

10. The Secret of Being Loved by All

WORKSHEET

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COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

You never saw such a commotion up and down a house in all your life, as when my Uncle Podger undertook to do a job. A picture would have come home from the framemaker's, waiting to be put up and Uncle Podger would say: 'Oh, you leave that to me. Don't you, any of you, worry yourselves about that. I'll do all that.' And then he would take off his coat, and begin. He would send the girl out for nails, and then one of the boys after her to tell her what size to get; and from that he would gradually work down, and start the whole house. 'Now, you go and get me a hammer, Will,' he would shout, 'and you bring me the rule, Tom; and I shall want the step-ladder, and I had better have a kitchen chair tooAnd don't you go, Maria, because I shall want somebody to hold me the light; and when the girl comes back, she must go out again for a bit of picture cord; and Tom - where's Tom? Tom, you come here; I shall want you to hand me up the picture.' And then he would lift up the picture, and drop it, and it would come out of the frame, and he would try to save the glass, and cut himself; and then he would spring around the room, looking for his handkerchief. It could not be found. It was in the pocket of his coat and that could not be found. So all the house had to start looking for his coat.

Then he'd get up and find that he had been sitting on it. And when half an hour had been spent in tying up his finger, and a new glass had been got, and the tools and the ladder, and the chair, and the candle had been brought, he would have another go, the whole family standing around, ready to help. Two people would have to hold the chair, and a third would help him up on it, and hold him there, and a fourth would hand him a nail, and a fifth would pass him up the hammer, and he would take hold of the nail....

At last Uncle Podger would get the spot fixed, and put the point of the nail on it with his left hand, and take the hammer in his right hand. And with the first blow, he would smash his thumb, drop the hammer, with a yell, on somebody's toes.

- 'Three Men in a Boat' by Jerome K. Jerome

A Answer the following questions.

1. Who offered to hang the picture?

2. What did Uncle Podger want Tom to do for him?

3. How did Uncle Podger cut his finger?

4. Where did he find his coat?

5. What happened with the first blow?

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

1. You never saw such a _____.
2. You go and get me my _____, Will.
3. He would _____ around the room looking for his _____.
4. Uncle Podger would get the _____ fixed.
5. With the first blow, he would _____ his _____.

GRAMMAR

A Change the active voice into passive voice.

1. The guide took the tourists to Jaipur by coach.
2. Somebody has put out the light.
3. My mother will bake a pineapple cake.
4. He is finishing his homework before dinner.
5. Father had promised us an outing on Sunday.

B Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners from the box.

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1. _____ man snatched _____ lady's purse.
2. Could you please give me _____ buns?
3. _____ plan is to start at four o' clock tomorrow.
4. Could I have one of the _____ cards, please?
5. I will be happy to sit in _____ seat at the concert.
6. The _____ person to enter today will receive a prize.

C Add definite or indefinite articles or cross them out where necessary in the sentences given below.

1. Plane left airport at five ten for London.
2. India has been known as country with very ancient civilisation.
3. Satellite was launched to land on Moon in July.
4. I have a breakfast at eight every day.
5. Do you have lunch appointment today?
6. Effort he put in showed in results.

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A Edit the following passage by adding capital letters and punctuation marks wherever required.

there seemed a good deal of luggage there were the suitcase the small handbag the two hampers a large roll of rugs some four or five overcoats and mackintoshes a few umbrellas and a melon a pound of grapes a Japanese paper umbrella and a frying pan which was wrapped up in brown paper

B Write the synonyms of the following words.

1. Capture _____
2. Liberate _____
3. Essential _____
4. Esteem _____
5. Casement _____

C Write two sentences with each pair of words given below, bringing out their differences.

1. (a) bow: _____
(b) bow: _____
2. (a) air: _____
(b) heir: _____
3. (a) stare: _____
(b) stair: _____

D Write a paragraph on your hobby in 5-6 sentences.
