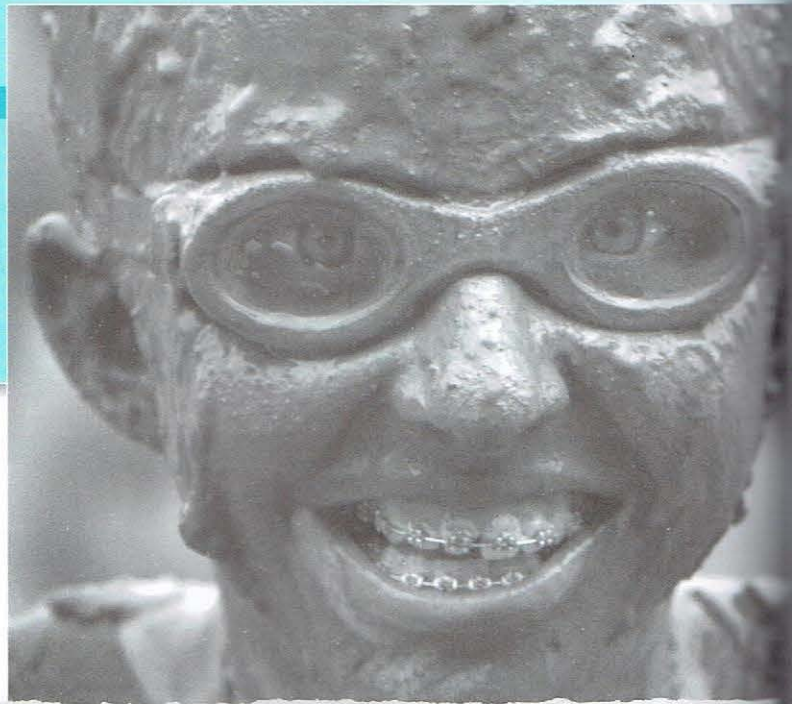


Mud Day



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

WESTLAND, MICH., USA ¹Every July, the town of Westland has a **party**. It is exciting for everyone! ²The town puts 200,000 kilograms of **dirt** in a park. Then workers put 75,000 liters of water on the dirt. Suddenly there is a big sea of **mud**.

³A thousand children and **teenagers** run into the **soft** mud. ⁴Some try to **swim** in it. And some have mud **fight**s. ⁵How do the dirty kids* get the mud off? First, **fire fighters** **wash** them with

their hoses**, and then the **wet** kids go home and **take a bath**.

⁶Lauryn Jackson went to Mud Day this year with her younger brother. She **pushed** him into the mud and then put his face in it. "That was **fun!**" she said.

* kids (informal): children

** hoses: long, soft tubes that bring water to a fire

NEW WORDS

party *n*

dirt *n*

mud *n*

teenager *n*

soft *adj*

swim *v*

fight *n*

fire fighter *n*

wash *v*

wet *adj*

take a bath *v*

push *v*

fun *n*

>> See Glossary on page 89. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All

1

2

3

4

A Lot

5

3. Check your comprehension

Correct five more mistakes in the story summary. The first one is done for you.

The town of Westland has an exciting party every ~~week~~^{July}. The town puts dirt in a park. Then workers put 75,000 liters of milk on the dirt. A thousand animals and teenagers sleep in the sea of mud and have a bad time. Lauryn Jackson went to Mud Day this year with her father. She pushed him into the mud. "That was fun!" she said.

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- Every summer, Westland has a pa___ in a park.
- Workers make a sea of m___ with lots of water and d___.
- Children and teen___s have mud ___ghts.
- Lauryn Jackson p___ed her brother into the mud and then said, "That was f___!"

5. Listen to the story track 8

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- Why does the town of Westland make a sea of mud?
- How do the workers make it?
- What do the kids do in the mud?
- How do they get the mud off?

About you...

- Would you like to go to Mud Day? Why or why not?
- What days in your town are fun?
- What kind of parties do you like?
- Where do you like to swim?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

FUN		
be have	fun	"That was fun!" she said. <i>I always have fun at Tom's parties.</i>
a lot of so much not much	fun	<i>Our trip to Hong Kong will be a lot of fun.</i> <i>My friends and I had so much fun at the park.</i> <i>I didn't have much fun at the restaurant.</i>

- I always _____ fun at _____.
- I don't have much fun _____.
- _____ will be _____ fun.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the pictures.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



swim



hike



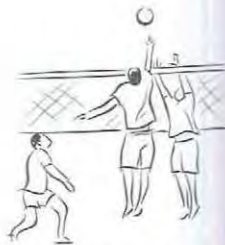
camp



sail



have a picnic



play volleyball

- I often _____ in the summer, but I don't _____.
- Next summer, I want to _____.
- I learned to _____ when I was young.

10. Take a dictation track 9

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

a lot of fun take a bath teenagers wet fights party

Wetter Is Better

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND Do you like water (1) _____? Then you will love visiting Thailand for *Songkran*. It is a big, watery (2) _____ for the Thai New Year in April.

Everywhere you go, people are laughing, playing in the streets, and throwing* water. In Chiang Mai, people stand in a line on the streets and throw water at cars and bikes. When you walk down the street, they hit you with water from hoses.

(3) _____ throw water out of windows. The weather is hot, so the cold water feels good. Everyone has (4) _____!

When you go, dress comfortably and dress for fun. You will get (5) _____ from head to foot. So you will not need to (6) _____ that day!



*throwing: moving your arm fast and sending something into the air



Talk about the stories

Would you like to go to Mud Day or *Songkran*? Which party do you think is more fun? Why?