

5. The Speaking Trees

WORKSHEET

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COMPREHENSION

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time two brothers, John and Jim, lived in a hut on the edge of a forest. John was a gardener and Jim a woodcutter. John had made a clearing in the forest where he grew vegetables and flowers. There were cabbages, potatoes, peas, tomatoes, melons, cucumber and radish. There were also roses, sunflowers, poppies, sweet peas, geraniums, hollyhocks and petunias. He took a lot of vegetables and flowers to the village market and sold them there.

Jim was very hardworking too. He cut wood from the forest and collected fallen twigs and branches. He carried all this to the village too with his brother. The wood was sold as fuel and to make furniture and boats. The brothers earned enough to live well.

However, they needed someone to look after their house and cook their meals. Old Mrs Wilson agreed to help them when they asked her. She was kind and had time, for she had no child of her own. She watched them working in the garden and the forest every day and came to love the two boys. When some trees were cut down by Jim, John would expand his garden a little more. This made Mrs Wilson a little anxious.

One day, as they sat down for lunch, she said, 'You know, boys, I enjoy living here and caring for you. I'm proud of you because you are both so hard-working and loving. But I must share a thought with you. You have to sell vegetables, flowers and wood for your livelihood. It is necessary. But please don't cut more wood than is absolutely necessary. You see, trees take a long time to grow and give us not only wood, but shade, fruits, medicines, a place for nesting birds, for squirrels and monkeys. So take care that we only cut what we need, but never become greedy!' The boys understood and were happy to obey her.

A Answer the following questions.

1. What did the two brothers do?

2. What did John grow?

3. Where did John and Jim sell their material?

4. What was the problem the brothers faced?

5. Who came to look after them?

B Fill in the blanks with words given in the story.

1. The gardener had made a _____ in the forest.
2. Jim cut wood and also collected fallen _____ and _____.
3. The wood was useful as _____ and to make _____ and _____.
4. John would _____ his garden a little more when trees were cut.
5. We must take only as much as we _____ and not become _____.

C Complete the names of the vegetables and flowers mentioned in the story.

Vegetables

1. C _ B B _ _ _ S
2. T O _ _ _ _ E S
3. M _ _ _ N S
4. C _ C _ _ _ R
5. P _ _ S
6. R _ _ _ H
7. P _ _ _ T _ _ S

Flowers

8. R _ _ _ _
9. P _ _ _ I _ S
10. S _ _ F _ _ W _ _
11. P _ _ U _ _ A _
13. G _ _ A _ _ U _ _
14. S W _ _ _ P _ _ _
15. H _ _ _ y _ _ C _ _

GRAMMAR

A Add appropriate auxiliary verbs to complete the sentences below.

1. They said they _____ be a little late.
2. _____ you please check up if Neha is home?
3. We _____ go in a group to meet the Principal.
4. Preeti _____ make the tea if you _____ fetch the cookies.
5. _____ you tell me the way to Jayanagar Extension, please?
6. Papa, _____ we go for a picnic this weekend?

B Use different forms of 'be', 'has' or 'have' to complete the sentences.

1. I _____ participating in the painting competition.
2. Rajeev _____ very intelligent.
3. The teachers _____ planned a surprise for Children's Day.
4. Manish Uncle _____ driving Papa's car when the accident occurred.
5. Sometimes it _____ better to be silent.
6. Mika and Henu _____ to leave yesterday for Agra.

C Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

1. The pillow had _____ off the bed. [fall]
2. Who _____ the books to the library? [take]
3. Mr Inder has _____ a gift to Karan. [give]
4. I _____ a flight of cranes take off from the lake. [watch]
5. Have you _____ the book I left here? [see]
6. Meera has _____ the lesson well. [learn]

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A Correct the passage below with suitable punctuation.

five days had gone by since uncle raju's visit but everyone was still very excited he had promised to come back with three puppies a dalmatian a german shepherd and and a labrador every time the door bell rang manu charu and diya ran to see if the puppies had arrived papa said little diya why doesn't uncle raju come soon

B Add the right letters to the incomplete words below.

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| 1. ___ ASHION | 2. TELE ___ ___ ONE |
| 3. E ___ ___ ECTIVE | 4. OR ___ ___ ANAGE |
| 5. ___ LLOW | 6. ___ POLOGY |
| 7. ___ DGE | 8. ___ GLY |

C Make sentences using the following words.

1. allow : _____
2. suit : _____
3. meet : _____
4. wear : _____
5. store : _____