9. Tenali Rama Challenges the Magician



COMPREHENSION

There was once a fat green frog who lived in a small round pond not far from a farm. Sometimes, one of the white ducks belonging to the farmer waddled over to the little pond to see if there was any food there.

Each time, she went and saw the fat green frog and dived after him. But no matter how many times she turned herself upside down to catch the frog, she couldn't get him.

He croaked with laughter each time. The duck was angry. She didn't like being laughed at. One day, when the duck came to visit the pond, she saw that the green frog had another frog with him. The duck decided to come back later and eat all the eggs of the frog.

The frog and his wife were very happy. The wife laid hundreds of eggs. These eggs were tiny black things and she laid them in jelly. The jelly swelled up and rose to float on the surface of the pond, lying in the sun. Then, the duck came to eat the eggs. She saw them floating on the water and was going to have a feast. The two frogs croaked with laughter. Every time, the duck gobbled the jelly, it slipped out of her beak. It was so slippery! It was quite impossible to eat. And so the eggs were safe.

(Adapted from 'The Frog's Little Trick' by Enid Blyton)

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

- 1. Where did the frog live?
- **2.** Why did the duck come to the pond?
- **3.** Why was the duck angry?
- **4.** Describe the frogs' eggs.
- **5.** Why did the two frogs croak with laughter?

B. Fill in the blanks using verbs mentioned in the story.

- The duck ______ over to the little pond.
 She ______ after the fat green frog.
- **3.** He _____ with laughter.
- **4.** The jelly _____ up and ____ on the water.
- **5.** It ______ out of her beak.

C.	There are fifteen common nouns in the story. Write down any six out of them.				
	1	2			
	3	4			
	5	6			



GRAMMAR

A. Change the active voice into passive voice.

- 1. The guide took the tourists to Jaipur by coach.
- 2. Somebody has put out the light.
- 3. My mother will bake a pineapple cake.
- **4.** He is finishing his homework before dinner.
- **5.** Father had promised us an outing on Sunday.

B. Identify whether the following sentences are in active or passive voice. Tick 'A' for active and 'P' for 'Passive'.

- **1.** We are going to watch a movie tonight. (A/P)
- 2. The obstacle course was run by me in record time. (A/P)
- **3.** I clean the house every day. (A/P)
- **4.** She read the novel in one day. (A/P)
- **5.** The last cookie was eaten by whom? (A/P)
- **6.** The Kangaroo carried her baby in her pouch. (A/P)
- **7.** The victory will be celebrated by the team today. (A/P)
- 8. The doctor gave me some medicines for my illness. (A/P)
- **9.** The entire house was painted by Tom. (A/P)
- **10.** Thousands of tourists visit Taj Mahal every day. (A/P)



VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Complete the following words with the prefixes given in the Help Box.

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- **1.** ___ ant
- **3.** ___ oil
- **5.** ____ ire

- **2.** ____ eat
- **4.** ___ ale
- B. Each animal or bird has a particular sound and walk. Link them in the columns given below.

	Animal/Bird	Sound	Walk
1.	Snake	(a) neigh	(i) hop
2.	Frog	(b) hiss	(ii) fly
3.	Horse	(c) chirp	(iii) waddle
4.	Bird	(d) quack	(iv) slither
5.	Duck	(e) croak	(v) gallop