8. Murali Becomes a Good Boy

COMPREHENSION

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time, there was a lion in the forest. One day, he was unable to find any animal to eat and lay down outside his den, sad and hungry. In a while, a small mouse came and ran to the den. He too was looking for something to eat. Suddenly, he bumped into the lion and the lion opened his eyes. Seeing the mouse, he pounced on him, holding him down with his paw. The mouse was terrified. He begged the lion not to eat him. "Why?" asked the lion. "I'm too small, my Lord. You will be hungry even if you eat me!" the mouse said. The lion laughed because the mouse was right. He lifted his paw to let him go. The happy little mouse ran away.

Then, one day, the mouse found that the lion was caught in a hunter's net. He heard the lion roar. The mouse ran up to the lion and began to nibble at the net. He bit right through it before the hunter returned. The lion thanked the little mouse for helping him escape. "When I let you go, I didn't think a little fellow like you could ever help me. Thank you, my friend!" said the lion, for now they were the best of friends.

A Answer the following questions.

1. Where did the hungry lion lie down?

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2. What did the lion do to the mouse?

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3. How did the mouse help the lion to escape?

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4. What did the lion say when he was freed by the mouse?

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B Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box.
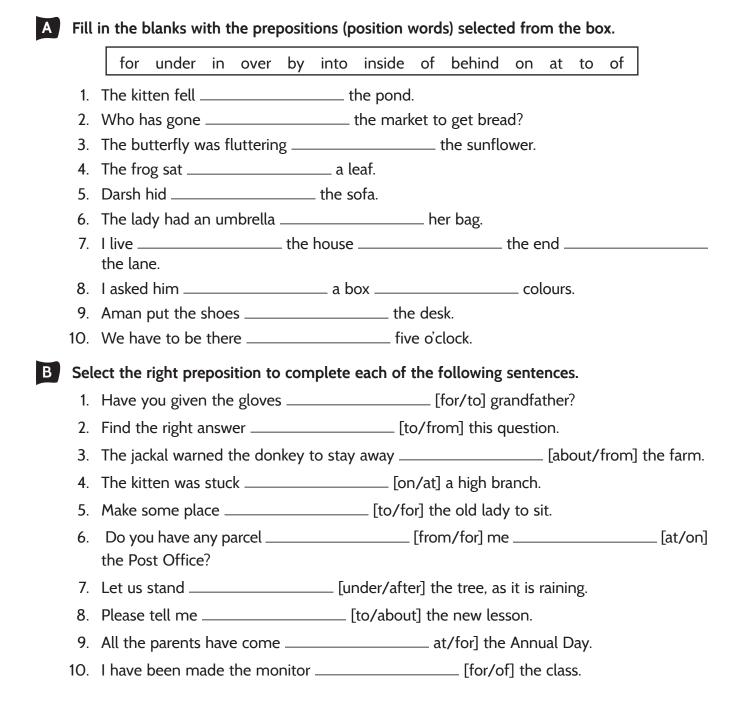
escape   hungry   ran   small   pounced   nibbled   hunter

1. The lion was very _____.
2. The lion _____ on the mouse.
3. The _____ mouse was held down by the lion's paw.
4. A _____ caught the lion in a net.
5. The mouse _____ through the net.
6. The happy little mouse _____ away.
7. He helped the lion to _____ the hunter.

GRAMMAR

A Fill in the blanks with the prepositions (position words) selected from the box.

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1. The kitten fell _____ the pond.
2. Who has gone _____ the market to get bread?
3. The butterfly was fluttering _____ the sunflower.
4. The frog sat _____ a leaf.
5. Darsh hid _____ the sofa.
6. The lady had an umbrella _____ her bag.
7. I live _____ the house _____ the end _____ the lane.
8. I asked him _____ a box _____ colours.
9. Aman put the shoes _____ the desk.
10. We have to be there _____ five o'clock.

B Select the right preposition to complete each of the following sentences.

1. Have you given the gloves _____ [for/to] grandfather?
2. Find the right answer _____ [to/from] this question.
3. The jackal warned the donkey to stay away _____ [about/from] the farm.
4. The kitten was stuck _____ [on/at] a high branch.
5. Make some place _____ [to/for] the old lady to sit.
6. Do you have any parcel _____ [from/for] me _____ [at/on] the Post Office?
7. Let us stand _____ [under/after] the tree, as it is raining.
8. Please tell me _____ [to/about] the new lesson.
9. All the parents have come _____ at/for] the Annual Day.
10. I have been made the monitor _____ [for/of] the class.

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A   **Give three names/words that fall into each group listed below.**

1. Clothes   (a) _____   (b) _____   (c) _____

2. Furniture   (a) _____   (b) _____   (c) _____

3. Transport   (a) _____   (b) _____   (c) _____

4. Animals   (a) _____   (b) _____   (c) _____

5. Birds   (a) _____   (b) _____   (c) _____

B   **Match the animals in Column A with their homes in Column B.**

Column A	Column B
1. Lion	(a) Nest
2. Rabbit	(b) Kennel
3. Dog	(c) Burrow
4. Cow	(d) Den
5. Bird	(e) Shed

C   **Write five sentences about an animal you like.**

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