

10. The Postmaster

WORKSHEET

1

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In a bustling railway station nestled between rolling hills, Ravi, a ticket clerk, spent his days punching tickets for travellers. Despite the constant flow of people, he felt invisible, like a speck lost in the crowd. Each morning, he sat in his booth, watching strangers rush by—some excited, some weary—but never stopping to notice him.

One evening, while the sun dipped behind the hills, an old man named Hari approached Ravi's booth. "How long does it take to the city?" he asked, his voice trembling with age. Ravi answered, and to his surprise, the old man lingered. "It's my first time traveling alone," Hari confessed.

Over the next few days, Hari returned, sitting on a bench near Ravi's booth, talking about his life. He spoke of his late wife, the son he barely heard from and his once-thriving farm now barren with time. Ravi, who had grown used to silence, found himself listening with a mix of curiosity and compassion.

One day, Hari brought a tiffin filled with homemade sweets. "I thought you'd like these," he said with a warm smile. It was a small gesture, but it melted the wall Ravi had built around his heart. They began sharing meals, stories and moments of quiet companionship.

But one morning, Hari did not show up. Ravi waited all day, peering at the bench, hoping to see the familiar figure. Days turned to weeks, and eventually, Ravi learned from a traveller that Hari had passed away in the city, alone.

The bustling station felt emptier than ever. Yet, Ravi kept the tiffin box Hari had given him, a small reminder of the bond that had briefly illuminated his solitary life.

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. Where did Ravi work?

(a) A school

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(b) A railway station

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(c) A post office

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(d) A farm

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2. What did Hari bring for Ravi one day?

(a) A book

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(b) A ticket

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(c) A letter

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(d) A tiffin filled with sweets

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3. During his conversations with Ravi, Hari talked about

- (a) his late wife and distant son. ☐ (b) his plans to move to the city. ☐
(c) his love for travelling. ☐ (d) his work as a farmer. ☐

4. Ravi learn about Hari's passing

- (a) from a letter. ☐
(b) from Hari's son. ☐
(c) from a traveller. ☐
(d) from overhearing a conversation. ☐

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. Ravi worked as a _____ clerk at the railway station.
2. Hari shared stories about his late _____ and son.
3. Ravi kept Hari's _____ as a reminder of their bond.
4. The railway station was surrounded by rolling _____.

C. Answer the following questions.

1. What was Ravi's daily routine at the railway station?

2. Why did Hari visit Ravi frequently?

3. What did Ravi learn about Hari in the end?

4. Why did Ravi keep Hari's tiffin?

D. Find the synonyms of the following words and phrases from the passage.

1. Gently sloping _____
2. Feeling alone or isolated _____
3. A box for carrying food _____
4. Shaking or unsteady _____

WORKSHEET 2

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. Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners from the Help Box.

Help Box

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1. _____ man snatched _____ lady's purse.

2. Could you please give me _____ buns?

3. _____ plan is to start at four o'clock tomorrow.

4. Could I have one of the _____ cards, please?

5. I will be happy to sit in _____ seat at the concert.

6. The _____ person to enter today will receive a prize.

C. Add definite or indefinite articles or cross them out where necessary in the sentences given below.

1. Plane left airport at five ten for London.

2. India has been known as country with very ancient civilisation.

3. Satellite was launched to land on Moon in July.

4. I have a breakfast at eight every day.

5. Do you have lunch appointment today?

6. Effort he put in showed in results.

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

- A. Edit the following passage by adding capital letters and punctuation marks wherever required.**

there seemed a good deal of luggage there were the suitcase the small handbag the two hampers a large roll of rugs some four or five overcoats and mackintoshes a few umbrellas and a melon a pound of grapes a Japanese paper umbrella and a frying pan which was wrapped up in brown paper

- B. Write the synonyms of the following words.**

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| 1. Capture | _____ | 2. Liberate | _____ |
| 3. Essential | _____ | 4. Esteem | _____ |
| 5. Casement | _____ | | |

- C. Write two sentences with each pair of words given below, bringing out their differences.**

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| 1. (a) bow: | _____ |
| (b) bow: | _____ |
| 2. (a) air: | _____ |
| (b) heir: | _____ |
| 3. (a) stare: | _____ |
| (b) stair: | _____ |

- D. Write a paragraph on your hobby in 5-6 sentences.**
