

6. The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

WORKSHEET

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COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Dolores worked in a shop selling gramophone records. One afternoon, a middle-aged woman came in, sat on a stool in front of the counter, and smiled at her brightly.

'I want a record, dear,' she began. 'One I heard on the radio this morning.'

'What was the record called?' Dolores asked, without much hope. The woman shook her head because she could not remember. She said she would know if she heard it. Dolores pointed out that they had hundreds of records in stock and it would help if the lady could hum it.

The woman shook her head again. 'I can't even sing the National Anthem in tune.' Then suddenly, her face brightened.

'I've just remembered something,' she said. 'It comes from a play. There's a girl who speaks very badly. But after a time, she learns to talk well. Something about - what do you call it? Phonetics!'

This was enough for Dolores. 'If you ask me, it's from 'My Fair Lady,' she said.

'That's it, dear. If you'd thought of it sooner, we wouldn't have wasted so much time. I suppose you are new to the job.'

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A Answer the following questions.

1. Where did Dolores work?

2. What was the customer looking for?

3. What did Dolores point out to the lady?

4. What was the name of the play?

5. Why is the end of the passage humorous?

B (a) What do the following words mean?

1. Record: _____

2. Counter: _____

3. Phonetics: _____

(b) Make sentences using the above words.

GRAMMAR

A Complete the following passage using the verbs given in the box in the simple present tense.

come turns stretches converge beckons moves reaches closes slow move looks

The giant jetliner _____ towards the taxiway on to the airport apron. It _____ towards a space where a man in white overalls _____ with a pair of yellow table tennis bats. As it _____ its appointed place, the captain _____ the throttles and the engines _____ to a standstill. He _____ his arms and _____ forward to a walk in the fresh air. A fleet of vehicles and equipment _____ on the airliner. Long flights of steps _____ up to the doors. The first passengers _____ down the steps.

B Use the correct tense of the verbs given in the brackets as directed to fill in the blanks below.

- We _____ ourselves very much. [enjoy] [past perfect]
- Sunita and I _____ to school today. [walk] [simple future]
- She _____ her book at home every day. [forget] [present progressive]
- The others _____ us shortly at the gate. [join] [future continuous]
- INS Vikrant _____ from the harbour today. [sail] [simple past]
- They _____ the road when it began raining. [cross] [past continuous]
- Could the boys _____ to see the match? [go] [present perfect]
- Please _____ this basket on the table. [put] [simple present]
- They _____ dinner when the news came. [eat] [past perfect continuous]
- The train _____ by the time the taxi reaches the station. [go] [future perfect]
- My father _____ on his project for more than a week. [work] [present perfect continuous]
- By the time they play against Kolkata, the Delhi team _____ for more than a month. [practise] [future perfect continuous]



VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A Put the words below into the correct columns.

skyscrapers; rhinoceros; sprays; carts; university; lions; oxen; acid rain; cows; vehicles; orang-utans; dumps; fields; traffic lights; garbage; crocodiles; paddy; open drains; colony; elephants; polar bears; fumes; sheep; tractors; apartments; tigers; streets; toxic waste.

	CITIES	POLLUTION	VILLAGES	WILDLIFE
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B Use the following suffixes to form two new words with each given word.

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1. woman	(a) woman _____	(b) woman _____
2. home	(a) home _____	(b) home _____
3. man	(a) man _____	(b) man _____
4. tempt	(a) tempt _____	(b) tempt _____
5. free	(a) free _____	(b) free _____
6. hand	(a) hand _____	(b) hand _____

C Write a description of your school in about 150 words.
