

7. Birbal Returns Home

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

A king was presented a couple of baby mackaws by a visiting king. They were beautiful and very funny little birds, squawking at each other all day. The king was charmed with the pair and wanted someone to train them. The Royal Bird Trainer was very competent and he trained them very well. But when it came to flying, one of the birds flew wonderfully, but the other one just sat on the tree and looked sad. No one in the kingdom could tell the king what the matter was with the mackaw. Finally a farmer said he could do something to make the bird fly. The next morning, the king awoke and found both the birds flying happily around the garden. He summoned the farmer and asked him how he managed that in just one night. "I cut off the branch it used to sit on, Your Majesty," said the farmer. It was a marvellous lesson for everyone in the kingdom!

A. Complete the sentences below with words from the passage.

1. They were _____ little birds, _____ at each other all day.
2. The Royal Bird Trainer _____ and he trained them very well.
3. No one in the kingdom could tell the king _____ with the mackaw.

B. Think and Answer.

What do you think is the lesson that everyone in the kingdom learned?

C. Find words in the passage that mean the following.

1. Called by an order _____
2. Wonderful _____
3. Loud, harsh noise of a bird _____
4. Capable and efficient _____

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Change the following sentences into reported/indirect speech.

1. Maya said, "Look for the book under the cushion."
2. The Principal announced, "Tomorrow will be a holiday."
3. The music teacher said, "Well done, Baiju! You sang very well!"
4. "Call the man in the brown shirt," said the policeman to the boy.

B. Underline the adverbs in the sentences below and state their kind.

1. Ojas ran swiftly and caught the thief. _____
2. I can't find the pen here. _____
3. I have never heard that song. _____
4. Will they come tomorrow? _____
5. It was a very heavy downpour! _____

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING SKILLS

A. Add the correct punctuation in the following sentences.

1. please make way for the ambulance said the policeman
2. ouch you put the chair on my foot exclaimed renu
3. can we go to buy the crayons today asked smita
4. mrs gosain is leaving by the dakshin express

B. Select the right word from the box for the underlined phrases below.

Alliteration	Simile	Phrasal verb	Idiom	Metaphor
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1. The thief got away in the dark.
2. There was a flood of tears from her.
3. Woody Woodpecker would wind the watch.
4. The sports teacher roared like a lion at the boys.
5. He explained the sum to Robin; but you can take water to the horse, you can't make it drink.

C. Find the odd one out in each of the groups below.

1. Petunia, rose, mango, pansy, dahlia
2. Pine, birch, fir, juniper, wind
3. Stream, peak, pond, river, lake
4. Wren, kite, caterpillar, hummingbird, cuckoo
5. Say, ask, tell, work, state
6. Moo, write, bray, croak, hiss, neigh