

3. Elias

WORKSHEET

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COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Night fell suddenly and his heart beat fast. His throat went dry as he realised that he had not reached the Trunk Road. The trees were still thick and the road was still narrow. The Trunk Road was broader, and there the sky was not screened by branches. But here one could hardly see the sky; the stars gleamed through occasional gaps overhead. He quickened his pace though he was tired. He ran a little distance, his feet falling on the leaf-covered ground with a sharp rustling noise. The birds in the branches overhead startled at this noise and fluttered their wings. In the deep darkness and stillness, the noise of fluttering wings had an uncanny ghostly quality. Swaminathan was frightened and stood still. He must reach the Trunk Road and thence, find his way home. He would not mind even if it were twelve o'clock when he reached the Trunk Road. There was something reassuring in its spaciousness and in the sparseness of vegetation. But here, the closeness of the tree trunks and their branches intertwining at the top gave the road the appearance of a black cavern with an evil spirit brooding over it. -R.K. Narayan

A Answer the following questions.

1. Who was walking through the forest?

2. What was he feeling while walking in the forest?

3. Where did he want to reach? Why?

4. Why was the Trunk Road reassuring?

5. What was the ground like in the forest?

B Write the meaning of the following words.

1. startled _____

2. fluttering _____

3. cavern _____

4. brooding _____



GRAMMAR

A Write the type of adjectives that are underlined in the following sentences.

1. This year we are giving a special award for the Most Helpful Student.
2. Smita, please get six eggs and some cream biscuits.
3. Where have you put the blue shirt?
4. That car belongs to Mr Gupta.
5. I have given my bicycle to Yash.

B Write the missing comparisons of the adjectives given below.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
1. Intelligent	_____	_____
2. Lovely	_____	_____
3. Serious	_____	_____
4. Cool	_____	_____
5. Kind	_____	_____

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A Use your dictionary to find the meanings of the following words.

1. Sparse: _____
2. Rustle: _____
3. Stillness: _____
4. Cavern: _____
5. Spacious: _____
6. Reassuring: _____
7. Occasional: _____
8. Uncanny: _____

B Make sentences using the words given above.
