

3. Nature as a Healer



Worksheet 1

Comprehension

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 above extract and answer the following questions.

1. Where did Ranji find the pool?
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 meanings of the following words.

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| 1. translucent | _____ | 2. torrent | _____ |
| 3. cascade | _____ | 4. thirsty | _____ |
| 5. wallow | _____ | | |

C. What is meant by the following phrases?

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

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Fill in the blanks with adjectives taken from the box.

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1. The _____ man was very ill.
2. His _____ son has gone to Lucknow.
3. There was _____ food left in the bowl.
4. The boy made a _____ trough.
5. The _____ wife scolded the man.

B. Give the comparative and superlative forms of the following positive adjectives.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
1. small	_____	_____
2. young	_____	_____
3. ugly	_____	_____
4. poor	_____	_____
5. bad	_____	_____
6. beautiful	_____	_____

C. Fill in the blanks using adjectives from the box.

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1. There was _____ lemonade left in the glass.
2. There were only _____ people in the hall.
3. Not _____ children came to school today.
4. Please give this to _____ students of Class III.
5. _____ mangoes were sent by my neighbour.

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Give antonyms for the following.

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| 1. visible | _____ | 2. new | _____ |
| 3. happy | _____ | 4. hide | _____ |
| 5. start | _____ | | |

B. Give synonyms for the following.

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| 1. beauty | _____ | 2. admire | _____ |
| 3. belief | _____ | 4. sorrow | _____ |

C. Make six sentences describing a garden.

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D. Use the following groups of words in sentences.

- since yesterday _____
- fresh air _____
- a hiding place _____
- little raindrops _____
- beauty of nature _____