

5. The Distinguished Stranger

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, 'And what is the use of a book,' thought Alice, 'without pictures or conversations?'

So, she was considering in her own mind (as well as she could, for the hot day made her feel very sleepy and stupid), whether the pleasure of making a daisy-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a white Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her.

There was nothing so very remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so very much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!"..., but when the Rabbit actually took a watch out of its waistcoat pocket, and looked at it and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat pocket, or a watch to take out of it and burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after it and fortunately was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole under the hedge.

—Lewis Carroll

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

1. What did Alice think of her sister's book?
2. Why did Alice feel very sleepy and stupid?
3. What was Alice considering in her mind?
4. What did the white Rabbit say to itself?
5. What had Alice never seen before?
6. Why did Alice run after the white Rabbit?
7. What did Alice see fortunately?

B. Explain the following phrases from the extract.

1. Sitting by her sister
2. Considering in her own mind
3. Nothing so very remarkable
4. Nor so very much out of the way
5. Flashed across her mind
6. Burning with curiosity

C. Use a dictionary to find the meanings of the following words, then use them in sentences.

1. conversation
2. consider
3. remarkable
4. waistcoat
5. curiosity

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Select the correct verbs to agree with the subjects given below.

1. My uncle _____ a very honest man. [is/were]
2. Everyone _____ sad at the passing away of Dr Abdul Kalam. [are/was]
3. The cow _____ grass. [eaten/eats]
4. I had _____ my classmates to be here. [tell/told]
5. Mr Varma _____ to office today in a taxi. [go/went]
6. Rose _____ for the Unit Test. [is studying/studies]
7. Miss Honey _____ the books in the cupboard. [keep/kept]
8. Can you _____ a good name for my dog? [found/find]

B. Underline the verbs in the following sentences; say if they are transitive[T] or intransitive[I].

1. The baby is sleeping.
2. No one saw the stranger in the house.
3. Let us find out.
4. Who took my colour box?
5. Ask Benu to return to the house soon.
6. In the evening, the tree was full of parrots.
7. Jeremy climbed the tree without any help.
8. Omi has left his sweater in the playground.

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Write words based on the meanings/clues given below.

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| 1. The opposite of 'end' | B _____ (5 letters) |
| 2. Enjoyment | P _____ (8) |
| 3. A jacket without sleeves | W _____ (9) |
| 4. Luckily | F _____ (11) |
| 5. Something which tells the time | W _____ (5) |

B. Write the different meanings for the following words.

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| 1. bank _____ | 2. mind _____ |
| 3. close _____ | 4. watch _____ |
| 5. just _____ | |

C. Explain the following phrases.

1. daisy chain : _____
2. rabbit hole : _____
3. just in time : _____

- D. Imagine, you have a little puppy or a kitten as a pet. One day, your pet talks to you to say that it wants to come to school with you. Write three sentences to describe what you will feel and what you will say in reply to your pet.