

2. Kabuliwala



Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Our life is a constant journey, from birth to death. The landscape changes, the people change, our needs change, but the train keeps moving. Life is the train, not the station.

That is what marks out the warrior: the knowledge that willpower and courage are not the same thing. Courage can attract fear and adulation, but willpower requires patience and commitment. Men and women with immense willpower are generally solitary types and give off a kind of coolness.

I learned long ago that in order to heal my wounds, I must have the courage to face up to them. I also learned to forgive myself and correct my mistakes.

If you spend too much time trying to find out what is good or bad about someone else, you'll forget your own soul and end up exhausted and defeated by the energy you have wasted in judging others.

If I had to give you one piece of advice, it would be this: don't be intimidated by other people's opinions. Only mediocrity is sure of itself, so take risks and do what you really want to do. Seek out people who aren't afraid to make mistakes and who, therefore, do make mistakes. Because of that, their work often isn't recognised, but they are precisely the kind of people who change the world and, after many mistakes, do something that will transform their community completely.

—Extracts from 'Aleph' by — Paulo Coelho

A. Read the given extracts and answer the following questions.

1. Why do you think the author compares life to a journey?
2. What does willpower require? How is it different from courage?
3. What must we do to heal our wounds?
4. If we spend too much time trying to find out what is good or bad about others, what happens?
5. Why does the author advise us not to be intimidated by other people's opinions?

B. Fill in the blank with suitable words from the extracts given above.

1. Life is the _____, not the _____.
2. What marks the _____ is the knowledge that _____ and _____ are not the same thing.
3. Men and women with _____ willpower are generally _____ types.
4. I learned to _____ myself and correct my _____.
5. Only _____ is sure of itself.
6. They are _____ the kind of people who, after many _____, do something that will _____ their community.

C. If you had to select one of the extracts so that you can apply it to yourself to improve and transform yourself, which one would you select, and why?

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Write the following underlined expressions using possessives, where necessary.

1. The colour of my shirt is black.
2. The friend of Rahul is Arvind.
3. The office of my brother is in Nirman Bhavan.
4. The son of my uncle is an engineer.
5. The building of my office is of yellow colour.

B. Make nouns from the following adjectives and verbs by using appropriate suffixes.

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| 1. good | 2. develop |
| 3. brave | 4. attend |
| 5. locate | 6. entertain |

C. Pick out the nouns from the following sentences.

1. The Taj Mahal is one of the seven wonders of world.
2. He writes a letter.
3. Patna is the capital of Bihar.
4. Rohan is well-versed in English.
5. Food is necessary for us to live.

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Give two rhyming words for each of the words below.

1. way _____
2. about _____
3. free _____
4. sore _____
5. breeze _____

B. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the Help Box according to the period, interval or anniversary.

perennial week decade annual

1. We have a test on Friday every _____.
2. Holi celebrations are a regular _____ feature in our colony.
3. The banyan tree is a _____ plant.
4. We have been studying in this school for a _____.

C. Write the full form of the following abbreviations.

1. PWD _____
2. VC _____
3. ad _____
4. GMT _____
5. COD _____

D. Which is your favourite subject, and why? Write your answer in about 100 words.
