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WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

To look at Montmorency, you would imagine that he was an angel sent upon the earth, for some reason withheld from mankind, in the shape of a small fox-terrier. His expression has been known to bring tears into the eyes of pious old ladies and gentlemen. When first he came to live at my expense, I never thought I should be able to get him to stop for long....

But, when I had paid for a dozen chickens that he had killed; and had dragged him, growling and kicking, by the scruff of his neck, out of a hundred and fourteen street fights; and had a dead cat brought round for my inspection by an irate female, who called me a murderer; and had been summoned by the man next door for having a ferocious dog at large, that had kept him pinned up in his own tool-shed, afraid to venture his nose outside his door for over two hours on a cold night; and had learned that the gardener had won thirty shillings by backing him to kill rats, then I began to think that maybe they would let him remain on the earth for a bit longer, after all.

'Three Men in a Boat' by Jerome K. Jerome

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Who was Montmorency?

2. Why did the author think he was an angel?

3. Why did the angry woman call the author a murderer?

4. Whom did Montmorency pin up in his tool-shed?

5. How did the gardener win thirty shillings?

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. Montmorency had killed _____, _____ and a _____.
2. He was dragged, _____ and _____, by the _____ of his neck from a hundred and fourteen _____.
3. A dead _____ was brought by an _____ female, who called the author a _____.
4. Montmorency looked like an _____ sent upon the _____ in the form of a _____.
5. His expression could bring _____ to the eyes of _____ ladies and gentlemen.

WORKSHEET 2

GRAMMAR

A. Underline the adjectives and write their kind.

1. Kedar was a very kind boy.
2. She has seven mangoes in the basket.
3. Which bag belongs to Dhara?
4. Please give this book to Sumit.
5. Mr Sharda planted the trees himself.
6. May I have some sugar now?
7. It is his birthday so we must wish Giri.

B. State the kind of adjectives of number underlined in the following sentences.

1. Heera stood first in the race. _____
2. Let us plant as many trees as possible. _____
3. Gauri walks three kilometres to school every day. _____
4. The house is the sixth one on the left. _____
5. Mrs Gupta is ill so all classes will meet Ms Khanna. _____
6. Both boys were punished for being noisy. _____
7. Set five plates on the table, please. _____

C. Arrange the given adjectives in the right order in each sentence.

1. His _____ coat was wet. [brown, dirty, woollen]
2. Someone said he used to live in that _____ building. [white, tall, magnificent]
3. I will take _____ soup for him. [hot, some, steaming]

D. Make adjectives from these words.

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| 1. Rock _____ | 2. Jealously _____ |
| 3. Mischief _____ | 4. Fear _____ |
| 5. Danger _____ | 6. Comfort _____ |

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Match the words in the two columns to form the right collocations.

Column A

Column B

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| 1. Lose | (a) run |
| 2. Hard | (b) spirit |
| 3. Dry | (c) temper |
| 4. Guiding | (d) time |
| 5. Prime | (e) hearted |

B. Match the words in the two columns to form the right collocations.

Column A

Column B

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| 1. Forgive | (a) long |
| 2. Compel | (b) courteous |
| 3. Yearn | (c) force |
| 4. Obstinate | (d) pardon |
| 5. Polite | (e) stubborn |

C. The following words are pronounced the same way. Make sentences with each pair to show the differences in meaning.

1. (a) herd : _____
(b) heard : _____
2. (a) air : _____
(b) heir : _____
3. (a) bow : _____
(b) bough : _____
4. (a) no : _____
(b) know : _____
5. (a) stair : _____
(b) stare : _____