

9. Oliver Asks for More

WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Charles Dickens was a famous English novelist, known for his iconic works such as 'Oliver Twist', 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Great Expectations'.

Charles Dickens was born on 7 February 1812, in Portsmouth, England. He was the second of eight children, and his father was a clerk in the Navy Pay Office. When Charles was 12 years old, his father was imprisoned for debt, and Charles had to leave school and work in a shoe-blackening factory to help support his family.

Despite his difficult childhood, Charles showed an early talent for writing. He began his career as a journalist and later published his first novel, 'The Pickwick Papers', in 1836. He went on to write many more novels and became one of the most popular and successful writers of his time.

In 1836, Charles married Catherine Hogarth, with whom he had ten children. However, their marriage was not a happy one, and they separated in 1858. Charles later fell in love with Ellen Ternan, an actress, and they lived together until his death.

In his later years, Charles's health began to decline, and he suffered from several illnesses, including gout and a stroke. He died on 9 June 1870, at the age of 58, leaving behind a legacy as one of the greatest writers in English literature.

A. Answer the following questions.

1. When and where was Charles Dickens born?
2. What kind of childhood did he have?
3. What was Charles Dickens's first novel?
4. What was Charles Dickens's personal life like?
5. What are some of Charles Dickens's most famous works?

B. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

1. Charles Dickens was the second of _____ children.
2. His father was a _____ in the Navy Pay Office.
3. Charles had to work in a _____ factory to help support his family.
4. Charles showed an early talent for _____.
5. In 1836, Charles married _____, with whom he had ten children.

GRAMMAR**A. Underline the prepositions in the following sentences.**

1. Is he in the room now?
2. The train will arrive at four p.m.
3. He rushed from the room as he was late.
4. I am waiting for my parents.
5. The book had fallen behind the chair.

B. Use the following prepositional phrases to make sentences of your own.

1. in order to: _____
2. in place of: _____
3. along with: _____
4. by means of: _____

C. Use suitable prepositions to fill in the blanks.

1. People _____ different parts _____ the world eat different kinds _____ food.
2. _____ the Arctic regions, flesh and fat are necessary _____ maintaining the body.
3. There is nothing but sand and rock _____ the desert.
4. The sand is so hot that you cannot walk _____ it _____ your bare feet _____ the daytime and so cold _____ night that you must sleep _____ a blanket.

D. Underline the conjunctions and write if they are coordinating conjunctions [C] or subordinating conjunctions [S].

1. Rahul and Arvind are childhood friends.
2. Raman as well as Suman did well in the quiz competition.
3. Although he thought he performed badly in the entrance test, he got admission in the engineering college.
4. He did not go to school because he was sick.
5. Not only is Rohit efficient at his work, but he is also a good human being.

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Complete the following words using an appropriate letter from the box. You may use a letter more than once.

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| 1. ____ANT | 2. ____EAT |
| 3. ____OIL | 4. ____ALE |
| 5. ____IRE | 6. ____IN |
| 7. ____EAR | 8 ____INK |
| 9. ____ATE | 10. ____LOW |

B. Every animal or bird has a particular sound and walk. Link the sounds and the walk of the following animals.

Animal/Bird	Sound	Walk
1. Snake	(a) neigh	(i) hop
2. Frog	(b) hiss	(ii) fly
3. Horse	(c) chirp	(iii) waddle
4. Sparrow	(d) quack	(iv) slither
5. Duck	(e) croak	(v) gallop