

7. The Quest for an Ideal Student

WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Leadership is not just about holding a position of power; it is about making decisions that benefit everyone and inspire trust. True leaders possess qualities such as fairness, compassion and the ability to adapt to different situations. These traits are vital for creating harmony and progress in any group or society.

Imagine a small village facing a severe water shortage. The village head, known for her wisdom and fairness, gathers all the villagers to discuss a solution. She listens to everyone's concerns patiently. Some suggest rationing water strictly, while others worry about how this would affect farmers and their crops. Understanding the urgency of the situation, the village head proposes a plan that balances everyone's needs. She allocates water fairly, ensures the farmers have enough for irrigation and introduces a system to collect rainwater for future use.

Her decision shows true leadership—listening to all voices, considering everyone's welfare and taking action for the community's long-term benefit. By doing so, she earns the respect and trust of the villagers, who work together to make the plan a success.

Justice also plays a key role in leadership. A leader must act fairly and without bias. The village head's decision reflects her understanding of fairness—she doesn't favour one group over another. Instead, she creates a solution that benefits everyone while considering the bigger picture.

Empathy ties everything together. A good leader puts himself or herself in others' shoes, understanding their struggles and feelings. The village head's ability to empathise with both the farmers and the other villagers allows her to make decisions that feel just and humane.

This story shows how leadership, justice and empathy work together to create a strong and supportive community. These qualities are not just for leaders—they are traits that everyone can develop to make a positive difference in the world.

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. One key trait of a good leader is

(a) selfishness.

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(b) fairness.

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(c) ignorance.

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(d) carelessness.

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2. To solve the water crisis, the village head proposed

(a) strictly rationing water for all.

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(b) ignoring the issue entirely.

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(c) asking the farmers to stop using water.

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(d) allocating water fairly and creating a rainwater harvesting system.

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3. What is the role of empathy in leadership, as highlighted in the passage?

(a) Understanding the struggles of others and addressing them

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(b) Making quick decisions without consultation

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(c) Focusing only on personal benefit

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(d) Ignoring others' feelings to enforce rules

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4. The villagers trusted the village head because

(a) she was strict and unapproachable.

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(b) she ignored their suggestions.

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(c) she listened to everyone's concerns and acted fairly.

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(d) she favoured the farmers over others.

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B. Fill in the blanks.

1. Leadership is about making decisions that inspire _____ and _____.

2. The village head ensured a _____ allocation of water to meet everyone's needs.

3. A good leader shows _____ by understanding others' struggles.

4. The village head introduced a system to collect _____ for _____ use.

C. Answer the following questions.

1. What is the main quality of a good leader mentioned in the passage?

2. How did the village head resolve the water shortage problem?

3. Why is empathy important in leadership?

4. What qualities made the village head successful as a leader?

D. Find words from the passage that mean the same as the following.

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| 1. Conformity _____ | 2. Knowledge _____ |
| 3. Compassion _____ | 4. Distributes _____ |

WORKSHEET 2

GRAMMAR

A. Add the verb in the tense form given in the brackets to complete each sentence below.

1. She _____ a song they had heard years ago. [sing - Past Progressive]
2. Mr James _____ the work on the fence. [complete - Present Perfect]
3. I _____ to Ambala tomorrow. [go - Simple Future]
4. Seema _____ since three o' clock. [Work - Present Progressive]
5. Lalit _____ me to call you urgently. [ask - Simple Past]
6. The lions in the zoo _____ a special meal. [eat - Past Perfect]
7. We _____ a speech by a special guest today. [hear - 'going to' form - Future Progressive]
8. The bullock that _____ the cart is tired. [pull - Present Progressive]

B. Change the tense of each verb as indicated below.

1. See - Future Continuous
2. Play - Present Progressive
3. Light - Simple Past
4. Speak - Past Perfect
5. Go - Present Perfect
6. Stay - Future Progressive
7. Give - Past Perfect
8. Look - Present Progressive

C. Fill the blanks with modals from the Help Box.

1. I _____ swim across the river when I was young.
2. _____ I please have some more coffee?
3. It _____ rain this afternoon as it is cloudy.
4. _____ I leave the room now?
5. You _____ watch the TV till we return.
6. Miss Hewitt's absence _____ delay the test.

Help Box

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WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Complete the words using prefixes from the box.

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| 1. (a) _____ arm | (b) _____ band | (c) _____ believe |
| 2. (a) _____ ept | (b) _____ escapable | (c) _____ firm |
| 3. (a) _____ print | (b) _____ prove | (c) _____ balance |
| 4. (a) _____ file | (b) _____ claim | (c) _____ fess |
| 5. (a) _____ take | (b) _____ calculate | (c) _____ conduct |

B. Edit the following passage by adding capital letters and punctuation symbols.

you start on monday with the idea that you are going to enjoy yourself you wave to the boys on the shore light your pipe swagger on the deck as if you were captain cook and christopher columbus rolled into one on tuesday you wish you had not come

C. Each of the words below has the letter E missing. Complete the words.

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| 1. ____N____RGY | 2. P____RS____V____R____ |
| 3. DRIV____R | 4. F____MAL____ |
| 5. M____MB____R | 6. ____NJOY |