

3. Blackberries – The Fruit

WORKSHEET 1

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.

2. Why did Shekhar sulk?

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

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

5. Why was Shekhar ashamed?

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 _____ 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.

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| kind selfish inconsiderate helpful sulky cheerful |
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Before: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

After: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

WORKSHEET 2

GRAMMAR

A. Underline the adjectives in the following sentences and write their kind.

1. Narendra is the most efficient designer. _____
2. What a magnificent player he is! _____
3. He is my elder brother. _____
4. Which cricketer do you find better? _____
5. Arvind has several friends. _____

B. Write if the adjectives in the following sentences are used in an Attributive [A] or Predicative [P] way.

1. Rahul is a good boy.
2. Prabha Shankar is intelligent.
3. Few people are still working in office.
4. The beauty of nature is undefined.
5. He is very clever.

C. Underline the adjectives and state if they are Positive [P], Comparative [C] or Superlative [S].

1. Lead is heavier than any other metal. []
2. Hari is the most handsome boy. []
3. Seema is as beautiful as Rashmi. []
4. No other person is as good as Anuj. []
5. Uttar Pradesh is more populous than Bihar. []
6. It is the most interesting book I have read. []

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Write the antonyms of the following words.

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| 1. Finish | _____ | 2. Open | _____ |
| 3. False | _____ | 4. Weep | _____ |
| 5. Strong | _____ | 6. Give | _____ |

B. Make sentences using the following words.

1. profession: _____
2. finale: _____
3. dolphin: _____
4. offend: _____
5. confusion: _____

C. Change one letter in each of the following words to make a new word.

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| 1. Vain | _____ | 2. Train | _____ |
| 3. Cream | _____ | 4. Pail | _____ |
| 5. Mow | _____ | 6. Spare | _____ |