

2. Reaching for the Skies

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

One week had gone by and Gopi had not come to school. Parth was worried. They had a badminton tournament against the neighbouring school next month and it was necessary to practise. But if Gopi remained absent, Mr Kedar, the sports teacher, would have to select someone else in his place. And it was very difficult to play well with a new partner. Parth and Gopi were used to each other and made a strong team. He decided to go to his house to find out what was wrong.

That evening, after school, Parth cycled over to Gopi's house. Gopi was sitting on the verandah, reading. He looked up happily when he saw Parth. "Hi, Gopi!" called out Parth. "Are you okay? Why haven't you come to school?" he asked, sitting down near him. "I'm sorry," replied Gopi. "My Mum's ill and there's nobody to take care of her. So I had to miss school." "Why? What about your father?" asked Parth. Gopi looked worried. "He is on tour and called to say that he had an accident and will come as soon as possible," explained Gopi. "Is there no one else who can take care of her during school time?" asked Parth. "No," said Gopi. "The neighbours are working and cannot spare the time. They send food over, which is a big help."

Just then a man got down from a taxi and, using a walking stick, he limped up the path. Gopi ran to meet him, calling out, "Papa! Thank goodness you're home! How are you?" There was a lot of bustle as the taxi driver brought in his suitcase, and Gopi ran to tell his mother. His father smiled at Parth and went in. Soon Gopi came out and said, "Everything is fine now! Tomorrow I will come to school. We have to win the match!"

A. True or False.

1. Parth did not worry about Gopi.
2. Parth cycled over to Gopi's house.
3. The neighbours sent food to Gopi's house.
4. Gopi's father did not come home.
5. Parth and Gopi played badminton.

B. Answer the following questions.

1. Who was the sports teacher?
2. Against whom were Parth and Gopi to play?

3. Why was Gopi worried?
4. How did Gopi's father come home?

C. Complete the following sentences.

1. It was necessary to _____.
2. The neighbours cannot _____ the time.
3. Using a walking stick, Gopi's father _____ up the path.
4. The taxi driver brought in his _____.

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Underline the nouns in the sentences below and say what kind of nouns they are [Common, Proper, Collective, Abstract, Material].

1. Mala is going to Delhi by train.
2. Please bring the jars of flour and sugar to make a cake.
3. The firefighters were already in the fire engine.
4. Hari was known for his generosity and kindness.

B. Underline the adjectives in the following sentences and state their kind [Quality, Quantity, Number, Demonstrative, Possessive, Interrogative, Exclamatory, Emphatic].

1. Yamini has a very neat room.
2. May I have some tea, please?
3. I want the third dress from the left.
4. No, that house is vacant, not this one.
5. Whose shoes were lost?
6. Her shoes were lost.
7. What a pity we lost the match!
8. Only Lila knows where the sugar is kept.

C. State whether the underlined adjectives are placed in an attributive or predicative position.

1. Peggy has got a red umbrella.
2. He is very healthy.
3. Let's have a small party on Sunday.
4. Can you manage to make your speech short?
5. Mika has a very loud voice.

D. Give the correct degrees of comparison asked for.

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| 1. Bad _____ [Superlative] | 2. Beautiful _____ [Comparative] |
| 3. Best _____ [Positive] | 4. Useful _____ [Superlative] |
| 5. Hard _____ [Comparative] | 6. Faster _____ [Positive] |

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING SKILLS

A. Give the antonyms of the following words.

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| 1. Make | _____ | 2. Straight | _____ |
| 3. Cool | _____ | 4. Top | _____ |

B. Make sentences using the pairs of adjectives below.

1. Hot and cold _____
2. Old and new _____

C. Make abstract nouns from the adjectives/verbs given below.

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| 1. Joyous | _____ | 2. Believe | _____ |
| 3. True | _____ | 4. Weak | _____ |
| 5. Move | _____ | 6. Young | _____ |

D. Punctuate the following passage using punctuation marks and hyphens also where required.

toby was a well behaved puppy usually but that day when aunt matty came he decided to be very naughty she was so upset that she told bobby i have never seen such a badly trained dog in my life cant you control him at all he has the most irritating habit of chewing my shoes bobby laughed and said thats because you have been looking so angry aunt matty if you smile he will be a very sunny natured puppy

E. Make a word web of six words for the word SKY.