

8. A Trip to Kolkata

A grey rectangular box with rounded corners and a drop shadow, hanging from a horizontal line by two black loops. The text "Worksheet 1" is written in a large, black, serif font inside the box.

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

For the last two weeks of September in Delhi, parks and maidans, huge wickerwork effigies of Ravana and his monstrous brother, Kumbhakaran and a son Meghnad, were being erected. Workmen clung like sparrows to rickety bamboo scaffolding, busily hammering noses and ears into place. On the feast day, amid a flurry of celebrations, all the effigies were to be burned. The day of Dussehra — hot, dusty and humid—burned out into a fine warm evening. Ravana was a giant corn dolly 120 feet high dressed in bright pink pyjamas. He was held upright by six straining guy-ropes... Beside Ravana's ankles, a marquee had been erected, and in it a band of Goan boys were playing songs from recent Hindi movies. A plump man in a dhoti passed a collection plate around. Then, to the great excitement of the two hundred children present the sunset and the pyrotechnics began. Some Roman candles spluttered between Ravana's legs. A volley of rockets arched above his shoulders... The plump man in the dhoti took a burning torch and touched both Ravana's feet. A slow blue flame licked up his legs and hovered around his waist. Suddenly, his pink pyjama top took light; and in a trice the whole effigy was in flames... Then, the canister of Chinese crackers secreted in Ravana's chest blew up with a deafening roar. The crowds cheered; and a full moon rose over the demon's smouldering carcass.

(Excerpt from 'City of Djinnns' by William Dalrymple)

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

1. Which were the three effigies to be burned (burnt) on the day of Dussehra?
2. What was the Ravana effigy dressed in?
3. What was the band of Goanboys doing?
4. Who lit up Ravana's effigy with a burning torch?
5. What blew up with a deafening roar?

B. Use the dictionary and write the meanings of the following words.

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| 1. effigy | _____ | 2. rickety | _____ |
| 3. scaffolding | _____ | 4. humid | _____ |
| 5. marquee | _____ | 6. pyrotechnics | _____ |
| 7. volley | _____ | 8. hover | _____ |
| 9. secreted | _____ | 10. smoulder | _____ |

C. Fill in the blanks with suitable words mentioned in the passage.

1. Amid a _____ of _____, the effigies were to be burned.
2. Ravana was held _____ by six straining _____.
3. Some Roman candles _____ between Ravana's legs.
4. A _____ blue flame _____ up his legs and _____ around his waist.
5. The _____ of Chinese crackers secreted in Ravana's chest blew up with a _____ roar.

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles.

- _____ Taj Mahal is one of _____ most wonderful monuments in the world.
- Silver is _____ metal.
- We use _____ umbrella in rainy season.
- Kolkata is _____ capital city of West Bengal.
- Computer is _____ necessity nowadays.
- Raman bought _____ number of toys from the market.

B. Tick (✓) the correct articles (a, an or the) in following sentences, if not needed, tick (✓) the no article (X).

- This is (a/an/the) football.
- Rajasthan is (a/an/the) largest state in India.
- Please give me (a/an/the) glass of water.
- The cow gives (a/an/the/X) milk.
- (A/An/The/X) electricity is necessary for all of us.
- Would you like to have (a/an/the/X) cold drink?

C. Underline the adverbs in the following sentences and write their kinds.

- He came at my home recently.
- Ram throws a stone upwards from the earth.
- Sometimes Shyam goes with friends to play football.
- Arvind is quite honest.
- Rohit behaves with me politely.

D. Fill in the blanks with appropriate adverbs in the given sentences taking from the box.

efficiently occasionally now carefully always

- Pankaj is busy in work right _____.
- Sunil did his work _____.
- _____ he plays cricket.
- We should _____ respect our seniors.
- He always drives his car _____.

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Use the following words in sentences of your own.

1. after _____
2. less _____
3. enough _____
4. once _____
5. such _____

B. Complete the words with the help of the letters given in the Help Box.

w u y x g

1. (a) la ___ (b) ___ es (c) tr ___ (d) st ___ (e) to ___
2. (a) a ___ e (b) ta ___ (c) la ___ (d) si ___ (e) fa ___
3. (a) ___ ndo (b) f ___ r (c) s ___ m (d) ___ gly (e) l ___ mp
4. (a) ___ rey (b) smu ___ (c) ___ um (d) e ___ ___ s (e) plu ___
5. (a) o ___ l (b) ___ oe (c) ___ ail (d) ___ ee (e) ___ ear

C. Unscramble the words given in jumbled sentences to make proper sentences.

1. burglar the who man was the dog a bit

2. tired he down as he laid his was pen

3. shoot to gun the took hunter up lion his the

4. cheese stole a crow piece her flew of her and to nest the

5. dead along I street as I a snake the walked saw
