

Thinner Than a Crescent

EXERCISE

A. Make small groups and discuss the following :

Q.1. How many friends do you have ? Who among them has helped you.

Ans . I have only few friends. They all are good and helpful . Most of the time we discuss about our studies and try to help each other. Sohan helps me in Maths while Arun helps others in Science. I try to help them in language particularly spelling and grammar. We try understand the difficulty of each other so that we are able to help when needed.

I don't believe in making large number of friends. This disturbs studies, I have seen and found.

Q.2. Have you been away from your parents for a long time ? How did you feel then ?

Ans . Once I was away from my parents for more than a month. I had gone to Bangalore to stay with one of my relatives who is posted over there. For few days, I enjoyed visiting the local places of tourist's interest. It was quite educative and at the same time entertaining. She knows about my liking in food and would always make the recipe of my choice. How can I forget them?

B. Answer the following questions briefly :

Q.1. Why is Radhika Crying ?

Ans . Because she feels that Krishna has deserted her and there is no hope of meeting him again. So this feeling of loneliness has made her weep and weep.

Q.2. What two feeling of Radha have been referred to by her friend ?

Ans . The two feeling of Radha are that she does not respond properly to a query .Her replies are incoherent.

Q.3. To whom does the friends make a report ?

Ans . She makes a report to Madhav, who is the lord himself I.e., Shri Krishna.

Q.4. What do Radha's friends believe in ?

Ans . They believe that the joy of Radha may come again and she may be all night but they that to banish hope seeing the condition of Radha.

Q.5. Why did Radha's friends run to Lord Krishna ?

Ans . Radha's friends rushed to Lord Krishna to report about the deteriorating and poor mental and physical condition of Radha.

C.1. Long Answer Questions :

Q.1. Describe Radha's Condition as reported by her friend ?

Ans . The friend reports and says that " You ask her one thing, she speaks of another." She is growing thinner and thinner day by day. So it is very much apparent that Radha's Condition is not well both mentally and physically.

Q.2. Why is Radha's friends so worried ?

Ans . Radha's friends believes that the Condition of Radha may not improve. This belief comes after the hope " that joy may come again. " This incoherence in the Condition of Radha gives rise to worries of her friend.

Q.3. Radha each day grown thinner/thinner than the Crescent in the sky. Comment on the use of imagery.

Ans . Imagery is the art of image making. This art is used in literature to explain a vision a seen by the writer or the poet.

Here Vidyapati has used the image of first day's moon in the sky to Describe the deterioration in the physical condition of Radha. She is growing thinner and thinner day by day and the poet feels that she would look only like a crescent in the sky one day which is not far.

C.2. Group Discussion:

Q.1. A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Ans . Points for discussion :

- (a) When a friend comes to your rescue at the time of need, he is your real friend. Friendship is a boon if the friendship is real and true otherwise it becomes a curse.
- (b) One has to pick up a friend very cautiously. It has been found that most of the friends are of selfish nature and they tend to desert you when you actually need their help.

C.3. Composition :

Q.1. Write a message to your mother to inform her that you are going to see Ranjan who has been taken ill.

Ans.

DEAR MOM (.) I AM GOING TO RANCHI TO SEE RAJAN WHO HAS BEEN TAKEN ILL
SUDDENLY (.) I WILL BE BACK ON SUNDAY (.)WILL REPORT YOU RETURN (.) REST
IS OK (.)
RAJAN

D. WORD STUDY :

D.1. Dictionary Use :

1. Correct that spelling of the following words :

Incorrect Correct

1. Karb Carve
2. Bruds Broods.
3. Konfused Confused
4. Bains Banish
5. Thiner Thinner
6. Seige. Cease.

E. GRAMMAR

Ex.1. When ' each ' is used before a noun, which must be singular, it always takes a singular Verb.

e.g.,

Each boy in this class has a pencil box.

Each labourer gets a meal.

Each student has got a new book.

Each student goes to library.

Now, fill up the blanks with suitable verbs given in the brackes :

1. Each boy goes to school. (go /goes)
2. Each teacher has got a room. (has/ have)
3. Each person owns a car. (Own/owns)
4. Each child has a problem. (has /have)
5. Each labourer was given an uniform. (Was/were)
6. Each painter has been given a prize. (has been / have been)
7. Each lesson in the book has two pictures. (has /have)
8. Each room in the hotel has a television set. (has / have)
9. Each bench in the park is full. (Is /are)
10. Each compartment was over crowded. (was / were)

F. ACTIVITIES

1. Find out for yourself one more poem by Vidyapati and recite it in the class.

Ans. To be done by the students individually under the guidance of the teacher

G. TRANSLATION :

Translate into English.

1. मैं एक सूचना देने आया हूँ।

I have come to inform you.

2. मैं तुम्हें पुस्तकें देने आया हूँ।

I have come to give you this book.

3. मैं नाश्ता कर चुका हूँ।

I have finished my breakfast.

4. मैं अपना काम समाप्त कर चुका हूँ।

I have finished my work.

5. मैं यह पुस्तक पढ़ चुका हूँ।

I have already read this book.

6. वह खेलने गया है।

He has gone to play.

7. वह बाजार गया है।

He has gone to market.

8. वह सिनेमा गया है।

He has gone to see a picture in the cinema.

GLOSSARY AND NOTES

Carve (v): काटना।

Brood (v): चिंतन का ध्यान करना।

Confused (Adj.): विचलित, विक्षिप्त।

Banish (v): निर्वासित करना या निकालना।

Cease (v): रोकना या रूकना।

Creasant (n): शुक्ल पक्ष की पहली तिथी का चाँद।