

# 11. Chesterfield's Letter to his Son

WORKSHEET

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## COMPREHENSION

Read the following letter and answer the questions below:

Dear Dad,

There are so many things I'd like to tell you face to face. I either lack the words or fail to find the time and place. But in this special letter, Dad, you'll find, at least in part, the feelings that the passing years have left in my heart. The memories of childhood days and all that you have done to make our home a happy place and growing up such fun.

I can still recall the walks we took; the games we played; those confidential chats we had while resting in the shade. This letter comes to thank you, Dad, for needed words of praise; the counsel and the guidance too, that shaped my growing-up days. No words of mine can tell you, Dad, the thing I really feel; but you must know my love for you is lasting, warm and real.

You made my world a better place and, through the coming years. I'll keep these precious memories as cherished souvenirs.

Your Son

From: The Internet

### **A** Write the answers.

1. Why does the writer say his is a special letter?

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2. Name two emotions that the writer feels for his father.

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3. What are the three things that the writer recollects doing with his father?

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### **B** Explain the following in your own words:

1. face to face: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. needed words of praise: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. memories as cherished souvenirs: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**C** Write answers to the following questions.

1. Name two things you do with your father.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What does your mother do for you?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## GRAMMAR

**A** State the kinds of phrases underlined:

1. The man walking in front of us is my neighbour.
2. An honest man is respected everywhere.
3. Jenny went up very cautiously.

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**B** Fill in suitable clauses to complete the following sentences:

1. Who has left the basket \_\_\_\_\_?
2. There were several poems \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Make the cake \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Just turn to the left \_\_\_\_\_.

**C** Change the following compound sentences into complex sentences:

1. Mr Charan Singh was rather frail but he went for a walk every day.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. I know that is Mary's bag because she was carrying it yesterday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Place the kettle on for tea but Karen usually takes a cold drink.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D** Write the following sentences in indirect speech:

1. The coach shouted, "Take that ball right up to the goal!"  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Malini exclaimed, "Wow! Benu, you are wearing such an exquisite dress!"  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Maru grumbled, "I was watching TV for ten minutes only!"  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. "Who could be knocking at the door at this time?" wondered Jemmy.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## VOCABULARY AND WRITING

**A** Make sentences with the following pairs of words to bring out the difference in meaning:

1. Fast: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fasting: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Last: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lasting: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Price: \_\_\_\_\_  
Priceless: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costly: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Light: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lightly: \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Find out the meanings of the following pairs of words:

1. Pride: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanity: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Counsel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Confident: \_\_\_\_\_  
Confidential: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Excuse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Accuse: \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** Write a paragraph about something nice or kind that your friend has done for you or for anyone else in about 150 words:

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