

6. The Luncheon

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin was popularly known as 'Charlie Chaplin'. He was a comic actor and filmmaker who became famous in the silent film era. Chaplin became a worldwide icon through his portrayal of 'The Tramp' which became one of the most important characters ever shown in films. His career was spread over a duration of 75 years. His childhood was spent amidst poverty and hardships. Charles Spencer Chaplin was born on 16 April 1889 to Hannah Chaplin and Charles Chaplin Sr in South London. Chaplin's parents were entertainers in the music hall tradition. His father worked as a popular singer whereas his mother had a brief career on stage. Charlie's parents were estranged in 1891. Since his father did not support them, Hannah found it difficult to raise her children as she also had no means of income except nursing and dressmaking sometimes. Chaplin was sent to a workhouse when he was only seven years old. He was reunited with his mother at the age of nine but was soon sent to another institution for destitute children. These experiences disturbed him a lot and left a mark on his mind that lasted for a lifetime. His mother was admitted to a mental asylum and father had become an alcoholic. She used to be a very cheerful person earlier but died a tragic death in 1928. His father also died at the age of 38, from liver cirrhosis. Chaplin had started working since he was five years old. He joined a theatre group and performed with them. His work was praised by all and he nurtured a dream of becoming an actor.

'*Making a Living*' was his debut film in 1914. Some of his other films were '*A Night Out*', '*The Champion*' and '*The Tramp*'. He soon became very popular and was a household name. He appeared in 35 movies over the years and became a wealthy man. He also began to produce and direct movies. Though he acted in and made comedies, his movies carried a social message. Some of his famous movies were '*City Lights*' and '*Modern Times*'. He won many awards and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in March 1975. He was given a special Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival in 1972 and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1970. He died in 1977.

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. Charlie Chaplin's childhood was spent

(a) in luxury and affluence.

(b) in poverty and amidst hardships.

- (c) under the loving and caring guardianship of his parents.
- 2. Charlie Chaplin was sent to a workhouse when
 - (a) he was a teenager.
 - (b) he was an adult.
 - (c) he was just seven years old.
- 3. The film that marked Charlie Chaplin's debut was
 - (a) 'Making a Living'. (b) 'City Lights'.
 - (c) 'The Tramp'.
- 4. Charlie Chaplin was knighted in
 - (a) 1975. (b) 1965.
 - (c) 1925.

B. Fill in the blanks by adding suitable words.

1. Charlie Chaplin was a _____ actor and _____ in the silent film era.
2. He was most admired for the character of _____, which he portrayed very well.
3. Chaplin's father died due to _____ whereas his mother suffered from _____ till her last days.
4. Chaplin made his debut in films in _____.
5. Queen Elizabeth II _____ Charlie Chaplin in _____.
6. Charlie Chaplin was given a special _____ at the Venice Film Festival in 1972.

C. Answer the following questions in brief.

1. When and where was Charlie Chaplin born?

2. Why was Charlie Chaplin sent to a workhouse at the age of seven?

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Rewrite the passage with the present perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

I always (be) fond of good food. My friends (cook) the best meals for me. I (go) to different restaurants in search of variety. Some places (offer) me an exotic array of dishes. Some (be) disappointing. But I (go) never away hungry. I always (find) something or the other to eat. No wonder I (grow) so fat over the years. This year I already (gain) two extra kilos. But I (not start) exercising, maybe because nobody (comment) on it so far.

B. Fill in the blanks with the future perfect continuous form wherever it is possible to do so. Otherwise, write the future perfect form of the verb.

1. I _____ (teach) for twenty years next March.
2. When the train comes they _____ (wait) on the platform for four hours.
3. The Sharmas _____ (live) next to us for a year in July.
4. It would be more fun if you visit us next week. We _____ (finish) our exams by then.
5. If they continue at this rate, the workers _____ (paint) the ground floor before lunch.
6. By next year, she _____ (work) in this office for ten years.
7. Tomorrow morning the trapped miners _____ (spend) more than three days in the tunnel.

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING SKILLS

- A. Edit the following passage. Use capital letters, add punctuation marks and correct grammatical errors, as you rewrite the passage in your notebook.**

a major accident was averted at a railway station in lucknow on sunday after two train came on the same line just seconds from collision the careless driver had jumped the signal but realised his mistake in time and stopped a train

- B. You are allowed by your parents to watch TV for an hour on Saturdays and Sundays. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her what you frequently watch, what you occasionally watch and what you would always like to watch.**
- C. Refer to a dictionary and find out the difference between the following pairs of words. Write their meanings in the space provided.**

1. (a) differ : _____
(b) defer : _____
2. (a) intimate : _____
(b) intimidate : _____
3. (a) affluent : _____
(b) fluent : _____