

10. Aliens Pay a Visit



Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

When we lived in London, our neighbours had a car which was their pride and joy. Every weekend, they used to wash it carefully, remove all the dust from the cushions, and give it a thorough polishing. After this, if the weather was suitable, they would arrange their children on the back seat, and themselves in front, and go for a drive in the country. When they returned a few hours later, the ceremonial washing was repeated and the car was safely shut away for another week. One day, when it had been newly polished, dark clouds began to gather and large drops of rain fell. Our neighbours hurriedly put the car away and retreated indoors. Soon afterwards, they emerged completely with raincoats and umbrellas, apparently intending to go for a walk. It was plain they valued their car's comfort more highly than their own.

—From W. R. Lee's *English At Home*

A. Read the above passage and answer the following questions.

1. What did the neighbours love very much?
2. What did they do to their car every weekend?
3. Did they use the car during the week?
4. What did they do when the weather was suitable?

B. Explain what the following phrases mean.

1. It was their pride and joy.
2. The ceremonial washing of the car.
3. They valued their car's comfort.

C. Is this passage funny? Why do you think so?

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Underline the adverbs in the following sentences and say if they are Adverbs of Manner [M], Time [T], Place [P] or Frequency [F].

1. He comes here every day. []
2. Daksh reads the lessons clearly. []
3. That day, he arrived late. []
4. His horse galloped away. []
5. I have milk daily at breakfast. []

B. Fill in the blanks with Adverbs from the Help Box.

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1. Please shut the door _____.
2. The boy ran _____ to win the race.
3. Brinda is _____ shy and cannot speak on stage.
4. The boys got into trouble for riding the donkey _____.
5. Someone should tell her not to speak so _____.

C. Put the appropriate punctuation marks in each sentence.

1. there were roses sweet peas and sunflowers in the garden
2. he wore a woollen coat it was a cold day
3. sometimes we go to shimla by train then we walk around in the mountains he said
4. why are we having this meeting today asked one of the boys
5. wow i am looking forward to an enjoyable evening she exclaimed

D. Change the underlined words into contractions.

1. Nikhil, do not touch the vase.
2. Who is coming to dinner?
3. Where has everyone gone?
4. I will be going to Hissar next week.
5. He told me you are a good speaker.
6. They will never reach on time.
7. He is always losing things.
8. Hurry up, or we are likely to miss the train!

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Circle the odd word in each group.

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| 1. cheese | milk | butter | turnip |
| 2. ox | man | goat | sheep |
| 3. child | branch | leaf | twig |
| 4. feather | fur | coat | book |
| 5. search | seek | cry | hunt |

B. Find words which mean the same (synonyms) and put them in column A and words which mean the opposite (antonyms) in column B.

	Column A	Column B
1. sorrow	_____	_____
2. dislike	_____	_____
3. stay	_____	_____
4. find	_____	_____
5. take	_____	_____

C. Do you or anyone you know have a funny habit? Write about it in six sentences.
