

# 1. Tom Sawyer's Toothache

WORKSHEET

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## COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

It was on such a day – a hot, tired day – that Ranji found the pool in the forest. The water had a gentle translucency, and you could see the smooth round pebbles at the bottom of the pool. A small stream emerged from a cluster of rocks to feed the pool. During the monsoon, this stream would be a gushing torrent, cascading down from the hills, but during the summer, it was barely a trickle. The rocks, however, held the water in the pool and it did not dry up like the pools in the plains.

When Ranji saw the pool, he did not hesitate to get into it. He had often gone swimming, alone or with friends, when he had lived with his parents in a thirsty town in the middle of the Rajputana desert. There, he had known only sticky, muddy pools, where buffaloes wallowed and women washed clothes. He had never seen a pool like this – so clean and cold and inviting.

–Ruskin Bond

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

1. Where did Ranji find the pool?  
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2. What happened to the stream during monsoon?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where did Ranji live with his parents?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the pool in the desert like?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What was special about the pool in the forest?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B** Find the meaning of the following words.

1. Translucent
2. Torrent
3. Cascade
4. Thirsty
5. Wallow

**C** Write the meaning of the following phrases.

1. a hot, tired day: \_\_\_\_\_
2. barely a trickle: \_\_\_\_\_
3. an inviting pool: \_\_\_\_\_
4. a thirsty town: \_\_\_\_\_



## GRAMMAR

**A** Circle the subjects and underline the predicates in the following sentences.

1. The boy in the blue shirt is very naughty.
2. You need to go to a doctor for the cut on your knee.
3. The swans flew with the tortoise on a stick.
4. Lata, who sits in the first row, will have an extra pencil.
5. People were waiting at the bus stop.
6. Vivek and Gaurav were in the room when we came.

**B** Write that type of sentences the following are [Declarative/Interrogative/Imperative/Exclamatory].

1. What a beautiful shot!
2. Narayan is a very good electrician.
3. Please walk with your back straight.
4. Mr Ganesh will teach us chemistry, won't he?
5. Jerry has been ill for three weeks.
6. Make sure the lions are fed regularly.
7. Don't be silly!
8. Is Farid learning to play the tabla?

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## VOCABULARY AND WRITING

**A** Correct the following collocations.

1. Bed and lunch
2. Up and forward
3. Good and large
4. Come and out
5. Top and cap
6. Give and ask
7. Lost and carry
8. Bread and cake

**B** Select the odd word in the following groups.

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|--------------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. rage      | anger  | fury   | water   |
| 2. whisper   | short  | yell   | roar    |
| 3. terminate | meet   | kill   | destroy |
| 4. trees     | shrubs | plants | cows    |
| 5. dragon    | child  | elf    | fairy   |

**C** Make sentences with the following words.

1. harm: \_\_\_\_\_
2. adorn: \_\_\_\_\_
3. welfare: \_\_\_\_\_
4. precious: \_\_\_\_\_
5. lashed: \_\_\_\_\_