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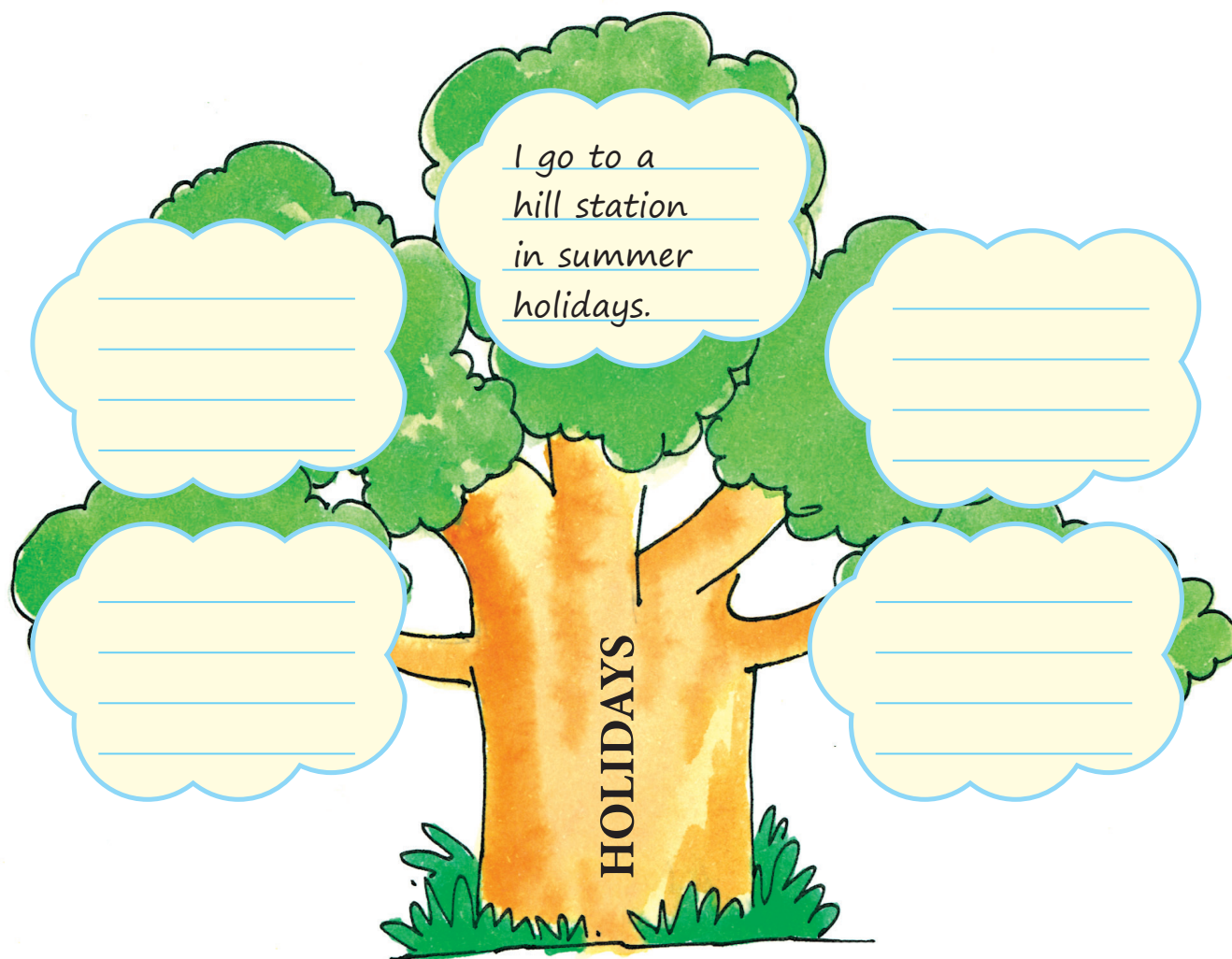
Travel



Introduction

People all over the world love travelling. Some people travel to far off places either for adventure or merely for sightseeing. As soon as schools close for summer vacation, we start looking forward to various travel activities.

In groups of four, discuss which places you like to visit during holidays. Complete the given holiday tree.





- A.1. Where did you go for spending your last summer vacation? Tell your partner about your visit.
- A.2. Now read the poem.

▶ Travel Plans

If you could go anywhere, where would you go?
Deep in the jungle? Deep in the snow?
Deep in the ocean to talk to a fish?
If you could go anywhere that you could wish?

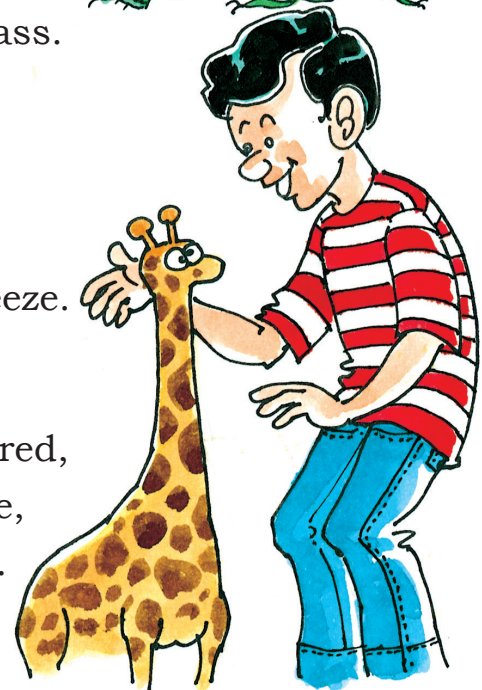
If I could go anywhere, here's what I'd do.
I'd pop in the pouch of a kind Kangaroo.
I'd travel around for as long as I please,
And I'd learn to say 'thank you' in Kangarooese.

I'd go through the hole of a needle like thread,
I'd spin like a top on the point of my head,
I'd skate on an ice cube, I'd swim in a glass,
I'd ride on a grasshopper, if one should pass.

And when I got tired of being so small,
I'd *abracadabra* myself to be tall!
I'd step over oceans, I'd step over seas,
I'd cause a few shipwrecks, if I had to sneeze.

I'd pat a Giraffe on the top of his head,
I'd find out for sure if the North Pole was red,
And when I had seen all that I want to see,
I hope I'd know how to turn back into me.

—by Bobby Katz



- A.3. Work with your partner. List all the places where the poet wishes to go. The first one has been done for you.**

The poet wishes to go—

to the jungle.

- A.4. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.**

(i) And when I had seen all that I want to see,
I hope I'd know how to turn back into me.

(a) Write four things that the speaker had seen.

(b) What does the speaker mean by 'turn back into me'?

(c) Why do you think the speaker wants to 'turn back' into himself?

(ii) And I'd learn to say 'thank you' in Kangarooese.

(a) What does the speaker mean by this statement?

(b) What is meant by the word 'Kangarooese'?

(c) Why has the poet coined this word?

A.5. You probably have many thoughts after reading this poem. If you get a chance to go, where would you go, express your thoughts in a form of poem/paragraph.

If I would go anywhere, I would go _____

A.6. Write homophones of the words given below. One has been done for you.

Homophone: It is a word that is pronounced the same as another word but differs in meaning, and may differ in spelling.

- (i) piece peace
- (ii) male _____
- (iii) floor _____
- (iv) hair _____
- (v) plain _____
- (vi) hole _____
- (vii) wait _____
- (viii) eight _____



A.7. Given below are some words from the poem with their letters jumbled up. Write the correct words and draw lines to match them with their meanings.

Word	Correct word	Meaning
eoanc	_____	◀ to go round and round on its axis
ipsn	_____	◀ an animal with a pouch on its stomach
rgephopasrs	_____	◀ an insect with eight legs
staeks	_____	◀ a very large area of sea
oakgrano	_____	◀ a boot with wheels for gliding over ice or a hard surface.

A.8.

Synonym is a word with nearly the same meaning as the given word.
For example, rich and wealthy are synonyms.

Get into groups. Given below are certain words. Find out at least one synonym each for these words.

- (i) kind _____
- (ii) tall _____
- (iii) travel _____



B.1. India has a rich variety of landscapes and climates. This has made it a famous tourist spot for people all over the world.

Let us have a quiz to check your awareness of India, our motherland.
Tick (✓) your responses.

- (i) Which city is called the 'Pink City'?
☐ Kanpur ☐ Jaipur ☐ Jodhpur
- (ii) Where is the famous sun temple of 'Konark' situated?
☐ Puri ☐ Kolkata ☐ Delhi
- (iii) Where is the holy shrine of the Sikhs, 'The Golden Temple' situated?
☐ Jalandhar ☐ Amritsar ☐ Agra
- (iv) Which place is known as the 'Paradise on Earth'?
☐ Kashmir ☐ Shimla ☐ Ooty
- (v) Where is Mahabalipuram?
☐ Andhra Pradesh ☐ Tamil Nadu ☐ Kerala

(vi) Which city is called the 'Queen of Nilgiri hills'?

☐ Ooty

☐ Nainital

☐ Kasauli

(vii) Which is the famous tourist city at the southernmost tip of India?

☐ Chennai

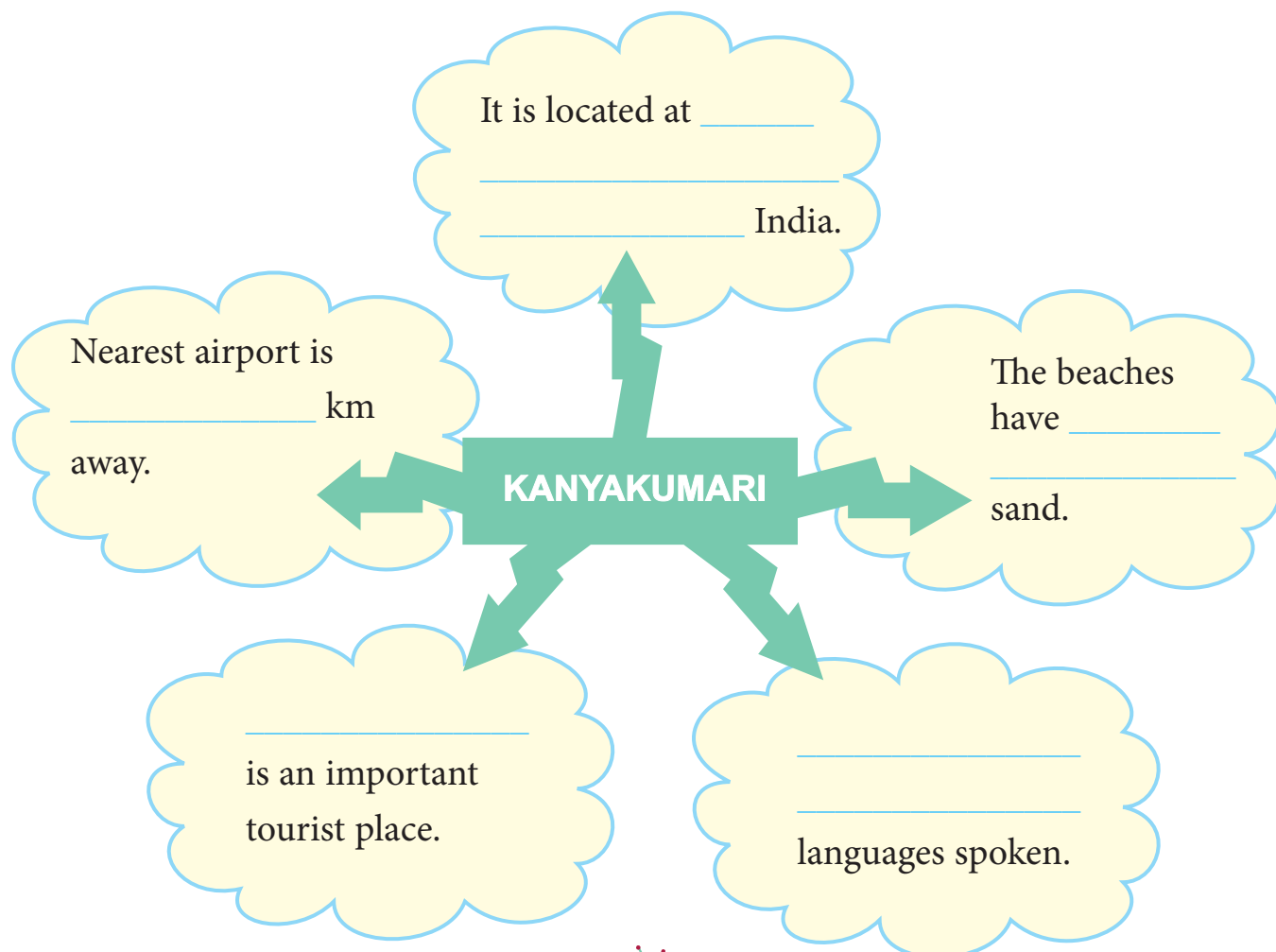
☐ Bengaluru

☐ Kanyakumari

B.2. Reema's parents are planning a holiday trip to Kanyakumari during her summer vacation. Her father, Mr Ajay Jain meets Mr Singh from Sita Travels to get information about the place.

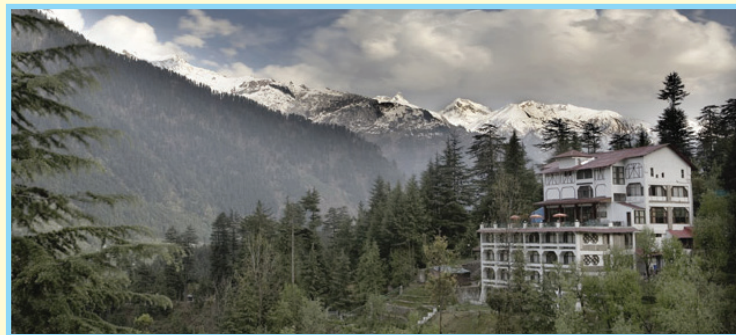
Listen to the audio CD, titled *Listen & Comprehend* (Class-IV). After listening, answer the questions given. Thereafter, complete the notes in the question given below. The tape script is also given on page no. 39.

B.3. While you are listening to the conversation between Mr Ajay Jain and Mr Singh, fill in the blanks in the blurbs below.



B.4. Now read the advertisements given below.

Summer Delights



Snow Crest Manor

Manali

A deluxe 30-room hotel located at the highest point in Manali, offering the best view in town with all modern facilities.



Springfields

Shimla

A large 11-room Maharaja's retreat with private lawns, parking, beautiful view and royal service.

Discuss, in groups of four, what information these advertisements provide.

- B.5.** A travel agency has given the 'Travel Ads' page to the students of your school. Read the ads carefully and show the page to your parents.

THE PERFECT VACATION

WITH BITA TRAVELS
TO THE WORLD'S AMAZING PLACES

KASHMIR, INDIA

'Paradise on Earth' is located in the Himalayan Valley. Srinagar, the capital city, is built on the two banks of the River Jhelum. You can stay on the houseboats in the Dal Lake. A nice place to buy very good carpets and shawls.

Attraction: Gardens



KATHMANDU, NEPAL

Another beautiful city located in the Himalayas. Enjoy the scenic beauty of snow-covered peaks. In Kathmandu, you can visit Buddhist temples or go trekking.

Attraction: Photography



DUBAI, UAE

Beautiful, well-developed city located at the sea-coast in the desert land. Ideal place for water-sports and lots of shopping.

Attraction: Oil wells



MAURITIUS

Land of beautiful beaches, water-sports and game of fishing. Full of scenic beauty.

Attraction: Beaches

Take part in our travel competition and win WORLD TOUR.



- **7 Days – 8 Nights Package**
- **Choose any two of the ABOVE PLACES**
- **PACKAGE COST : ₹ 30,000 per person.**

Bita Travels: Mumbai 022-28338900, Delhi 011-23355999

B.6. Do you and your parents like the travel packages offered by Bitu Travels?
Why/Why not?

B.7. Find more about a place that you wish to visit during winter vacation.
Paste the picture of the place and write 3-4 sentences to make a
‘Travel Ad’ for that place.

PASTE PICTURE HERE



C.1. Have you ever visited any National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary?

Names of some National Parks and Animal Sanctuaries are given below. Write the names of the states where they are situated.

Corbett National Park _____

Bandhavgarh National Park _____

Gir Wildlife Sanctuary _____

► Jungle Safari

My excitement was at its peak, we were going to visit Kanha National Park which provided setting for Rudyard Kipling's classic novel, *The Jungle Book*. We slept early that night so that we could get up early the next morning. As the alarm rang, my sister and I jumped out of our beds and quickly started to get ready for one of our thrilling journey ever. A visit to Kanha National Park, on a boat! This was the first time we were going to experience it and very thought infused zeal in me.



As we approached the lake, the foggy weather did not deter our spirits. There was an exclusive boat waiting for our family. We quickly hopped into the boat. While the mist unfolded over the waters of the vast artificial lake, I was mesmerised by the beauty of the nature around me. Soon the mist started clearing, I saw the colours of the lake waters turn from silver to golden. The rays of sun kissed the waters, which dazzled my eyes. Suddenly I spotted a herd of sambhar deer close to the lake waters. Their agility and swiftness left me impressed as they disappeared into the forests hastily.



With a determined, resolved and calm mind we started the trek. We pretended that the knowledge of bears, pythons and cobras being present in the forests did not matter to us at all! But were we not fooling ourselves?

Yes, we were scared, but at the same we were excited and keen to go ahead. On the way we saw the footprints of elephants, bears and tigers. We saw a watch tower in the forest and had a beautiful view of the forests from atop the tower.

Tired but enthusiastic, we came to the end of the trek. It was now time for our journey back. But not before we had decided to immerse our legs in the cool waters of the lake. It was so beautiful to see swarms of small little fish in the waters under our feet.

The sight of a family of tiger, which we spotted just before the end of our journey, left us amazed. The father, the mother and two baby tigers all together; it appeared as if they had just come out to meet all of us who had come looking for them all the way from Delhi!



With this beautiful sight my boat journey of the Kanha National Park came to an end. It was and will remain an unforgettable experience of my life.

C.2. On the basis of the story read, organise the events in the correct order by writing the number against each sentence.

- ☐ We saw the footprints of elephants, bears and tigers.
- ☐ There was a special boat for our family.
- ☐ We spotted a family of tiger.
- ☐ We began trek with calm minds.
- ☐ We got up early in the morning.
- ☐ We put our legs in the cool waters of the lake.
- ☐ We saw a herd of sambhar deer close to the lake.



C.3. Find the words for the given meanings from the text.

- (i) discourage from doing something _____
- (ii) quickness _____
- (iii) overwhelm _____
- (iv) expedition _____

C.4. Answer the following questions briefly.

- (i) What is the narrator excited about?

- (ii) How did the lake water turn from silver to golden?

- (iii) Was the narrator scared of wild animals in the forest? Give a reference from the text to justify your answer.

C.5. Words used like 'herd' and 'swarm' are collective nouns. Find collective nouns for the groups mentioned below.

- (i) A group of sheep _____
- (ii) A group of wolves _____

- (iii) A group of monkeys _____
- (iv) A group of geese _____
- (v) A group of tigers _____
- (vi) A group of whales _____

C.6. Life Skills

What arrangements would you make if you were to travel to a National Park? (e.g. some pre-information about the place, kind of clothes you would wear, etc.)

Discuss in the class. Also, make a list of the things that you would carry along for the travel.



Read it Yourself



Aastha lives in Kashmir. She is in Class-IV. During her summer vacation, she visited many places. During her tour, she clicked many photographs and made notes. Let us know about these places through Aastha's pictorial diary.



Dal Lake, Srinagar

Many Kashmiris and tourists live on houseboats. They live on the Dal Lake with water all round them.

Boatmen bring different articles of daily need to the people in houseboats.



Rock Garden, Chandigarh

This has been built by Mr Nek Chand. He used waste material, like bangles, tube-lights, broken ceramics, electric wires and sockets, etc., to create human or animal figures. There are more than 5000 sculptures in the Garden.



Golden Temple, Amritsar

The centre of Sikh religion. The main building of the temple is built in the middle of a water tank. The building is covered with pure gold. The sacred book of the Sikhs, Guru Granth Sahib, is kept in the shrine.



India Gate, Delhi

This is an arch built in the memory of the soldiers of the Indian Army who were killed in World War I. It is a 42-metre high impressive structure.



Taj Mahal, Agra

The Taj Mahal was built by Emperor Shahjahan in the memory of his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. It is made of white marble and looks very beautiful in the moonlight. It has now been named among the seven wonders of the Modern World.



Peacocks in Rajasthan

These are very attractive birds. They are seen at many places in Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur. Their feathers are very beautiful. We can also see peacock figures on the walls of old palaces in Rajasthan.



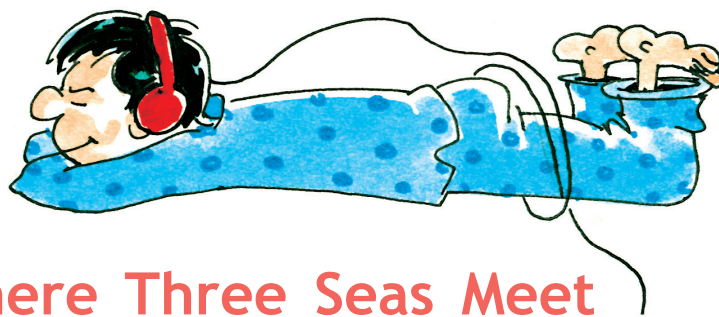
The Gateway of India, Mumbai

It was built in 1924. In front of this structure, is a statue of Shivaji, the great leader.





Tape Script



Kanyakumari—Where Three Seas Meet

Mr Singh : Good morning, Sir. How can I help you?

Mr Ajay Jain : Hello! I'm Ajay Jain. I am planning a holiday trip to the South. Can you guide me?

Mr Singh : South India is full of places of tourist attraction. Do you have any particular place in mind, Mr Ajay Jain?

Mr Ajay Jain : Can you give me some information about Kanyakumari?

Mr Singh : Well! Kanyakumari is located at the southernmost tip of India. It is the place where three seas—the Bay of Bengal, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean—meet.

Mr Ajay Jain : How can we reach there?

Mr Singh : Kanyakumari is well-connected by rail and road. The nearest airport is at Thiruvananthapuram, which is 87 km away from Kanyakumari.

Mr Ajay Jain : What type of clothes should we carry with us during this season?

Mr Singh : The climate is humid. So carry only cotton clothes with you. Let me also tell you, Mr Ajay, that the main languages spoken there are Tamil, Malayalam and English. Since most people can understand English, I don't think you will have any problem with the language.



Mr Ajay Jain : Can you tell me about the places to be seen there, Mr Singh?

Mr Singh : My pleasure, Sir! You must visit Kumari Amman Temple, Gandhi Memorial, Light House and Vivekananda Rock Memorial and don't forget the bathing ghats. Vivekananda Rock Memorial is the most important tourist place. It is located on a huge rock in the sea and was built in 1970. There is a ferry service to visit the Memorial. I'm sure you will enjoy the ferry ride. Kanyakumari is famous for its spectacular sunrise and sunset, especially on full-moon days. Its beaches are wonderful with multi-coloured sands. I'm sure that you'll enjoy your visit.

Mr Ajay Jain : Thank you, Mr Singh.

Mr Singh : Welcome, Sir. Bye till we meet again.



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Wit and Humour



Introduction

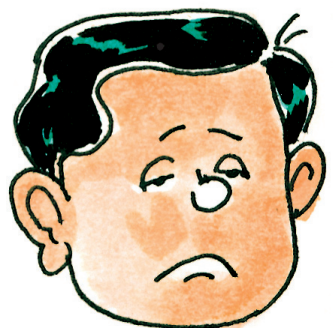
Here are some pictures of little Nitin taken from the family album. Choose suitable words from the given box to indicate the expressions.

laughing	crying	sad	angry	worrying
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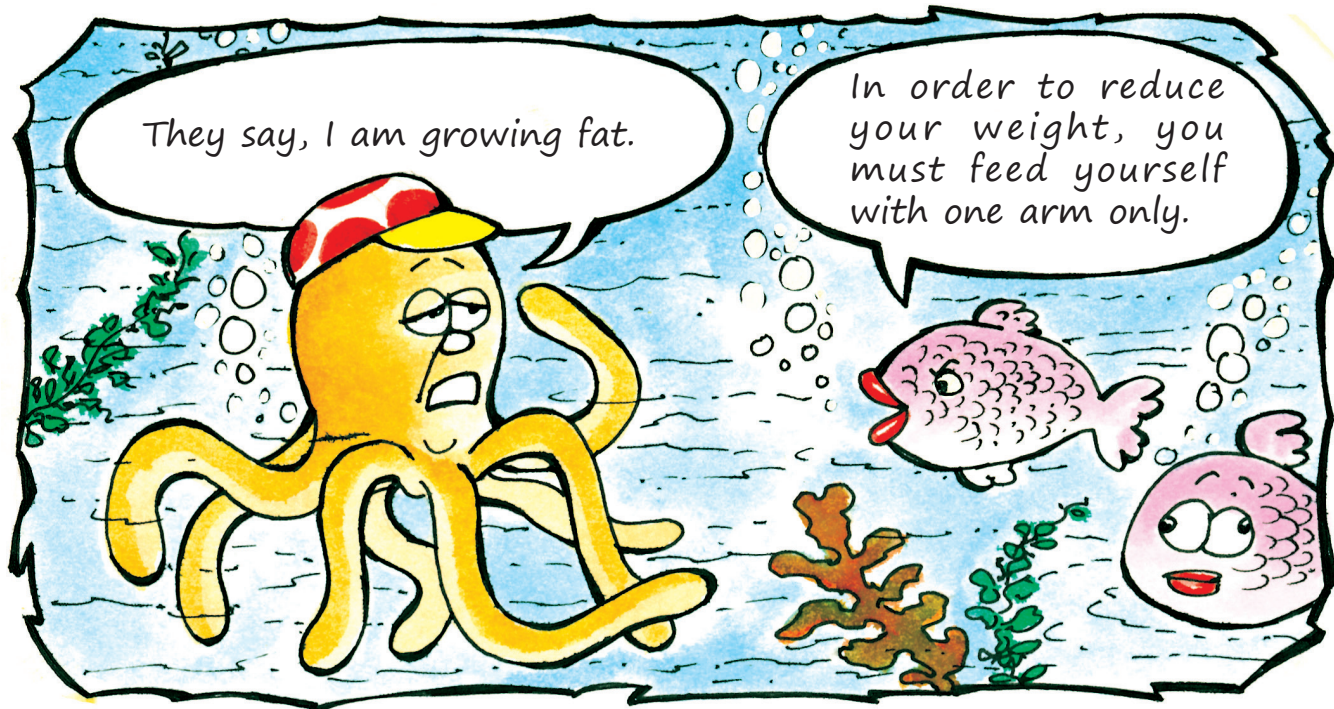








See and smile!



Say it yourself.



Now complete the boy's dialogue and tell it to your teacher. It should be something funny and interesting so that it makes others laugh.



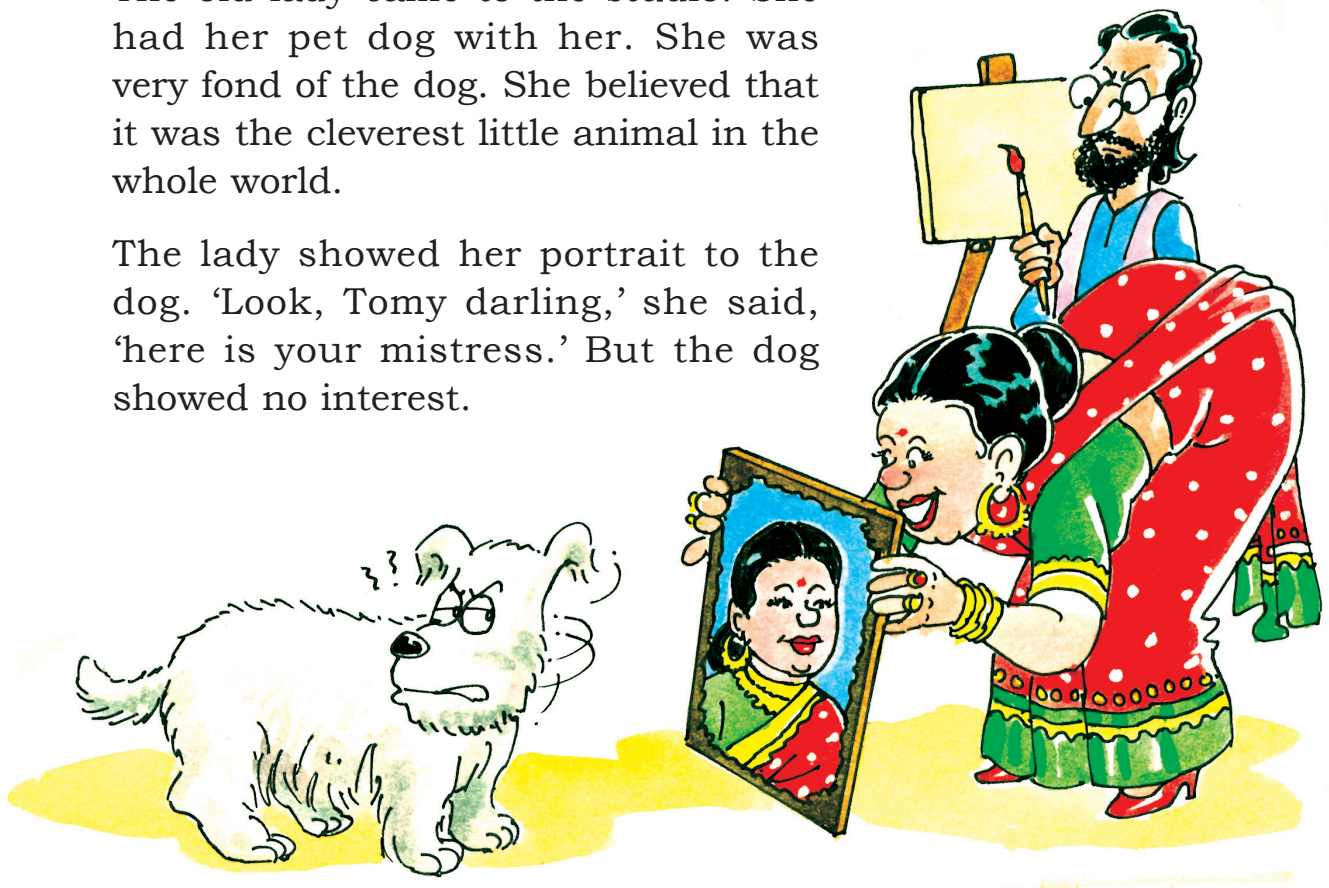
A.1. Read the story given below.

► The Rich Lady and the Artist

Once a rich old lady asked a well-known artist to paint her portrait. The artist worked hard on the portrait for many days. When the portrait was ready, he invited the lady to his studio.

The old lady came to the studio. She had her pet dog with her. She was very fond of the dog. She believed that it was the cleverest little animal in the whole world.

The lady showed her portrait to the dog. 'Look, Tomy darling,' she said, 'here is your mistress.' But the dog showed no interest.

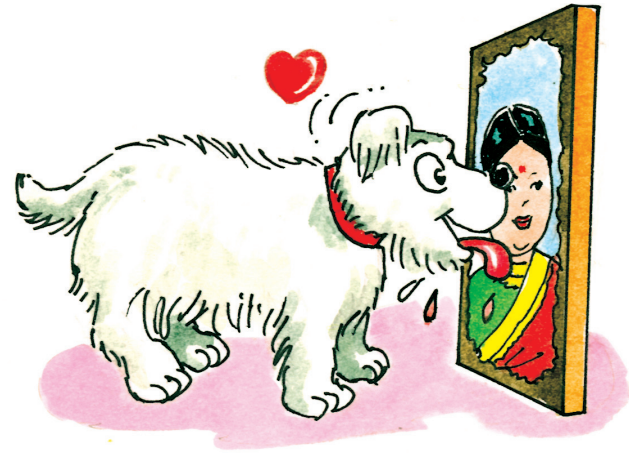


The wealthy lady turned to the artist and said, 'I don't want this portrait. It does not look like me at all. Even my clever animal cannot recognise me in the portrait.'

The artist was a man of worldly wisdom. He knew about the strange ways of wealthy people. So he did not argue. He simply

said, 'Madam, please come again tomorrow. I will make the portrait look so real that your Tomy will wag its tail and lick it.'

The next day, the lady visited the studio again. This time, the dog wagged its tail and ran to the portrait. It licked it with great interest.



The lady said, 'How wonderful! How beautiful! My Tomy likes the portrait and so do I. Please wrap it up.' The artist asked for a big price and she paid it willingly.

The artist had a hearty laugh when she left. He had rubbed the portrait with a juicy piece of meat. Its smell had made the dog lick the portrait.

A.2. On the basis of your reading of the story, complete the following:

- (i) The rich lady asked the artist to _____
- (ii) The lady refused to take the portrait as _____
- (iii) The artist did not argue with the lady because _____
- (iv) The artist made Tomy lick the portrait by _____

A.3. Answer the following questions.

(i) Why did the artist laugh after the lady had left the studio?

(ii) The lady admires her dog for its cleverness. Do you think the dog was really clever?

(iii) The lady was foolish. Justify the statement with evidence from the story.

(iv) How was the artist rewarded for his cleverness?

A.4. Tick (✓) the correct answers.

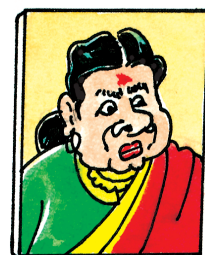
(i) The old lady was very fond of her dog because she thought—

- ☐ it was very good looking.
- ☐ it was a good companion.
- ☐ it was the cleverest animal in the world.



(ii) The lady refused to take the portrait the first time because—

- ☐ she looked ugly in it.
- ☐ her dog showed no interest in it.
- ☐ the artist was rude to her.



(iii) The artist did not argue with the lady because—

- ☐ he did not know how to talk.
- ☐ he was scared of the lady.
- ☐ he was a wordly-wise man.



A.5. Complete the table using words from the box. Work in pairs and see who can do it first. One has been done for you as an example.

little	best	worse	nearer	fat	least
bad	cleverer	nearest	cleverest	fatter	good
clever	worst	better	less	fattest	near



(i)	clever	cleverer	cleverest
(ii)			
(iii)			
(iv)			
(v)			
(vi)			



A.6. Complete the following sentences with words from the boxes. One has been done for you as an example.

artist	doctor	chalk	thermometer	row	write
teacher	boatman	brush	oars	paint	take

(i) An artist uses a brush to paint pictures.

(ii) A _____ uses _____ to _____ his boat.

(iii) A _____ uses a piece of _____ to _____ on the blackboard.

(iv) A _____ uses a _____ to _____ your temperature.



A.7. The following words have been taken from the story. Their opposites are given in the pot. Find them out and write in the appropriate spaces. One has been done for you.

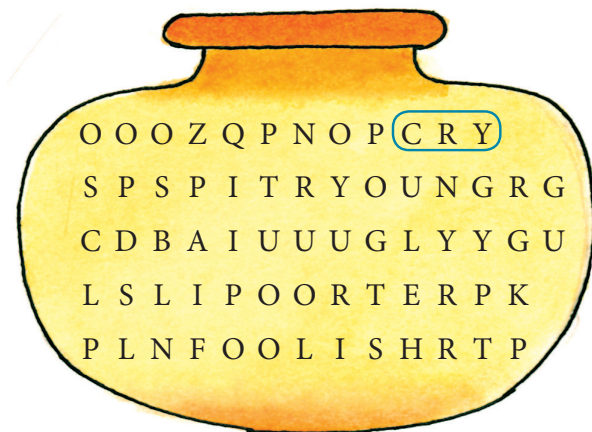
(i) laugh cry

(ii) old _____

(iii) beautiful _____

(iv) wealthy _____

(v) clever _____



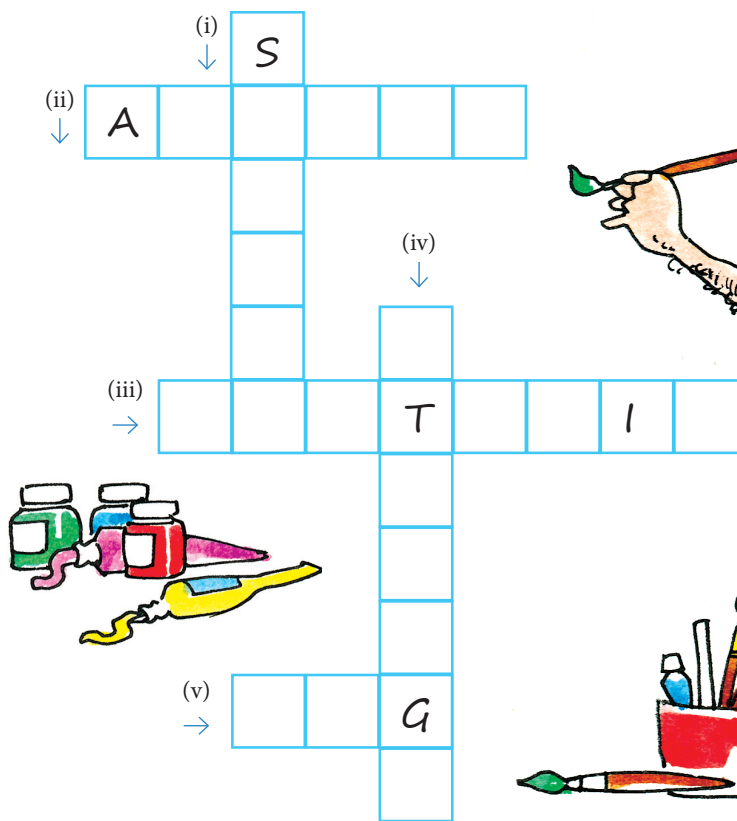
A.8. Complete the table with words from the story to make meaningful phrases. One has been done for you as an example.

Describing Words	Naming Words	Phrases
old	lady	an old lady
.....	artist	.....
wealthy	.....	.....
big	.....	.....
.....	piece of meat	.....

A.9. Get into pairs. With the help of the given hints, complete the crossword puzzle by filling in appropriate words.

Hints

- (i) work room of a painter.
- (ii) person who practises any one of the fine arts, especially painting.
- (iii) a painted picture of a person.
- (iv) unusual; surprising.
- (v) make the tail move.



A.10. Life Skills

Do you appreciate the artist for his cleverness? Can you narrate any incident/story where the cleverness of a person got him reward?

A.11. Value Based Question

Is cleverness a positive virtue or a negative quality? Discuss citing reasons.

- A.12.** Imagine that the rich lady of the story is your aunt. She has written to you how she decided to purchase her portrait. Would you appreciate her purchase? Write a letter to your aunt expressing your feelings in the space provided.

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Vikas Nagar

Mumbai

4 October 20

My dear Aunt

I have got your letter. I am happy/not happy

Yours lovingly

▶ Laughter is the best medicine ▶

Nanu, what did you write for the past tense of think?

I thought and thought but was not able to think. So, I wrote thank and came out.



- B.1.** Listen to the poem 'Curious Town' as given in tape script and complete B.2.

Listen to the audio CD, titled *Listen & Comprehend* (Class-IV). After listening, answer the questions verbally. Thereafter, complete the given question. The tape script is also given on page no. 64.

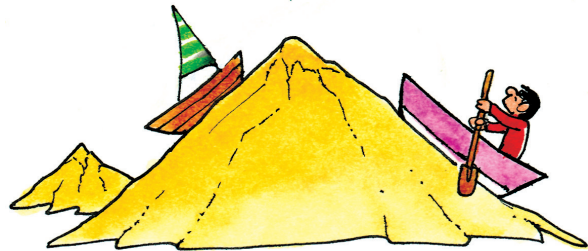
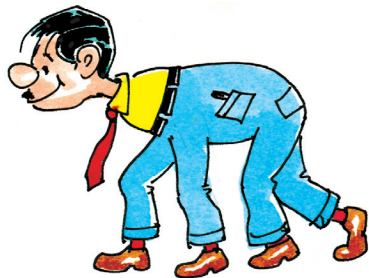
- B.2.** The poet calls it a curious town because the following things are curious there, for one reason or the other. Write under each figure one strange behaviour of each.



woof
woof



miaoo
miaoo



B.3. Work in pairs. Find the words that rhyme with the following:

- (i) hue _____
- (ii) way _____
- (iii) roar _____
- (iv) grain _____



B.4. Unscramble the words given in Column I and write them in Column II. Match the words you get with their descriptions in Column III. One is done for you.

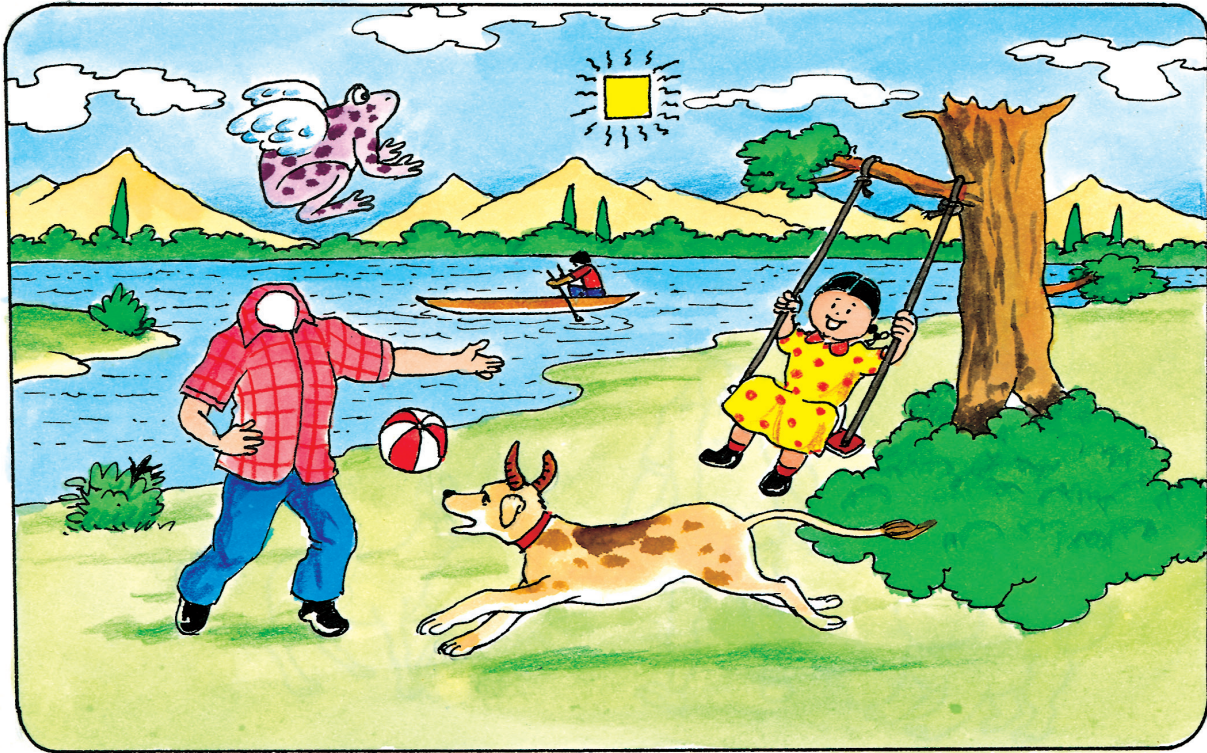
	I	II	III
(i)	kcor	rock	a small city
(ii)	wrnaib	.....	a very large stone
(iii)	tboa	.....	forms in the sky after rainfall
(iv)	ownt	.....	a small vessel for travelling in water

B.5. Match the animals with their sounds.



- ☐ roar
- ☐ bleat
- ☐ neigh
- ☐ trumpet

B.6. Look at this picture carefully and find out five funny things about it.
Write five sentences in the space given.



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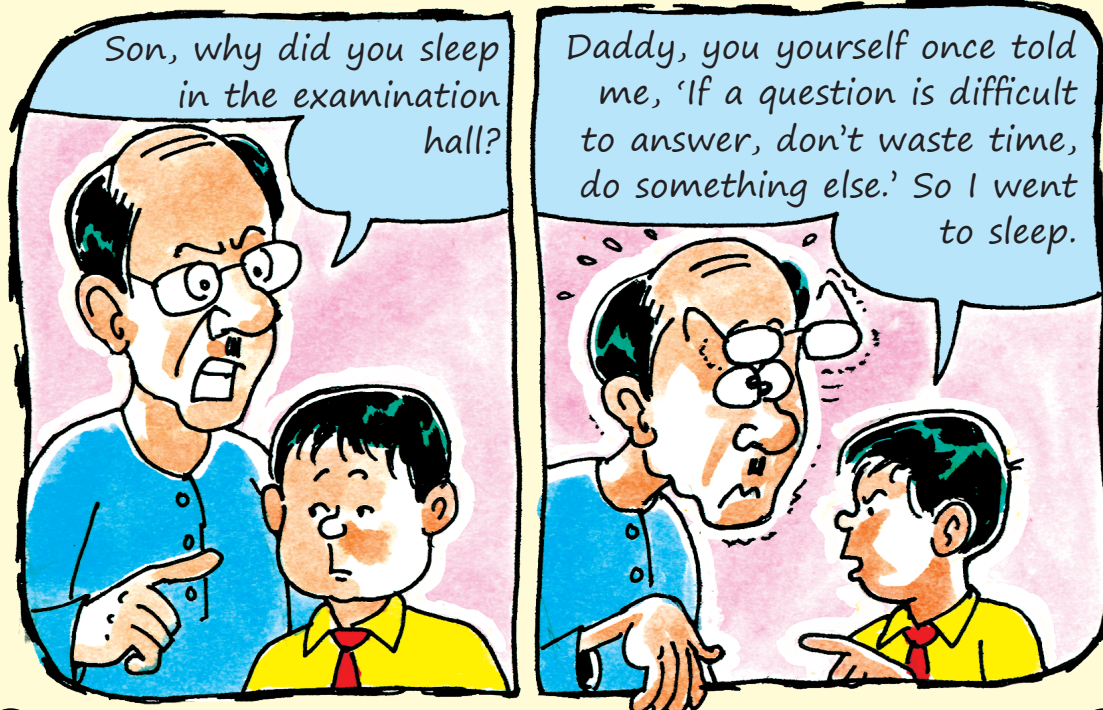
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Laughter is the best medicine



C.1. Do you know some kings or their ministers who were famous for their wisdom and cleverness? Discuss with your partner and write their names.

- (i) _____
- (ii) _____
- (iii) _____



C.2. Here is an interesting play about Birbal, which shows his great sense of wit and humour.

Read and act the play in the class.

► The Foolish Men

Scene I

(Emperor Akbar's Court)

Akbar (smiling) : Birbal, do you think you can find me the five most foolish men in Agra?

Birbal (without getting disturbed) : I'll try, my lord.

Scene II

Birbal is walking through the streets of Agra, looking around carefully. He sees a man lying on his back in a puddle of water, his arms stretched wide above his head.



Birbal : What are you trying to do?

The Man : I'm trying to stand up. I slipped and fell into this puddle while I was on my way to buy some cloth for my wife.

Birbal : Why don't you use your hands then?

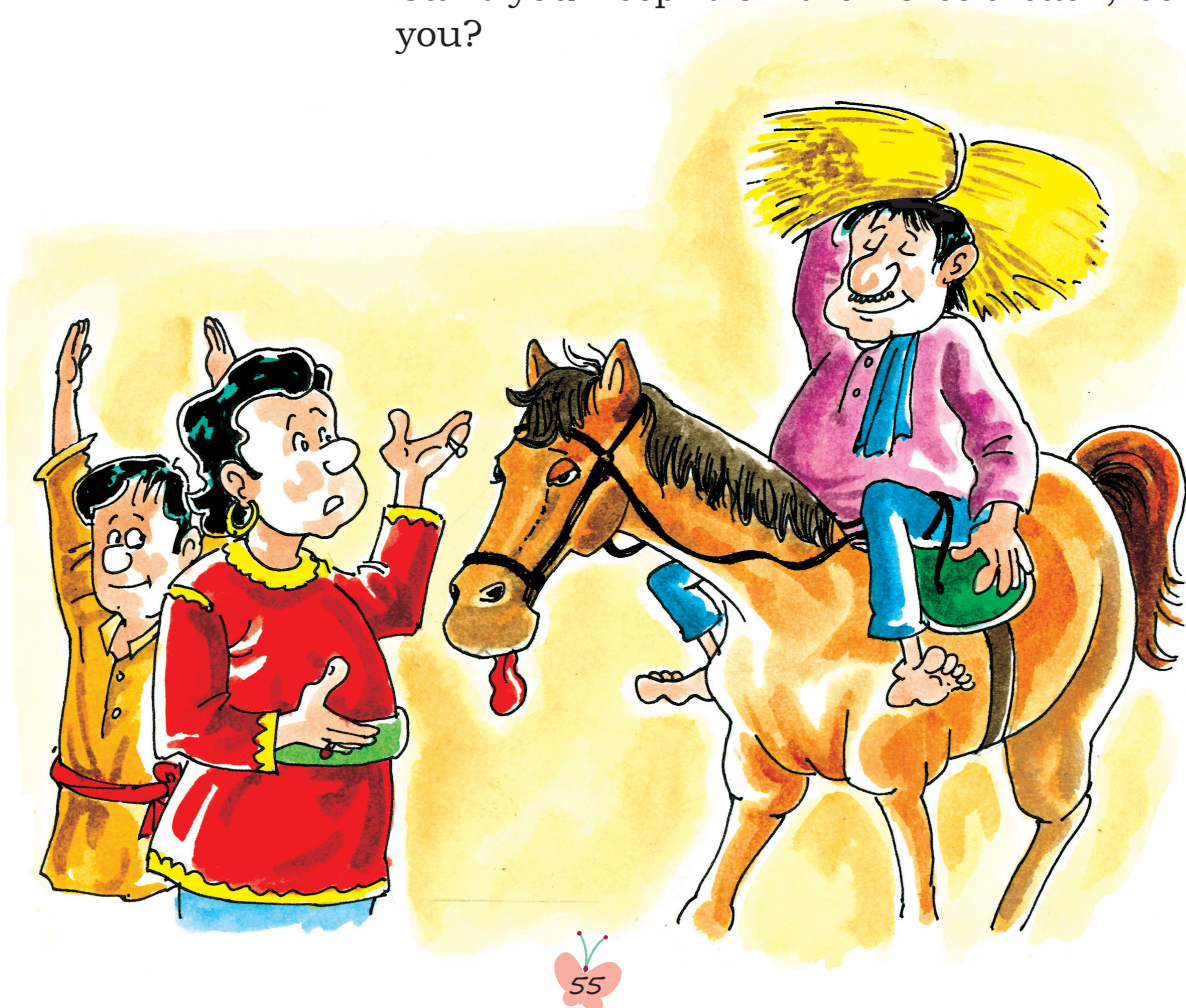
The Man : But I can't do that. If I change the position of my hands I'll lose the measurement of the length of cloth my wife wants. (Birbal holds the fellow by the hair and sets him on his feet.)

The Man : Thank you! Thank you! (his arms still above his head) You have really helped me.

Birbal : Please come with me.

As they move along, Birbal next sees a man riding a horse, carrying a bundle of straw on his head.

Birbal : Why do you carry that straw on your head? Can't you keep it on the horse's back, behind you?



Second Man : But I can't do that, sir. This horse is very old and very weak. It might die with the extra weight. Already it has to carry me.

Birbal : You are just the person I am looking for. Please follow me.

Birbal wanders with the two foolish men following him (the first one with his arms still above his head, the second one still riding his horse, with the bundle of straw on his head). Suddenly, he sees a man bent in half, looking for something under a street light.

Birbal : What are you searching for?

Third Man : I have lost my diamond ring somewhere out there in the darkness (pointing to a dark spot far away from where he is standing). Since I could not see over there, I am looking for my ring here in the light.

Birbal : Please come with me. I will help you to find your ring.



Scene III
(Akbar's Court)

Birbal (to Akbar) : Sir, I have brought you the three most foolish men in the city of Agra. I judged them to be foolish from their actions.

Akbar : Really! very good. But I asked you to bring five most foolish men, not three. (Akbar smiles.)

Birbal : Sir, the last two most foolish men in Agra are you and I. You, because you set me such a foolish task. I, because I foolishly carried out your orders. That makes five, doesn't it?

Akbar (laughing) : It does! It certainly does.



C.3. On the basis of your reading of the story, complete the following:

- (i) Once Emperor Akbar asked Birbal to _____

- (ii) Birbal agreed to do so and went out in search of _____

- (iii) When Birbal asked the first man why he was not using his hands, the man answered that he _____

- (iv) On the way, he met another man who was _____
_____ while riding a horse.

(v) He asked him why he was carrying straw on his head. The second man answered that _____

(vi) The third foolish man was searching _____ under a street light.

(vii) According to Birbal, the last two most foolish men in Agra were _____ and _____

(viii) Birbal calls Akbar and himself foolish because _____

C.4. Under Column 'A' below, you will find some words from the play and under Column 'B' their meanings. Match the meanings and the words.

Column A

Column B

puddle →

← a particular place or area

bundle →

← length and width, etc., found by measuring

spot →

← a collection of things tied together

certainly →

← a small pool of water, especially rainwater

measurement →

← without doubt

C.5. Read the extract and answer the questions given below.

Birbal : What are you searching for?

Third Man : I have lost my diamond ring somewhere out there in the darkness (pointing to a dark spot far away from where he is standing). Since I could not see over there, I am looking for my ring here in the light.

(i) What is the third man looking for?

(ii) Where has he lost the ring?

(iii) How do you know that he is foolish?

C.6. Life Skills

'A pinch of humour and a dash of wit makes life sweet as sugar'. Do you agree? Discuss with examples.

How does wit and humour make life easier?

C.7. Speak the word 'length'.

The letter 'g' is silent. When the word 'length' is spoken, the 'g' sound is not uttered.

Now speak the following words. Circle the silent letter or letters in each of these words.

weight	half	knee	judge	honest
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C.8. Work in pairs. Read the questions and their funny answers.

Question : Why are cooks cruel?

Answer : Because they beat eggs and whip the cream.

Question : What was the first thing Akbar did after he ascended the throne?

Answer : He sat on it.



Now make some more questions of your own and ask your partner to answer them.

C.9. Read what Sweety says about Anuj.

My brother Anuj is very witty. One day his teacher was teaching about the wild animals in the class. The teacher gave 'lion' as an example of a wild animal. Then she asked Anuj to give the name of another wild animal to which he promptly replied, 'Another lion, ma'am'.



Do you know any boy or girl in your class who is witty and humorous like Anuj? Write one incident which tells us about his or her wit and humour.

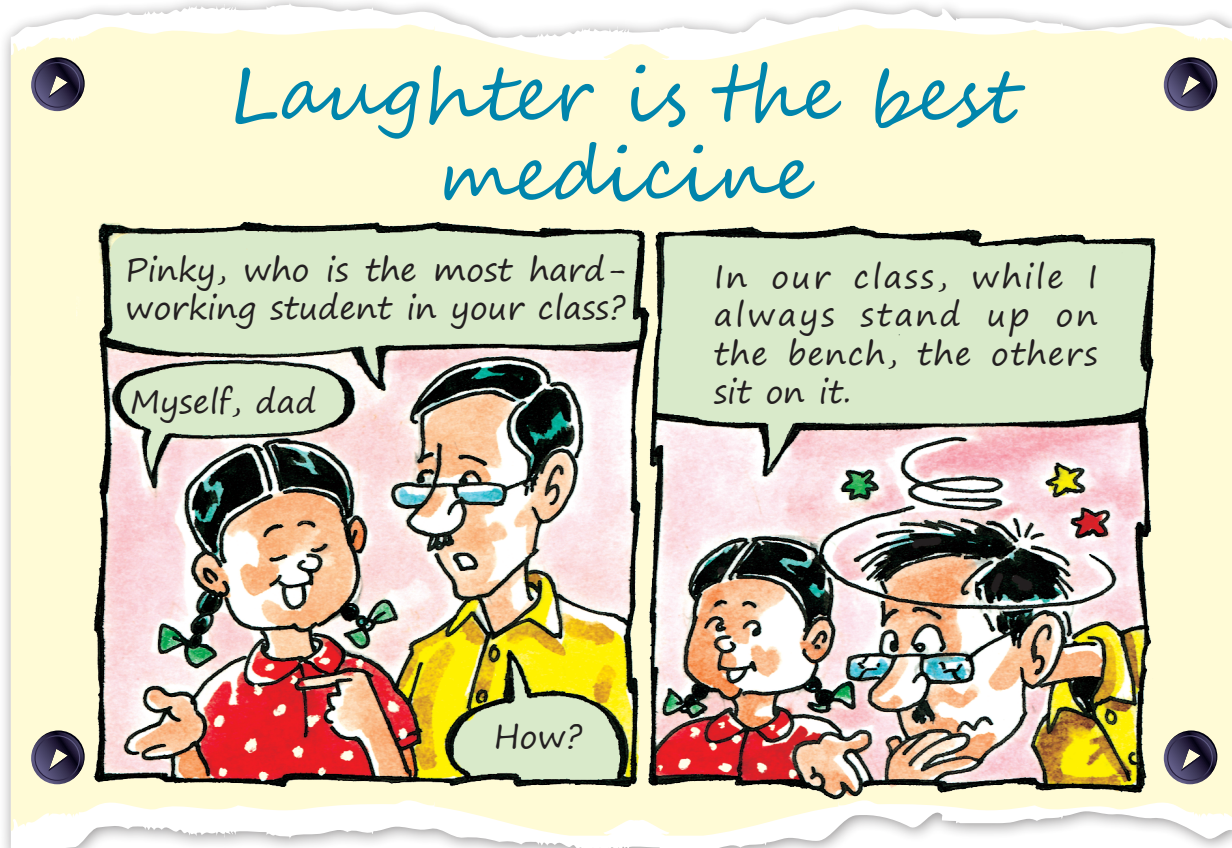
C.10. Read the following clues carefully and then write a story in your note book. Give a suitable title to your story.

A jester at a king's court – entertained everybody – one day committed a mistake – king angry – death sentence to the jester – jester prayed the king for forgiveness – courtiers requested the king to pardon – the jester asked to choose the mode of death – replied – die of old age – the king laughed – granted his prayer.

You can start your story like this.

Once there was a jester at a king's court. He entertained the royal couple and the nobles with his wit and humour.

Title of the story: _____





Read it Yourself



Clever Fox

A lion, the king of the forest, had a fox as his minister. Everyday the lion hunted and killed an animal for his food. The fox got a share from it as a reward for serving the lion as the minister.

One day the lion fell sick. He could not go out for hunting. So he said to the fox, 'Today I can't go out for hunting. But I am very hungry. Please go and bring some animal for my food.'



The fox said to himself, 'No animal will come to the lion willingly. What shall I do now?' He thought and thought. At last, he had an idea. He thought, 'The donkey is a stupid animal. I can fool him and bring him here.'

So he went to the donkey and said, 'I have some good news for you. The lion, the king of this forest, has decided to make you his secretary. Please come with me and see him.'

The donkey was very much pleased to hear this. So he went with the fox to the lion's den. The hungry lion sprang upon the donkey and killed him. Then he said to the fox, 'I am going to the river to drink water. You shall sit here and take care of this kill.'



The lion went to the river. Now, the fox himself was very hungry. He hurriedly ate the brain of the donkey before the lion returned from the river.

The lion returned after some time. He looked at the donkey and asked, 'Where is the brain of this animal?' The fox smiled and said, 'Sir, if the donkey had brains, he would not have come here. Donkeys are brainless animals.'



Tape Script

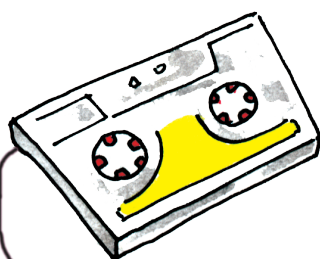


Curious Town

I have arrived at a Curious Town
Which is painted with curious hues;
And there the kitten barks and barks,
The puppy meows and meows.

And there the frog climbs up a tree
And croaks in a curious way;
'Prepare for a shower of pelting ice,
It is going to hail today!'

And there the river flows with fire,
The volcano is packed with dew.
The hues of the rainbow are more than eight,
And the days in the week are two.



And there you see a most curious sight
Which can make a dead crow roar.
The asses who roam have only two legs,
While the men who walk have four!

And there the earth climbs up the sky
To till it and sow the grain.
The boat goes moving over the rocks;
And over the seas, the train.



And there the North and South exchange places,
To pass their play time,
The Sun, it rises during the night,
And the moon comes out in the day time.

I have arrived at the Curious Town
Which is marked with curious marks;
And there the puppy mews and mews
And the kitten barks and barks.

—by Harindranath Chattopadhyaya

