

4. A Journey in Space

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

When the early astronauts flew their spaceships, they loved to look at the earth from the space and to take photographs of it. It was so beautiful to see. One of them described it like this:

The first sunset, which came over the Indian Ocean, was a beautiful display of vivid colours—orange, yellow and purple. 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 tiny 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' report)

A. Read the above passage and answer the following questions.

1. What did the early astronauts love to do?

2. What were the colours of 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 of the following sentences with the words given in the passage.

1. The astronauts took _____ of the earth.
2. The sunset was a beautiful _____ of colours.
3. He looked at the sun through _____.
4. He saw thousands of tiny _____ objects.
5. He seemed to be _____ through them.

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

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

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

B. Change the words in the brackets into a possessive pronoun.

1. Mr Lahoti stays here, but this is not [Mr Lahoti's] house.
2. Are these shoes [belonging to you]?
3. Someone asked Hemant if the shoes were [Hemant's].
4. Please give this book to Yami as I think it is [Yami's] book.

C. Complete this paragraph using the right pronouns.

Lions were roaming free 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. We warned Keshav, because _____ was very naughty. _____ would not normally obey _____ but even _____ was 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 and _____ must see _____ pictures. _____ will know how much _____ enjoyed the trip. _____ was a treat!

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Name the following places you go to.

park school library hospital market

1. Place to study _____
2. Place to get cured of illness _____
3. Place to buy things _____
4. Place to read books _____
5. Place to play or walk _____

B. Find the opposites of words of Column A 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 Help Box to the words below.

in- a- dis- im- non-

1. _____ wake
2. _____ perfect
3. _____ justice
4. _____ like
5. _____ sense