

9. The Speaking Trees

WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time two brothers, John and Jim, lived in a hut on the edge of a forest. John was a gardener and Jim a woodcutter. John had made a clearing in the forest where he grew vegetables and flowers. There were cabbages, potatoes, peas, tomatoes, melons, cucumber and radish. There were also roses, sunflowers, poppies, sweet peas, geraniums, hollyhocks and petunias. He took a lot of vegetables and flowers to the village market and sold them there. Jim was very hardworking too. He cut wood from the forest and collected fallen twigs and branches. He carried all this to the village too with his brother. The wood was sold as fuel and to make furniture and boats.

The brothers earned enough to live well. However, they needed someone to look after their house and cook their meals. Old Mrs Wilson agreed to help them when they asked her. She was kind and had time, for she had no child of her own. She watched them working in the garden and the forest every day and came to love the two boys. When some trees were cut down by Jim, John would expand his garden a little more. This made Mrs Wilson a little anxious.

One day, as they sat down for lunch, she said, 'You know, boys, I enjoy living here and caring for you. I'm proud of you because you are both so hard-working and loving. But I must share a thought with you. You have to sell vegetables, flowers and wood for your livelihood. It is necessary. But please don't cut more wood than is absolutely necessary. You see, trees take a long time to grow and give us not only wood, but shade, fruits, medicines, a place for nesting birds, for squirrels and monkeys. So take care that we only cut what we need, but never become greedy!' The boys understood and were happy to obey her.

A. Answer the following questions.

1. What did the two brothers do?

2. What did John grow?

3. Where did John and Jim sell their material?

4. What was the problem the brothers faced?

5. Who came to look after them?

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

1. The gardener had made a _____ in the forest.
2. Jim cut wood and also collected fallen _____ and _____.
3. The wood was useful as _____ and to make _____ and _____.
4. John would _____ his garden a little more when trees were cut.
5. We must take only as much as we _____ and not become _____.

C. Complete the names of the vegetables and flowers mentioned in the story.

Vegetables

1. C _ B B _ _ _ S
2. T O _ _ _ E S
3. M _ _ N S
4. C _ C _ _ _ R
5. P _ _ S
6. R _ _ _ H
7. P _ _ _ T _ _ S

Flowers

8. R _ _ _
9. P _ _ _ I _ S
10. S _ _ F _ _ W _ _
11. P _ _ U _ _ A _
12. G _ _ A _ _ U _ _
13. S W _ _ _ P _ _
15. H _ _ _ Y _ _ C _ _

WORKSHEET 2

GRAMMAR

A. Underline the prepositions in the following sentences.

1. Is he in the room now?
2. The train will arrive at four p.m.
3. He rushed from the room as he was late.
4. I am waiting for my parents.
5. The book had fallen behind the chair.

B. Use the following prepositional phrases to make sentences of your own.

1. in order to: _____
2. in place of: _____
3. along with: _____
4. by means of: _____

C. Use suitable prepositions to fill in the blanks.

1. People _____ different parts _____ the world eat different kinds _____ food.
2. _____ the Arctic regions, flesh and fat are necessary _____ maintaining the body.
3. There is nothing but sand and rock _____ the desert.
4. The sand is so hot that you cannot walk _____ it _____ your bare feet _____ the daytime and so cold _____ night that you must sleep _____ a blanket.

D. Underline the conjunctions and write if they are Coordinating Conjunctions [C] or Subordinating Conjunctions [S].

1. Rahul and Arvind are childhood friends.
2. Raman as well as Suman did well in the quiz competition.
3. Although he thought he performed badly in the entrance test, he got admission in the engineering college.
4. He did not go to school because he was sick.
5. Not only is Rohit efficient at his work, but he is also a good human being.

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Correct the passage below with suitable punctuation.

five days had gone by since uncle raju's visit but everyone was still very excited he had promised to come back with three puppies a dalmatian a german shepherd and and a labrador every time the door bell rang manu charu and diya ran to see if the puppies had arrived papa said little diya why doesn't uncle raju come soon

B. Add the right letters to the incomplete words below.

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| 1. ___ ASHION | 2. TELE ___ _ _ _ _ |
| 3. ___ _ FECTIVE | 4. OR ___ _ ANAGE |
| 5. ___ LLOW | 6. ___ POLOGY |
| 7. ___ DGE | 8. ___ GLY |

C. Make sentences using the following words.

1. allow: _____
2. suit : _____
3. meet : _____
4. wear : _____
5. store : _____