

### 3. I Have a Dream

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## Worksheet 1

### COMPREHENSION

The two budgies, Chalmers and Edme, looked through the bars of their cage. "I wish I could get out of here, just for an hour," Chalmers said. "I'd love to fly out of the window and explore the world outside."

"What if the cat got you? Erskine is always sitting on the floor watching us. I know he wants to eat us," Edme said.

"He's a cat. He's lazy. All Erskine does is sleep. I'm sure he rarely goes outside," Chalmers sighed. "I wonder if I used my beak if I could open the door to the birdcage."

"Don't do that! Erskine could stick his paw in and catch one of us," Edme feared.

"You come with me then. Both of us deserve to go outside for a while. It's a sunny day today, a rare thing in this part of Scotland. Let's take advantage of it and enjoy the outdoors," Chalmers coaxed. Without waiting for an answer, he began to peck at the door with his beak. "It worked!" he shouted as the door swung open. "We'd better hurry before Erskine comes in the room." He flew out of the cage and right out of the living room window.

"Wait for me," squawked Edme and followed Chalmers.

They both landed on the branch of the tree in the backyard, "Freedom! Just look around. Isn't it lovely?" Chalmers asked.

"It is rather lovely. I do have to admit that. There are chrysanthemums over there. Aren't they beautiful? Oh! there's some daisies and look at the heather. Chalmers, it is wonderful out here," Edme laughed.

"Yes it is. Aren't you glad you came? Look at the sky. It's particularly blue today. Oh, Edme, look over there. Aren't those robins?" Chalmers said.

Edme looked around. "They are the first birds I've ever seen, besides you. Let's sit here for a while and enjoy everything around us."

The birds perched on the branch of the tree. Chalmers was a beautiful pale blue bird. He noticed that his colouring matched the sky. Edme was bright green, the same colour as the new spring leaves. Neither of the budgies noticed that Erskine had come out of the house. He was stretching his legs and yawning. He noticed them in the tree. "What is this?" he whispered. "Is that Edme and Chalmers out of their cage?" The cat ran back inside to see. The cage was empty. He ran back outside. "Well, well, well! I've been waiting a long time to catch those two budgies. Now's my chance." He snuck over to the tree and began to climb up the trunk.

"Chalmers, I think we've been out here long enough. I've got a bad feeling suddenly. Let's go inside," Edme said, feeling very nervous.

"What's wrong, Edme? We're perfectly safe up here," Chalmers scoffed.

Just then Erskine climbed onto the branch with them. He crept silently towards the blue budgie. “Chalmers! Look Out!” Edme shouted. Chalmers turned around just in time to see Erskine leap towards him. He flew into the air. Edme was already heading back to the birdcage.

“Wait for me!” Chalmers squealed. He flew as fast as he could into the cage. He slammed the door behind him and made sure it was locked.

Erskine sat on the tree limb. “Drat! I almost had them.”

“Chalmers, I am never leaving this cage again. We were almost eaten by that cat. I didn’t even see him come out of the house, never mind climb the tree,” Edme said, her heart pounding.

Chalmers took some deep breaths. “I think you’re right, Edme. That cat is too sneaky.”

From then on the two budgies were happy inside the cage. They had plenty to eat and drink and were safe from Erskine.

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**A. Read the given story and answer the following questions.**

1. Who were the two budgies?
2. What did Edme say about Erskine, the cat?
3. How did Chalmers manage to get them out of the cage?
4. Name two flowers and a bird they saw.
5. What did Erskine do?

**B. Freedom brings responsibility. Discuss if Chalmers and Edme were responsible enough to handle their freedom. Give reasons for your answer.**

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**C. Fill in the blanks with suitable words mentioned in the passage.**

1. Both of us \_\_\_\_\_ to go outside for a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Let’s take \_\_\_\_\_ of it and enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Chalmers was a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ bird.
4. Edme was \_\_\_\_\_ green, the same colour as the \_\_\_\_\_ leaves.
5. Edme was already \_\_\_\_\_ to the birdcage.

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# Worksheet 2

## GRAMMAR

### A. Write 'A' for attributive use and 'P' for predicative use of adjectives in sentences.

1. Dravid is a good batsman.
2. Arvind is talented.
3. Rahul is an honest employee.
4. Subham is the most efficient worker.
5. Mr Sharma is tall and handsome.

### B. Underline the adjectives in the following sentences and write their kinds.

1. Sonu Nigam is a good singer.
2. Each person should love his/her country.
3. Prabha Shankar is my friend.
4. What is meant by an adjective?
5. Only four editors participated in workshop.

### C. Make adjectives from the following nouns and verbs.

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| 1. beauty    | 2. friend  |
| 3. develop   | 4. care    |
| 5. wood      | 6. father  |
| 7. cultivate | 8. charity |
| 9. woman     | 10. law    |

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# Worksheet 3

## VOCABULARY AND WRITING

**A. These are some common mistakes we make while speaking English. Correct them.**

1. What is your good name?

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2. I have just returned back from Mumbai.

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3. You will be giving me the book, please?

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4. Stop eating my head!

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5. When the Akbar was emperor of India?

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**B. Fill in the blanks with the correct words mentioned in the brackets.**

1. Madhur is a \_\_\_\_\_ reader. (vociferous/voracious)

2. Harsh's \_\_\_\_\_ caused the doctor some anxiety. (aspiration/respiration)

3. He \_\_\_\_\_ ever raises his voice and shouts. (hardly/hard)

4. Paras is making an \_\_\_\_\_ film this month. (animating/animation)

5. Smita has very \_\_\_\_\_ hair. (tall/long)

**C. Imagine you are Chalmers or Edme in the story in Worksheet 1. What would you do if you were attacked by the cat when you were on the branch of the tree? Give reasons for your answer.**

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