4. The King and the Fiery Dragon



COMPREHENSION

By the time, it came to the edge of the Forest, the stream had grown up, so that it was almost a river, and being grown-up, it did not run and jump and sparkle along as it used to do when it was younger, but moved more slowly. For it knew now where it was going, and it said to itself, "There is no hurry. We shall get there some day." But, all the little streams higher up in the forest went this way and that quickly, eagerly having so much to find out before it was too late.

There was a broad track, almost as broad as a road leading from the Outland to Forest, but before it could come to the Forest, it had to cross this river. So, where it crossed, there was a wooden bridge, almost as broad as road, with wooden rails on each side of it.

—A.A Milne

This is an extract from 'The House At Pooh Corner' which creates a world of fantasy in a forest where Christopher Robin, a little boy, lives with a bear called Winnie the Pooh and his friends.]

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

- **1.** Why is the stream sad to be grown-up?
- 2. What did the stream say to itself?
- **3.** What were the little streams doing and why?
- **4.** What did the broad track have to cross to reach the forest?
- **5.** Where was the wooden bridge?

B. Explain the following.

- 1. "There is no hurry, we shall get there some day."
 - (a) Why is there no hurry for the river now?
 - (b) Where is it going to get some day?
- **2.** There was a broad track leading from the outland.
 - (a) What do you think is meant by outland?
 - (b) What is a track?



GRAMMAR

| A. | Fill | the blanks with correct pronouns and say if they are Personal [Per] or Possessive [Pos]. | | | | |
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| | 1. | know this book belongs to Akash. It is book. | | | | |
| | | [] [] | | | | |
| | 2. | Gopal went to Shimla went by train. [] | | | | |
| | 3. | Maya made this delicious cake for Mukul. It was birthday. | | | | |
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| | 4. | is Javed's grandmother. [] | | | | |
| | 5. | Reena put her bag on the table. So, must be | | | | |
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| | 6. | There was a letter for Himanshu. Did you give it to? [] | | | | |
| | 7. | I have kept a puppy for Ravi can be collected tomorrow. [] | | | | |
| | 8. | Sita is not always honest. Sometimes, tells lies. [] | | | | |
| | 9. | Shalu said, "The blue shoes in the cupboard are" [] | | | | |
| | 10. | Mr Biswas gave a storybook. [] | | | | |
| В. | Ма | ke sentences with the following pronouns. | | | | |
| | 1. | she | | | | |
| | 2. | it | | | | |
| | 3. | mine | | | | |
| | 4. | I | | | | |
| | 5. | ours | | | | |
| | 6 | him | | | | |



VOCABULARY AND WRITING

| A. | Give the meanings of the following words. | | | | | |
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| | 1. harmed | | 2. adorn | | | |
| | 3. welfare | velfare | 4. precious | | | |
| | 5. lashed | | | | | |
| В. | Make sentences with the above words. | | | | | |
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| C. | Select the odd word in the following groups. | | | | | |
| | 1. rage | anger | fury | water | | |
| | 2. whisper | short | yell | roar | | |
| | 3. terminate | meet | kill | destroy | | |
| | 4. trees | shrubs | plants | cows | | |
| | 5. dragon | child | elf | fairy | | |
| D. | Make a four line poem on any natural beauty such as sunrise, clouds, rain, trees, river, etc. | | | | | |
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