

4. A Journey in Space

WORKSHEET

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COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

When the early astronauts flew their spaceships, they loved to look at the earth from space and take photographs of it. The sight was truly beautiful. One of them described it like this: The first sunset, which came over the Indian Ocean, was a beautiful display of vivid colours – oranges, yellows and purples. The sun itself was so bright that I had to use filters to look at it. At night, the stars set, while I watched them. Just like the sun, they set much faster from where I watched them than they do for us on the earth.

The strangest sight of all came with the very first ray of the sun, as I was crossing the Pacific Ocean towards the USA. I looked out of the windows and there, spread out as far as I could see, were thousands of luminous objects that glowed in the black sky like fireflies. They were greenish-yellow in colour, and they appeared to be about six to ten feet apart. I seemed to be passing through them. [A simplified version of Colonel Glenn's report from 'Time']

A Answer the following questions.

1. What did the early astronauts love to do?

2. What were the colours of the sunset?

3. Name the two oceans that are mentioned in the passage.

4. How did the astronaut look at the bright sun?

5. What did the astronauts see out of the windows?

B Find the meanings of the following words.

1. filter: _____

2. luminous: _____

3. firefly: _____

C Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the passage.

1. The astronauts took _____ of the earth.

2. The sunset was a beautiful _____ of vivid colours.

3. The astronaut looked at the sun through _____.

4. The astronaut saw thousands of tiny _____ objects.

5. He seemed to be _____ through them.

GRAMMAR

A Add a suitable personal pronoun to complete the following sentences.

- _____ am going to the market. Do _____ need anything from there?
- Have _____ been informed about the function?
- Mr Malik has a puppy. _____ was given to _____ by the watchman.
- This house is empty. _____ belonged to my aunt. _____ has gone to Jaipur.
- Miss Veena has called all the students. _____ said _____ should meet _____ at once.
- Where are Vinay and Deepak? Will _____ please give these bags to _____?
- Ask Sudhir if _____ has had lunch.
- _____ all went to the picnic in a bus. _____ was a very old bus.

B Change the words in the brackets into possessive pronouns.

- Mr Lahoti stays here but this is not _____ [Mr Lahoti's] house.
- Are these shoes _____ [belonging to you]?
- Someone asked Hemant if the crayons were _____ [Hemant's].
- Please give these books to Yami as they are _____ [Yami's].

C Complete this paragraph using the right pronouns.

Lions were roaming freely on the plains. There was no enclosure for _____ but _____ seemed to know the boundaries of _____ territory. When _____ all went there for a holiday, _____ had to be very careful not to disturb _____ or _____ habitat. _____ warned Keshav because _____ was very naughty. _____ would not normally obey, but even _____ was very careful. The lions watched all of _____, as _____ prowled around. The lioness seemed more alert than the lion because _____ tail kept twitching and _____ snarled at _____ whenever _____ took a photograph of _____ pride. The cubs were delightful. _____ must see _____ pictures. _____ will know how much _____ enjoyed the trip! _____ was a real treat!

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A Where do you go to do the following things? Select the right words from the box.

park school library hospital market

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| 1. study | _____ | 2. get cured | _____ |
| 3. buy things | _____ | 4. read books | _____ |
| 5. play/walk | _____ | | |

B Match the words in Column A with their opposites in Column B.

Column A

1. bright
2. hard
3. sunrise
4. always
5. appear

Column B

- (a) soft
- (b) sunset
- (c) disappear
- (d) dull
- (e) never

C Add suitable prefixes from the box to the words given below.

IN- A- DIS- IM- NON-

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| 1. ___WAKE | 2. ___ ___PERFECT |
| 3. ___ ___JUSTICE | 4. ___ ___ ___LIKE |
| 5. ___ ___ ___SENSE | |