

8. Birbal and the Barber

WORKSHEET

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COMPREHENSION

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Tenali Rama 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 the trees near his house. He thought they were thieves who had come to rob his house. But they did not know that he had seen them.

Tenali Rama went in and told his wife loudly that there were thieves in the city and that she should lock up all valuable things in a trunk and throw 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 heavy in the trunk. She understood and put a heavy grinding stone into the trunk. Tenali Rama dragged the trunk outside and threw it 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 ran quickly to the well and looked in. They decided that the best thing was to drain the water out of the well. Then it will be easier to get the trunk out. So they went on and on through the night, drawing out the water and throwing it into the field.

Early morning, Tenali Rama awoke and saw the poor fellows trying to heave out the heavy trunk. All his fields had been watered! He went out and thanked the thieves. They were startled and ran for their lives.

A Answer the following questions.

1. Why was Tenali Rama worried?

2. Why did he tell his wife loudly to lock the valuables in the trunk?

3. What did his wife actually put into the trunk?

4. Why did the thieves drain the well?

5. Why did Tenali Rama thank the thieves?

B Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the story to complete the following sentences.

1. He saw two dark _____ hiding behind the trees.
2. The thieves were _____ water from the well all night.
3. They _____ the conversation between Tenali Rama and his wife.
4. Early morning Tenali Rama found them trying to _____ out the trunk.
5. They were _____ and ran for their lives.

C Make the following jumbled words into sentences.

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

GRAMMAR

A Underline the prepositions in the sentences.

1. He went to his mother.
2. He sat in the second row.
3. The school was near his house.
4. I am taking flowers for the teacher.
5. She was staring at the board.

B Add suitable prepositions to complete the sentences.

1. He played _____ his country.
2. They bought a goat _____ the old man.
3. Why were the people gathered _____ the hall?
4. The bell was rung _____ call the nurse.
5. The ball rolled _____ the table.

C Make sentences using the following prepositions.

1. Near: _____
2. From: _____
3. Behind: _____
4. For: _____
5. By: _____

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

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

Animal/Bird	Male	Female	Young
1. Goat	_____	_____	_____
2. Pig	_____	_____	_____
3. Sheep	_____	_____	_____
4. Swan	_____	_____	_____
5. Horse	_____	_____	_____
6. Fowl	_____	_____	_____
7. Goose	_____	_____	_____
8. Cattle	_____	_____	_____

B Give the collective nouns of the following.

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
9. A _____ of ships
10. An _____ of soldiers

C Can you describe a funny incident that occurred with you at home or in school in about 6-8 sentences? Try to write it down.
