

## 6. Three Important Questions

### Worksheet 1

#### COMPREHENSION

The first morning of our holiday on the Lleyn Peninsula began well. The boy and I took the beach ball out into deep water, leaving my daughter behind with father on the edge. While I was swimming I turned to wave and was astonished to see my husband beckoning urgently. I raced over to him. He told me that a particularly large wave had hit him in the back, broken right over his head, and knocked out his new teeth; and they were now somewhere at the bottom.

The children thought it was tremendous fun. They dived under the waves and felt with their feet.... The tide was coming in rapidly and we soon realised that our task was hopeless. Shivering with cold, we sadly abandoned the search.... The prospects for the rest of our stay were gloomy. To make matters worse, the weather deteriorated and the rain just poured down.

When our holiday was ten days old, my husband strolled down to the harbour, where the local fishermen sold their catch early in the morning.... "Had your teeth out, I see, Sir," said one of the fishermen sympathetically. My husband told him the story. "You come to my cottage at eleven o'clock when I've finished here," said the fishermen, "and I might be able to help. Here's the address," he added mysteriously, but would say no more.

At eleven o'clock precisely, his caller was waiting on the doorstep. He was ushered into the front parlour and there on the mantelpiece he saw a collection of jam-jars, each one holding false teeth. Every jar had a cover and bore a neat label stating the date when the teeth had been found. And there, in the jar right at the end of the row, were my husband's lost teeth!

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

1. Did the whole family go swimming?
2. What happened to father?
3. Why did they give up the search?
4. What made matters worse?
5. Why were there several jam-jars on the mantelpiece?

**B. The following sentences are jumbled up. Write them correctly.**

1. Walking towards his teeth father saw the mantelpiece.
2. The teeth diving under the waves looked for the children.
3. Beckon her husband she saw while swimming.

**C. Use the following verbs to fill in the blanks in the following sentences.**

ushered beckoned astonished deteriorated stated

1. The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ the driver who was not wearing his seatbelt.
2. We were \_\_\_\_\_ at the performance of Rohit on the violin.
3. The concert had begun when we were \_\_\_\_\_ to our seats.
4. The weather had \_\_\_\_\_ and it was raining heavily.
5. The label \_\_\_\_\_ the date on it.

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# Worksheet 2

## GRAMMAR

### A. Underline the gerunds and circle the participles in the following sentences.

1. Walking every morning is very enjoyable.
2. I have spent my waking hours preparing for the interview.
3. My mother loves gardening.
4. We will be on a cycling tour of Kerala this September.
5. Have you ever tried writing a story?
6. That wilted plant was planted only yesterday.

### B. Select finite or non-finite verbs to fill the blanks.

1. In the forest, there \_\_\_\_\_ a large herd of elephants. [to live/lived/living]
2. \_\_\_\_\_ clay pots in her spare time is her hobby. [Making/made/to make]
3. Mr Handa loves \_\_\_\_\_ to his parrot all day. [talked/talking/to talk]
4. Benny has a load of homework \_\_\_\_\_ today. [doing/to do/to be done]
5. Kala gave lessons in \_\_\_\_\_ to her little brother. [to swim/swimming/ swam]

### C. Complete the following sentences using an Infinitive with or without 'to'.

1. I asked Mili \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Have you \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Someone told me \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Bhanu is \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Worksheet 3

## VOCABULARY AND WRITING

**A. Write a paragraph of eight sentences on any amusing incident in your class or home.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Use the phrases given in the Help Box to complete the following sentences.**

stand by   kept back   went over   looked up   saw through

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ the word in the dictionary.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ the truth about Ashok from me.
3. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ our papers carefully.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ his deception quickly.
5. We must \_\_\_\_\_ our parents when they are old.

**C. Complete the following lines of poetry by adding suitable words given in the Help Box.**

warm and gay   for a while   I'm told   well again   silver light

1. The sunshine is as rich as gold, but I've to stay home, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When you see the flowers smile, you want to go, play \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The moon walks the sky at night, shedding its \_\_\_\_\_.
4. An old lady I helped today, It made my heart feel \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I do not like a puppy in pain, I want to make it \_\_\_\_\_.