

# 9. Tenali Rama Challenges the Magician

WORKSHEET

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## COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

There was once a fat green frog who lived in a small round pond not far from a farm. Sometimes, one of the ducks belonging to the farmer waddled over to the 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 that it was quite impossible to eat. And so the eggs were safe!

– Adapted from 'The Frog's Little Trick' by Enid Blyton

**A** Answer the following questions.

1. Where did the frog live?

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2. Why did the duck come to the pond?

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3. Why was the duck angry?

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4. Describe the frog's eggs.

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5. Why did the two frogs croak with laughter?

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

1. The duck \_\_\_\_\_ over to the little pond.
2. She turned herself \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to catch the 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 of them in the space provided.

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

## GRAMMAR

**A** Underline the prepositions in the following sentences.

1. Is he in the room now?
2. The train will arrive at four p.m.
3. He rushed from the room as he was late.
4. I am waiting for my parents.
5. The book had fallen behind the chair.

**B** Use the following prepositional phrases to make sentences of your own.

1. in order to: \_\_\_\_\_
2. in place of: \_\_\_\_\_
3. along with: \_\_\_\_\_
4. by means of: \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Use suitable prepositions to fill in the blanks.

1. People \_\_\_\_\_ different parts \_\_\_\_\_ the world eat different kinds \_\_\_\_\_ food.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Arctic regions, flesh and fat are necessary \_\_\_\_\_ maintaining the body.
3. There is nothing but sand and rock \_\_\_\_\_ the desert.
4. The sand is so hot that you cannot walk \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ your bare feet \_\_\_\_\_ the daytime and so cold \_\_\_\_\_ night that you must sleep \_\_\_\_\_ a blanket.

**D** Underline the conjunctions and write if they are Coordinating Conjunctions [C] or Subordinating Conjunctions [S].

1. Rahul and Arvind are childhood friends.
2. Raman as well as Suman did well in the quiz competition.
3. Although he thought he performed badly in the entrance test, he got admission in the engineering college.
4. He did not go to school because he was sick.
5. Not only is Rohit efficient at his work, but he is also a good human being.

## VOCABULARY AND WRITING

**A** Complete the following words using an appropriate letter from the box. You may use a letter more than once.

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| 1. ____ANT | 2. ____EAT  |
| 3. ____OIL | 4. ____ALE  |
| 5. ____IRE | 6. ____IN   |
| 7. ____EAR | 8. ____INK  |
| 9. ____ATE | 10. ____LOW |

**B** Every animal or bird has a particular sound and walk. Link the sounds and the walk of the following animals.

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