

7. Wise Birbal

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

Chota Ram, the farmer, had made a grumpy-looking scarecrow and put it in the middle of his field. He himself guarded his field at night, sleeping on a high wooden platform, because the grain was almost ready for harvest. One night, he woke up hearing voices. He could not see anyone there.

"Then where did the voices come from?" he wondered. He pretended to sleep, but kept listening.

"I think he's gone to sleep now," said a gruff voice after a while.

"Yes," replied a small voice. "Can we come out now?"

"Oh yes! Now you can," said the gruff voice.

Chotu Ram open his eyes just a little and peeped out. He saw two tiny mice come out of a hole near the scarecrow. The gruff voice was the scarecrow talking! Chotu Ram could not believe his eyes. The mice ran around picking up some of the grain and scurrying back to their hole. Then they would come back and repeat the task till they had collected a small heap.

Chota Ram watched and heard the scarecrow saying, "Hurry up! It will be morning soon and my master will wake up!"

"Thank you so much, Saccy," said the mice, scuttling into their hole as the sun rose.

Chota Ram stood up and looked at his scarecrow. It stood as usual quietly in the field. Only a few grains below it showed that what he had seen was not a dream. He smiled at the scarecrow and patted him on his back, saying, "You are a very kind fellow!"

If you pass the field, you will see the scarecrow standing as usual. But there is one difference. Now the scarecrow is always smiling!

A. Select the right option to complete the sentences below.

1. Chota Ram put a _____ scarecrow in his field.
(a) beautiful (b) grumpy-looking (c) angry
2. The scarecrow had a _____ voice.
(a) gruff (b) sweet (c) loud
3. The mice picked up grain and _____ back to their hole.
(a) rushed (b) strolled (c) scurried

B. Whose said these lines? Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks.

1. "I think he's gone to sleep now."

(a) This was said by _____ to the _____.

(b) 'He' refers to _____, the _____.

2. "You are a very kind fellow."

(a) This was said by _____ to the _____.

(b) He said it because _____

_____.

C. Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Chota Ram sleep in the field at night?

2. Why did the scarecrow ask the mice to hurry up?

3. Why was the scarecrow smiling at the end?

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Add suitable conjunctions in the sentences below.

1. Please give me onions, tomatoes, a cabbage _____ some peas.
2. Will you have an orange _____ an apple?
3. You can go up to the railing _____ don't go beyond that.
4. I did not have change _____ I gave the bus conductor ten rupees.
5. They came back _____ they had missed the train.

B. Underline the adverbs in the following sentences and state if they are adverbs of manner, place or time.

1. Yogi set off happily with his backpack. []
2. We will go there by road. []
3. He goes for a walk daily at 7 p.m. []
4. Kavita banged the door loudly. []
5. Clothes, books and toys were scattered everywhere. []
6. May we go for a movie tonight? []

C. Make adverbs of the following words.

1. Crazy _____
2. Honest _____
3. Most _____
4. Kind _____

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING SKILLS

A. How many words can you make from the word SCARECROW?

B. Find the synonyms of the following words from the box and write them in the given space.

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| 1. Afraid | _____ | 2. Right | _____ |
| 3. Pretty | _____ | 4. Break | _____ |
| 5. Place | _____ | 6. Hunt | _____ |

C. Find antonyms for the following words from the box and write them in the given space.

Below Destroy Downstairs Sit Ahead Far

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| 1. Stand | _____ | 2. Upstairs | _____ |
| 3. Behind | _____ | 4. Above | _____ |
| 5. Near | _____ | 6. Create | _____ |

D. Write a story based on the outline given below.

Lion - king of jungle - animals frightened - meeting - one animal should go to lion every day to be eaten - one day, rabbit - clever - went late - lion angry - rabbit said, another lion - went to see - inside well - lion roars - echo comes back - lion jumps in - drowned - animals very happy - rabbit treated like hero
