn

Verb forms: educates, educating, educated, educated

Adjective: educative

Noun: education

Examples:

All children have a right to education.

She earned her master's degree in education.

Protection: the act of providing security

Verb forms: protects, protecting, protected, protected

Noun: protection

Examples:

A child at school should be given protection from any sort of abuse.

We all need to protect the girl child.

Peace: lack or absence of war

Adjective: peaceful

Adverb: peacefully

Examples:

There is peace in northern Uganda nowadays.

Peace and order were finally restored in the town.

Piece: I tore a piece of paper from my book.

Report: to inform or give information to someone

Verb forms: reports, reporting, reported, reported

Noun: report

Examples:

Please, report any case of abuse to the authorities.

Care: to give attention

Verb forms: cares, caring, cared, cared

Adjective: careful, careless

Adverb: carefully

Example:

Parents ought to care for their children.

Force: to make people do something they do not want to do

Verb forms: forces, forcing, forced, forced

Adverb: forcefully

Example:

The young boy was forced to carry a twenty-liter jerrycan on his head.

Help: to give someone support

Verb forms: helps, helping, helped, helped

Adjective: helpful

Adverb: helpfully

Examples:

Children should always help their parents at home.

Labour: some form of work

Example:

Child labour is bad.

Obedient: do as instructed

Opposite: disobedient

Noun: obedience

Opp: disobedience

Adverb: obediently, disobediently

Examples:

Children must be obedient to their parents.

Respect: being polite and obedient to others

Adjective: respectful

Adverb: respectfully

Examples

One must respect oneself if one needs to be respected.

Always respect your elders.

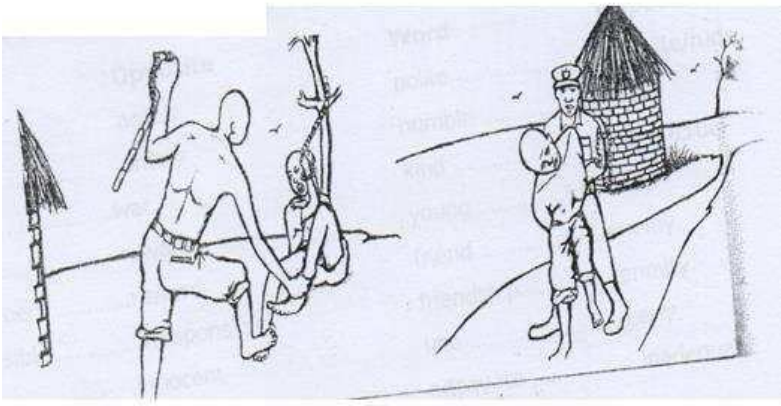
Tidy: to make a place look clean

Opposite: untidy

Verb forms: tidies, tidying, tidied, tidied

Example:

Kakuru tidied the dining room by himself.







Aspect A3: Usage

Exercise 1:

Construct meaningful sentences using the words given in the brackets.

child abuse, arrest, torture, guilty, responsible

Activity A1:

Fill in the blank space with a suitable word.

1) The suspects will appear_____court tomorrow.
2) Ojullu was accused_____beating small children.
3) Three murderers were sentenced_____life imprisonment.
4) The young man was charged_____robbery.
5) The convicts at Luzira Prison pleaded_____forgiveness.
6) After the thief had been severely beaten by the residents, he was_____to Kisizi Hospital for treatment.

Use each of the word in brackets to complete the sentence.

7) The pupils'_____was that salt in the sauce was little.(complain)

8) If you abuse the teacher, you will be punished for bad_____.(behave)

9) Children must have their_____.(free)

10) The tourist was arrested for entering the country_____.(legal)

11) Please, give me something to drink because I am_____.(thirst)

12) Some_____tycoons were found with counter feit notes.(Ireland)

13) The_____of my uncle was plotted by his enemies.(prison)

14) It is a_____act to force a child into marriage.(crime)

15) I couldn't tell who was the_____of the three murderers.(cruel)

16) His eldest son was a_____child.(trouble)

17) The rapist has been_____.(prisoner)

18) The naughty pupil walked out of the classroom_____.(steal)

19) Musana was found guilty of_____.(defile)

Rewrite giving a single word for the underlined words.

20) I have asked for forgiveness for the mistake.

21) The maid who mistreated the child is not likely to win the case.

22) Say no to bad touches.

23) The thief was handled without mercy by the villagers.

24) That man has got away from prison.

25) The suspect was set free after being found innocent.

Opposites

Word	Opposite
Convict	acquit

tidy	untidy
peace	war
punish	reward
punishment	reward
responsible	irresponsible
guilty	innocent
Sugar daddy	sugar mummy
polite	impolite/rude
humble	proud
kind	unkind/cruel
young	old
friend	enemy
friendship	enmity
late	early
adequate	inadequate

Exercise 2:

Use the correct form of the words in brackets to complete the sentence

1. Some children have no..... in their homes. (free)
2. The ..... was arrested by the local police. (crime)
3. Parents should teach their children to behave..... (proper)
4. Girls are more ..... in cooking than playing. (interest)
5. Making wrong friends is ..... to affect your studies. (like)
6. There was no ..... in Musumba's murder case. (prove)
7. ..... is a criminal act. (abort)
8. The old man was ..... for child abuse. (prison)
9. The sugar daddy was convicted of ..... (defile)
10. Our neighbours was accused of .....her children. (mistreat)

Fill the blank space with a suitable word.

11. The woman ..... daughter was defiled report the matter to police.
12. Musana was accused ..... stealing a hen.
13. The man ..... raped a four year old girl was sentenced to death.
14. The judge ..... him to life imprisonment.
15. If you are proved ..... you will be set free.

Re-write the sentence giving the opposite of the underlined word.

16. The food you gave him as adequate.
17. Our home is really very tidy.
18. She was innocent of forcing her daughter into early marriage.
19. Nakintu is a responsible woman.
20. Most step mothers are cruel to their stepchildren.

Exercise 3:

Construct five sentences using the words given below.

freedom, imprison, rights, shelter, responsibilities

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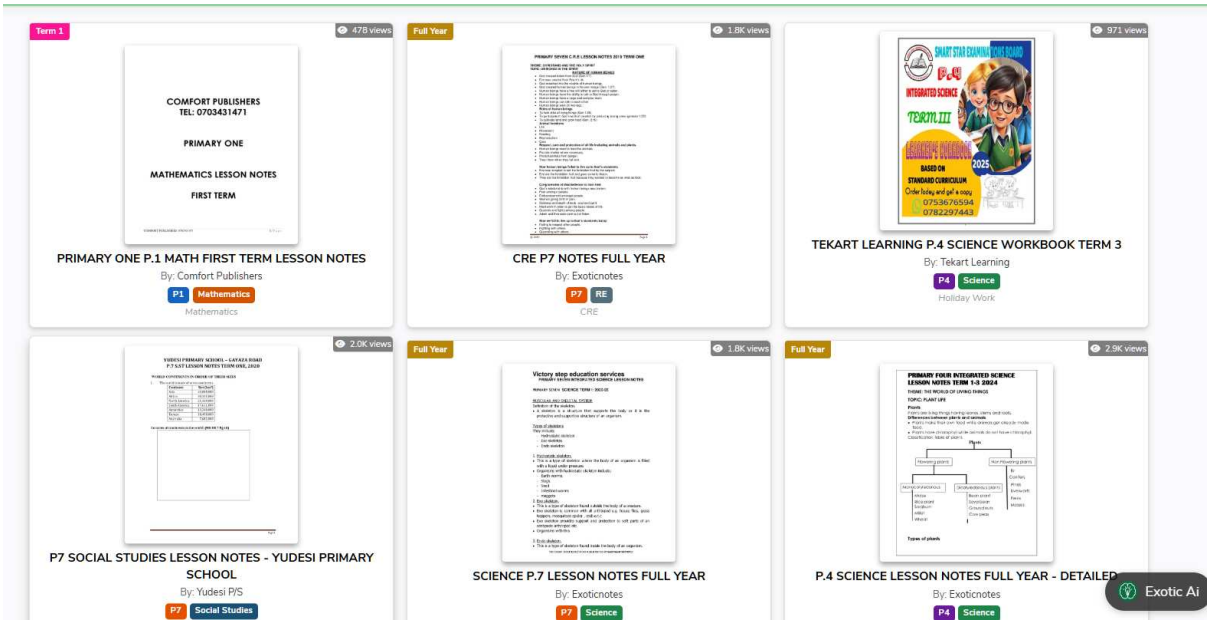
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