

6. A Journey in Space

WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

When the early astronauts flew their spaceships, they loved to look at the earth from space and take photographs of it. The sight was truly beautiful. One of them described it like this: The first sunset, which came over the Indian Ocean, was a beautiful display of vivid colours - oranges, yellows and purples. The sun itself was so bright that I had to use filters to look at it. At night, the stars set, while I watched them. Just like the sun, they set much faster from where I watched them than they do for us on the earth. The strangest sight of all came with the very first ray of the sun, as I was crossing the Pacific Ocean towards the USA. I looked out of the windows and there, spread out as far as I could see, were thousands of luminous objects that glowed in the black sky like fireflies. They were greenish-yellow in colour, and they appeared to be about six to ten feet apart. I seemed to be passing through them.

[A simplified version of Colonel Glenn's report from 'Time']

A. Answer the following questions.

1. What did the early astronauts love to do?

2. What were the colours of the sunset?

3. Name the two oceans that are mentioned in the passage.

4. How did the astronaut look at the bright sun?

5. What did the astronauts see out of the windows?

B. Find the meanings of the following words.

1. filter: _____

2. luminous: _____

3. firefly: _____

C. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the passage.

1. The astronauts took _____ of the earth.
2. The sunset was a beautiful _____ of vivid colours.
3. The astronaut looked at the sun through _____.
4. The astronaut saw thousands of tiny _____ objects.
5. He seemed to be _____ through them.

WORKSHEET 2

GRAMMAR

A. Add the simple past tense of the suitable verb from the Help Box to complete the following sentences.

1. We _____ to Bangalore for a meeting.
2. I _____ the policeman for help.
3. Hanu _____ his breakfast at 8 o'clock.
4. Yesterday she _____ a talk on Leadership.
5. My aunt _____ her glasses last night.

Help Box

misplace
eat
ask
give
go

B. Add the past continuous tense of the verb in the brackets to complete each sentence below.

1. Our teacher _____ to take special classes. [go]
2. I remember Aakash _____ to the market. [walk]
3. Niti _____ a beautiful song yesterday. [sing]
4. We _____ a holiday in Sikkim. [enjoy]
5. I _____ at the hotel near the lake. [stay]

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Add suitable prefixes to the words given below.

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| 1. Patient | _____ | 2. Possible | _____ |
| 3. Different | _____ | 4. Credible | _____ |
| 5. Active | _____ | 6. Prove | _____ |

B. Suppose you were invisible for a day. What would you do?
