

8. Birbal and the Barber

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Tenali Raman had not been able to water his fields for a week. As he walked home at night, he was worried. Suddenly, he saw two dark figures hiding behind trees near his house. He thought they were thieves come to rob his house. But, they did not know he had seen them.

Tenali Raman went in and told his wife loudly that there were thieves in the city and she should lock up all valuable things in a trunk and threw it into the well where it will be safe. No one will know where their valuables are. Then, he quietly whispered to her about the two thieves outside and told her to fill something very heavy in the trunk. His wife understood. She put a heavy grinding stone into the trunk which Tenali Raman dragged and threw into the well with a big splash. Then, they went to sleep.

The two thieves crept out after a while. They had overheard the conversation, so, they quickly ran to the well. They looked into it and decided to drain the well as they thought it would then be easier to get the trunk out. So, they went on and on during the night, drawing water out of the well and throwing it into the field. Early morning, Tenali Raman awoke and saw that the two thieves were still drawing water and throwing it. All his fields had been watered! He went out and thanked the thieves. They were startled and ran for their lives.

A. Read the above story and answer the following questions.

1. Why was Tenali Raman worried?
2. Why did he tell his wife to lock the valuables in the trunk loudly?
3. What did his wife actually put into the trunk?
4. Why did the thieves drain the well?
5. Why did Tenali Raman thank the thieves?

B. Fill in the appropriate words from the passage in the following blanks.

1. He saw two dark _____ hiding behind trees.
2. The thieves were _____ water from the well all night.
3. They _____ the conversation between Tenali Raman and his wife.
4. They were _____ and ran for their lives.

C. Make the following jumbled words into sentences.

1. his watered fields had all been
2. from spent they the the water drawing night fields
3. wife to Tenali Raman whispered plan his the
4. trunk well he the dragged to the
5. for they their ran lives

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Use 'a', 'an' or 'the' in the following sentences if required.

- (a) We went to play outside.
(b) We went to watch _____ play at the theatre.
- (a) We waited for hours in the rain.
(b) It was _____ hour before the rain stopped.
- (a) This man watched _____ gate at night.
(b) He gave _____ watch which his father presented him for repair.

B. Use the Determiners in the Help Box to complete the following sentences.

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- Madam, I gave the message to _____ man.
- There is not _____ sugar left in the jar.
- I need to make _____ phone calls immediately.
- They gave _____ information to the police.
- Who were _____ people who came over yesterday?

C. Complete the following passage below using suitable Determiners.

_____ fox came to _____ battlefield at night. _____ fox heard _____ sound. He was frightened because he did not know _____ sound. Then, he decided to look around. He saw _____ drum against which _____ branch of _____ tree was hitting. He laughed because he knew now what _____ sound was.

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Write the male, the female and the young of the following animals.

Animal/Bird	Male	Female	Young
1. goat	_____	_____	_____
2. pig	_____	_____	_____
3. sheep	_____	_____	_____
4. swan	_____	_____	_____
5. horse	_____	_____	_____
6. fowl	_____	_____	_____
7. goose	_____	_____	_____

B. Give the collective nouns for the following.

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| 1. a _____ of cattle | 2. a _____ of puppies |
| 3. a _____ of lions | 4. a _____ of fish |
| 5. a _____ of players | 6. a _____ of flowers |
| 7. a _____ of people | 8. a _____ of coins |

C. Can you describe one funny incident you have seen at home or in the school in about 6–8 sentences? Try to write it down.