

[Read the following text:](#)

## **Be Prepared**

### **Did you know that the Scouts is the biggest youth movement in the world?**

Every Tuesday and Friday afternoon you can see many kids and teens on their way to their Scouts meetings all around Israel. You can recognize them by their khaki uniforms with special badges sewn on them and their neckerchiefs that come in several colors. The Israel Boy and Girl Scouts Federation is the largest youth movement in the country. There are over 90,000 members who take part in the movement's activities and proudly believe in its motto "Be prepared!"

The Israeli Scouts are a part of the international Scouts youth movement, which was founded in 1907 in England. The movement's founder, Robert Baden-Powell, was an army officer who wanted to teach young people important survival skills. His military experience taught him how important it was to know to be independent while spending time outdoors. So he started a movement where children learned various skills, such as camping in nature, hiking and surviving in the outdoors. He put a lot of emphasis on sportive activities and getting to know and to respect nature.

Over the years, the Federation has adapted its activities and core values. The movement has a set of codes called Scouts Law. These codes define behavior for the movement's members. For example, the Scouts need to be loyal to their country. They need to be useful and help others. Another important code says "A Scout is a friend to animals". There are more codes that define who a Scout is and how he or she must behave. All 40 million Scouts members across 223 countries must follow these codes.

## Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions about the text:

Mark "True" or "False" next to each sentence:

A. Israeli Scouts meet twice a week - \_\_\_\_\_

B. Israeli Scouts wear khaki neckerchiefs - \_\_\_\_\_

C. There are 90,000 members in the international Scouts youth movement - \_\_\_\_\_

D. Robert Baden-Powell had military experience - \_\_\_\_\_

E. Robert Baden-Powell thought that sportive activities were important for children - \_\_\_\_\_

F. The Scouts Law is an American law - \_\_\_\_\_

G. The Scouts need to be loyal to their country - \_\_\_\_\_

H. There are Scouts in more than 200 countries - \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers:**

**A. True**

**B. False**

**C. False**

**D. True**

**E. True**

**F. False**

G. True

H. True

## Vocabulary

1. Which verb in the first paragraph means “to know”?

- a. To take part
- b. To believe
- c. To recognize

2. What is a “member”?

- a. A close friend.
- b. Someone who is a part of a group.
- c. Someone who pays money to a company.

3. “Be prepared” means:

- a. Be nice
- b. Be ready
- c. Be the best you can

4. “Survival skills” help people to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. stay alive
- b. learn about nature
- c. be sportive

5. What are “values”?

- a. Activities that people take part in.
- b. Members of a movement such as a youth movement.
- c. Important principles that tell us how to live.

## Grammar

1. Fill in the missing verbs either in the PAST SIMPLE or the PAST PROGRESSIVE tenses:

A. Robert Baden-Powell \_\_\_\_\_ (to found) the international Scouts youth movement in 1907.

B. While the Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ (to hike) on the trail, they \_\_\_\_\_ (to hear) someone shouting out.

C. The Girl Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ (to learn) important survival skills, while the Boy Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ (to plan) their next trip.

D. After Robert Baden-Powell \_\_\_\_\_ (to start) the youth movement, he \_\_\_\_\_ (to write) a set of codes for it.

E. I \_\_\_\_\_ (to camp out) in the forest, when I suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (to see) a bear between the trees.

F. After Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ (to join) the Scouts, she \_\_\_\_\_ (to make) many new friends.

Answers:

A. founded

B. were hiking, heard

C. were learning, were planning

D. started, wrote

E. was camping out, saw

F. joined, made

2. Rewrite the following questions in the PAST SIMPLE tense:

A. When do the Israeli Scouts meet?

B. How many members take part in the activities?

C. What is their motto?

D. Who wants to teach young people important skills?

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