

8. Tenali Raman and the Challenge of the Linguist

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage and answer the questions below:

I was in class 6 when this happened. The back wall of the class was actually a sliding door and it opened into an empty room with just a piano in it. I was very fond of music and had decided to try out that old piano. One day, when the teacher had not arrived, I opened the door and slipped into the room. I tried it out and soon I had begun thumping out a tune. So engrossed was I that I lost all track of time. It was only when I heard a suppressed giggle that I stopped and turned around. There was Miss Benjamin with the whole class peering at me through the door! I jumped to my feet and ran through to the class. The whole class burst out laughing. And to my great relief, Miss Benjamin also joined in. I grinned sheepishly and apologised. But the good thing was that I was put into the Music Club!

A. Answers these questions.

1. What was the back wall of the class?
2. Why did the author want to go into that room?
3. When and why did the author stop?
4. What was the 'good thing' that happened?

B. Fill in the gaps below.

1. I was _____ and had decided _____ that old piano.
2. So _____ was I that I lost _____.
3. I grinned _____ and apologised.

C. Write the meanings of the following words.

1. Engrossed : _____
2. Sheepishly: _____

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. State the kinds of adverbs underlined below.

1. Atul walked slowly up the stairs.
2. She can never remember the date.
3. I know I had put them somewhere on the desk.
4. Can we please go now to the theatre?
5. I don't know how you can take so long.

B. Form adverbs from the following words.

1. Total
2. Stiff
3. Hungry
4. Playful

C. Add the adverb with the suitable degree of comparison.

1. He runs _____ than Mohit. [fast]
2. This clock seems to move _____ than it did yesterday. [slow]
3. Please shut the door _____. [quiet]
4. This can be done _____ than you think. [easy]
5. Percy, the cat, climbs trees _____. [expert]

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING SKILLS

A. Give synonyms for the following words.

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| 1. Kind | _____ | 2. Slow | _____ |
| 3. Just | _____ | 4. Loud | _____ |

B. Edit the following passage, including spellings and punctuation.

sunanda could speech four language they were hindi english tamil and bangla she said i released how good it is to know a variety of languages it makes travelled fun it is very usefully

C. Name two languages that you can speak and three languages of India that you would like to learn.