

6. Birbal and the Barber

WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Tenali Rama had not been able to water his fields for a week. As he walked home at night, he was worried. Suddenly, he saw two dark figures hiding behind the trees near his house. He thought they were thieves who had come to rob his house, but they did not know that he had seen them.

Tenali Rama went in and told his wife loudly that there were thieves in the city and that she should lock up all the valuable things in a trunk and throw it into the well where it will be safe. No one will know where their valuables were. Then he quietly whispered to her about the two thieves outside and told her to fill something heavy in the trunk. She understood and put a heavy grinding stone into the trunk. Tenali Rama dragged the trunk outside and threw it into the well with a big splash. Then they went to sleep.

The two thieves crept out after a while. They had overheard the conversation. So they ran quickly to the well and looked in. They decided that the best thing was to drain the water out of the well. Then it will be easier to get the trunk out. So they went on and on through the night, drawing out the water and throwing it into the field.

Early morning, Tenali Rama awoke and saw the poor fellows trying to heave out the heavy trunk. All his fields had been watered! He went out and thanked the thieves. They were startled and ran for their lives.

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why was Tenali Rama worried?

2. Why did he tell his wife loudly to lock the valuables in the trunk?

3. What did his wife actually put into the trunk?

4. Why did the thieves drain the well?

5. Why did Tenali Rama thank the thieves?

B. Fill in the blanks with words from the story given above.

1. He saw two dark _____ hiding behind the trees.
2. The thieves were _____ water from the well all night.
3. They _____ the conversation between Tenali Rama and his wife.
4. Early morning Tenali Rama found them trying to _____ out the trunk.
5. They were _____ and ran for their lives.

C. Make the following jumbled words into sentences.

1. his watered fields had all been
2. spent they the the water drawing for night whole fields
3. wife to Tenali Rama whispered plan his the
4. trunk well he the dragged to the
5. for their they ran lives

WORKSHEET 2

GRAMMAR

A. Fill the following blanks with words in the simple present or present progressive tense. You can take help from the Help Box.

1. It _____ very hot today.
2. The small stream _____ gently.
3. Rohan _____ a paper boat.
4. There _____ pebbles at the bottom of the pond.
5. Ranji _____ his room very neat.
6. The cat _____ up the tree.
7. Many ducks _____ over the lake.
8. Can you please _____ off the music?

Help Box

are
is sailing
keeps
is
is climbing
switch
flows
are flying

B. Underline the verbs and state if they are in the Simple Present [SP] or Present Progressive [PP] tense.

1. Sanjay is looking at the stars. []
2. I drink milk every day for breakfast. []
3. The teacher is teaching verbs today. []
4. Many streams flow from the Ghats. []
5. The birds are flying towards the south. []
6. Keshav asks unnecessary questions in class. []
7. Where are you going for the holidays? []
8. Mr Sharma takes the 9 o'clock bus to office. []

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY & WRITING

A. Give the antonyms [opposites] of the following words.

1. White _____
2. Dark _____
3. Low _____
4. Small _____
5. Pleasant _____

B. Use the following words to make sentences of your own.

1. A little: _____
2. Many: _____
3. Some: _____
4. A few: _____
5. Much: _____

C. Complete the following sentences using appropriate words from the box.

had cooked off the table across the field
the frog jump singing in the trees

1. The dog ran away _____.
2. Mother _____ delicious food for dinner.
3. It was funny to see _____ up on the table.
4. The jug fell _____ and broke into pieces.
5. We could hear birds _____.