

10. The Emperor and the Shadow Puppets

WORKSHEET

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COMPREHENSION

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Preeti was a very bright and sunny girl. She was a good student, her favourite subjects being English and Science. She took part in all the activities that came up in these subjects. They had elocution classes in order to participate in competitions and plays. They had nature walks and learnt about plants, animals, birds and human beings. She enjoyed drawing all the details about living things. She also enjoyed learning so many new things in the science laboratory which was full of gleaming instruments and delicate jars, bottles and test tubes. And then there were the music classes. She really loved to attend them.

She was looking forward to the Annual Day. Miss Sobti was selecting students for the events of the day – singing, dancing, recitation and plays. All the parents would come. But suddenly one day Preeti fell ill. The doctor came and told her parents that she needed to have some tests. Everyone was worried. They found that she had typhoid and had to stay home for about a month.

Preeti was miserable. Now she would not be able to participate in the Annual Day programme. It was a terrible disappointment. She cried so much. Then the next day, her aunt came to meet her. Rama Aunty brought her a gift. It was a small brown puppy. She told Preeti that the puppy's mother had died in a road accident. So she had brought it along as it was lonely. Preeti was so sorry for the puppy that she decided to keep him. She named him Brownie. In looking after him, she forgot her disappointment.

Giving love and care to Brownie gave her so much happiness that she was able to recover from her illness too. When she returned to school, everyone found Preeti as bright and sunny as always. Even though she could not participate in the Annual Day Programme, she enjoyed watching it and clapping for all her friends on the stage. Her parents were very proud of her.

A Answer the following questions.

1. What were Preeti's favourite subjects?

2. What was Preeti looking forward to?

3. How did Preeti recover from her illness?

4. Why were her parents proud of Preeti?

B Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the story.

1. They had _____ in order to participate in competitions and _____.
2. She enjoyed _____ all the _____ about living things.
3. The science laboratory was full of _____ and delicate _____, _____ and _____.
4. The puppy's mother had died in a _____ and it was _____.

GRAMMAR

A Change the following into indirect/reported speech.

1. He said to me, "Give me the book."
2. The teacher said to the class, "Tomorrow you will have a test on English spellings."
3. "Where have the children gone?" Mary asked Mrs Grace.
4. I said to Manju, "We can eat these mangoes."

B Change the following into direct speech.

1. The old lady asked Peter if he could help her carry that heavy basket.
2. Mr Sharma told Mr Inder that it was time for them to leave for the station.
3. Lalaji told his assistant to put away the sweets into the counter immediately.
4. Mukta told Renu that she knew a place where they could get very pretty clips.
5. The vendor said that balloon was the last one he had that day.

C Select the words from the box to complete the following sentences.

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1. The lady _____ the way to the hospital.
2. Grandma _____ us a story about a bear and a panther.
3. The soldier _____ his troop to walk very quietly.
4. Everyone has been _____ to use the stairs during the fire drill.
5. The little girl _____ that she wanted the doll.

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A Give one word for the following.

1. Someone who rules over an empire
2. Someone who performs magic
3. Someone who does prayers and rituals
4. Someone who attends a court
5. Someone who advises a king

B Fill in the blanks with a suitable phrase from the box.

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1. When I first read the question, I couldn't remember the answer _____.
2. The new neighbour has been here _____.
3. The school will close _____ today as we have to prepare for the Annual Day.
4. Please ask the patient to wait _____.
5. I will go to the market _____.

C Make compound words with words from the two columns.

Column A

1. tube
2. out
3. cow
4. fly
5. count

Column B

- (a) standing
- (b) over
- (c) down
- (d) well
- (e) herd