

# 6. The Selfish Giant

WORKSHEET

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## COMPREHENSION

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

There was once a very old man, whose eyes had become dim, his ears dull of hearing, and his knees trembled, and when he sat on table, he could hardly hold the spoon, and spilt the broth upon the tablecloth or let it run out of his mouth. His son and his son's wife were disgusted at this, so the old grandfather at last had to sit in the corner behind the stove, and they gave him his food in an earthenware bowl, and not even enough of it. And he used to look towards the table with his eyes full of tears.

Once, his trembling hands could not hold the bowl, and it fell to the ground and broke. The young wife scolded him, but he said nothing, and only sighed. Then they brought him a wooden bowl for a few half-pence out of which he had to eat.

They were once sitting thus, when the little grandson of four years old began to gather some bits of wood upon the ground. 'What are you doing there?' asked the father. 'I am making a little trough,' answered the child, 'for father and mother to eat out of when I grow up.'

The man and his wife looked at each other for a while, and presently began to cry. Then they took the old grandfather to the table, and henceforth always let him eat with them, and likewise said nothing if he did spill a little of anything.

—Grimms' Fairy Tales

**A** Answer the following questions.

1. What happened to the man when he grew old?

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2. What did his son and his son's wife feel?

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3. Why did the old man look towards the table with tears in his eyes?

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4. How old was his grandson?

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5. What was the grandson making and why?

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6. Why did the man and his wife look at each other and cry?

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**B** 1. What is similar between this story and the story of the selfish giant?

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2. In each story, there is a small child who teaches a lesson. Who is the child in each story? What lesson do they teach?

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**C** Fill in the blanks using words from the passage.

1. The room seemed dark because the light was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ vase broke when it fell.
3. The horse drank water from a large wooden \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The father said, 'Don't \_\_\_\_\_ milk on the table.'
5. Mummy \_\_\_\_\_ me for losing my water bottle again.

## GRAMMAR

**A** Fill the following blanks with words in the simple present or present progressive tense.

are is sailing keeps is is climbing switch flows are flying

1. It \_\_\_\_\_ very hot today.
2. The small stream \_\_\_\_\_ gently.
3. Rohan \_\_\_\_\_ a paper boat.
4. There \_\_\_\_\_ pebbles at the bottom of the pond.
5. Ranji \_\_\_\_\_ his room very neat.
6. The cat \_\_\_\_\_ up the tree.
7. Many ducks \_\_\_\_\_ over the lake.
8. Can you please \_\_\_\_\_ off the music?

**B** Underline the verbs and state if they are in the Simple Present [SP] or Present Progressive [PP] tense.

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| 1. Sanjay is looking at the stars.               | [ | ] |
| 2. I drink milk every day for breakfast.         | [ | ] |
| 3. The teacher is teaching verbs today.          | [ | ] |
| 4. Many streams flow from the <i>Ghats</i> .     | [ | ] |
| 5. The birds are flying towards the south.       | [ | ] |
| 6. Keshav asks unnecessary questions in class.   | [ | ] |
| 7. Where are you going for the holidays?         | [ | ] |
| 8. Mr Sharma takes the 9 o' clock bus to office. | [ | ] |

## VOCABULARY AND WRITING

**A** Give the antonyms [opposites] of the following words.

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| 1. White    | _____ | 2. Dark  | _____ |
| 3. Low      | _____ | 4. Small | _____ |
| 5. Pleasant | _____ |          |       |

**B** Use the following words to make sentences of your own.

1. A little: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Many: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Some: \_\_\_\_\_
4. A few: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Much: \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Complete the following sentences using appropriate words from the box.

had cooked   off the table   across the field   the frog jump   singing in the trees

1. The dog ran away \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ delicious food for dinner.
3. It was funny to see \_\_\_\_\_ up on the table.
4. The jug fell \_\_\_\_\_ and broke into pieces.
5. We could hear birds \_\_\_\_\_.