

8. The Case of the Missing Necklace

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

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. Read the passage above and answer the 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 anecdote humorous?

B. (a) What do the following words mean?

1. record 2. counter 3. phonetics

(b) Make sentences using the above words.

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Fill in the appropriate prepositions to complete the sentences.

1. The truck fell _____ the ditch.
2. Kolkata is situated _____ the River Hugli.
3. The troops marched quietly _____ the forest.
4. The painter climbed _____ the ladder.
5. My little sister was standing _____ me.
6. The book lay _____ the cushion.
7. The little boy sat _____ his parents.
8. The car went _____ the bridge _____ the river _____ the city.

B. Underline the prepositions and circle the adverbs.

1. Aunty has gone out to the market.
2. Millie sat down on the rickety chair.
3. Give the colour pencils to Soma later.

C. Complete the sentences with the right conjunctions from the brackets.

1. Beethoven could not hear _____ (and/yet) he composed music.
2. _____ (Although/Because) Sagar's parents were poor, they gave him a good education.
3. You can have _____ (either/both) coffee _____ (and/or) a cold drink.

D. Make sentences with the following prepositional phrases.

1. through the gate _____
2. into a basket _____
3. across the field _____

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Put the words listed below into the correct context box.

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

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B. Use the following suffixes to complete the words given. Each word can be given more than one suffix to form two new words. Suffixes can be used more than once.

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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 _____

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