

6. Three Important Questions

WORKSHEET

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COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The first morning of our holiday in Llyn 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 into the harbour when 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 fisherman, ‘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!

- ‘English at Home’ by W. R. Lee

A 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 in the box to complete the sentences given below.

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.

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 and non-finite verbs from the brackets 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 _____. [finishing/to finish/finished]
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 _____

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

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

B Use the phrases given in the 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 box.

warm and gay for 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 don't like a puppy in pain; I want to make it _____