

2. The Emperor and the Shadow Puppets

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Preeti was a very bright and sunny girl. She was a good student. Her favourite subjects were English and Science. She took part in all the activities which came up in these subjects. They had elocution in order to participate in competitions and plays. They had nature walks and learnt about plants, animals 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 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 attending it and clapping for all her friends on the stage. Her parents were proud of her.

A. Read the above story and 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 mentioned in 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 _____.

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Write the collective nouns for the following.

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| 1. A _____ of wolves | 2. A _____ of ships |
| 3. A _____ of puppies | 4. A _____ of huts |
| 5. A _____ of cattle | 6. A _____ of players |

B. Underline the abstract noun in the given two options.

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| 1. (a) Womanhood | (b) Women |
| 2. (a) Educate | (b) Education |
| 3. (a) Kingship | (b) Kingdom |
| 4. (a) Strong | (b) Strength |
| 5. (a) Engagement | (b) Engage |
| 6. (a) Creature | (b) Creation |

C. Write 'M' for masculine, 'F' for feminine, 'C' for common and 'N' for neuter gender.

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| 1. man | _____ | 2. student | _____ |
| 3. woman | _____ | 4. table | _____ |
| 5. mare | _____ | 6. lioness | _____ |
| 7. dog | _____ | 8. children | _____ |

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Write the meaning of the following words using dictionary.

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| 1. miserable | _____ | 2. loneliness | _____ |
| 3. willing | _____ | 4. narrate | _____ |
| 5. wisdom | _____ | | |

B. Give one-word for the following groups of words.

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| 1. Someone who rules over an Empire | _____ |
| 2. Someone who does magic | _____ |
| 3. Someone who does prayers and rituals | _____ |
| 4. Someone who attends a court | _____ |
| 5. The wife of a king | _____ |

C. Fill in the blank with the words given in the Help Box.

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1. When I first read the question, I could not 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 _____.

D. Make compound words using the words given in Columns A and B.

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| 1. tube | (a) standing |
| 2. out | (b) over |
| 3. cow | (c) down |
| 4. fly | (d) well |
| 5. count | (e) herd |