

# 8. Blackberries – The Fruit

WORKSHEET

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## COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Shekhar loved to sulk. Whenever he did not get what he wanted, he sulked. When Anil did not give him a kite, he sulked. When his mother did not buy him the toy train, he sulked. When his father did not take him out for a drive in the car, he sulked. When he was not allowed to watch TV, he sulked. In fact he sulked for everything – if he was told to make his bed, get up early, clean his room, or not waste his food. Anything was enough!

Everyone tried to explain to him that he was behaving very badly. But Shekhar thought he could get his way always by sulking. So he refused to change himself.

One day, a new family shifted into his neighbourhood. They did not take long to settle down in their new house. There were two children, both boys, their parents and grandmother. Both the boys joined the same school in which Shekhar studied, the younger one, Bhanu, being in Shekhar's class. Aditya, the older boy, was in Class 8.

Shekhar was curious and he watched the two boys. They helped their father wash the car every morning. They watered the plants in the garden. When they returned from school, they took all the clothes down from the line and folded them away neatly. They were always polite to the maid and the driver. They said 'Please' and 'Thank you.' They were friendly with classmates and shared their books and notes with them. They were good students too. In the bus, they behaved kindly with the small children.

Shekhar suddenly felt very ashamed. He realised that he himself did not help anyone, either at home or at school. He behaved in a very selfish way. He also realised that sulking was a very selfish and inconsiderate thing to do. He wanted to be friends with Bhanu and Aditya and he wanted to be liked too. Shekhar's family began to see him change from a sulky, selfish boy to a kind, helpful and cheerful person.

**A** Answer the following questions.

1. Mention any three things for which Shekhar sulked.

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2. Why did Shekhar sulk?

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3. Who were the two boys who shifted to Shekhar's neighbourhood?

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4. Name any two things that Bhanu and Aditya did.

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5. Why was Shekhar ashamed?

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**B** Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the story.

1. Shekhar thought he could get his \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They did not take long to \_\_\_\_\_ in the house.
3. They took all the clothes down from the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them neatly.
4. Shekhar suddenly felt very \_\_\_\_\_.
5. He realised that sulking was a very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thing to do.

**C** Which of these adjectives describe Shekhar before he saw Bhanu and Aditya and which describe him after.

kind selfish inconsiderate helpful sulky cheerful

Before

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

After

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## GRAMMAR

**A** Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Taj Mahal is one of \_\_\_\_\_ most wonderful monuments in the world.
2. Silver is \_\_\_\_\_ precious metal.
3. We use \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella in the rainy season.
4. Kolkata is \_\_\_\_\_ capital of West Bengal.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ computer is \_\_\_\_\_ necessity these days.
6. Raman bought \_\_\_\_\_ number of toys from \_\_\_\_\_ market.

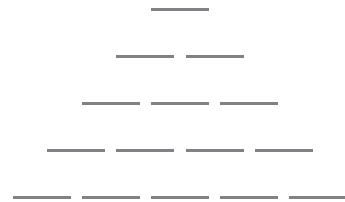
**B** Add the correct article in the following sentences and, if no article is needed, mark a cross [a/an/the/X].

1. The boys were playing \_\_\_\_\_ game of football.
2. Rajasthan is \_\_\_\_\_ largest state of India.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ cow gives \_\_\_\_\_ milk.
4. Please give me \_\_\_\_\_ glass of water.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ electricity is necessary for all of us.
6. Would you like to have \_\_\_\_\_ cold drink?
7. Take \_\_\_\_\_ turn to \_\_\_\_\_ right and you will see \_\_\_\_\_ old building.
8. Our car stopped at \_\_\_\_\_ crossing on \_\_\_\_\_ road to Noida.
9. Could you tell me where \_\_\_\_\_ library is?
10. No one recites \_\_\_\_\_ poem as well as Karan.

## VOCABULARY AND WRITING

**A** Make a word pyramid, using the clues given.

1. This word is used for oneself
2. This is the opposite of 'out'
3. It is used in a pen
4. This is used for skating
5. We do this with water, juice, milk, etc.



**B** Find as many words as you can using the letters of the following words.

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| 1. Breed  | _____ | 2. Soothe  | _____ |
| 3. Choice | _____ | 4. Between | _____ |
| 5. Cold   | _____ | 6. Heart   | _____ |
| 7. Steel  | _____ | 8. Beside  | _____ |

**C** Each group of words below has the same prefix. Select a prefix from the box to complete the words.

over   break   fore   under   with

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| 1. _____ neath | _____ growth | _____ stand   |
| 2. _____ fast  | _____ down   | _____ through |
| 3. _____ draw  | _____ stand  | _____ hold    |
| 4. _____ do    | _____ charge | _____ flow    |
| 5. _____ cast  | _____ go     | _____ tell    |