

Chapter 8: A Game of Chance

WORKING WITH THE TEXT

A. Complete the following sentences from memory choosing a phrase from those given in brackets.

1. was held at the time of the Eid festival. (A big show, A big fair, A big competition)
2. Tradesmen came to the village with all kinds of goods (to display, to buy, to sell)
3. Uncle told me while he was away. (not to buy anything, not to go anywhere, not to talk to anyone)
4. The owner of the LuckyShop wanted every body present (to play the game, to win a prize, to try their luck)
5. The first time I took a chance I got (a bottle of ink, two pencils, a trifle)
6. Uncle told me that the shopkeeper had made (a fool of me, a good profit, friends with many people)

Answer:

1. A big fair
2. to sell
3. not to buy anything
4. to try their luck
5. two pencils
6. a fool of me

B. Answer the following questions.

Question 1. Why do you think Rasheed's uncle asked him not to buy anything in his absence?

Answer: Rasheed's uncle asked him not to buy anything in his absence because the .shopkeepers could make him fool and take away his money.

Question 2. Why was the shop called 'Lucky Shop'?

Answer: The shop was named 'Lucky Shop' so that it could persuade people to try their luck and play the game.

Question 3. An old man won a clock and sold it back to the shopkeeper. How much money did he make?

Answer: The old man made ₹15 by selling the clock to the shopkeeper again.

Question 4. How many prizes did the boy win? What were they?

Answer: The boy won four prizes – a comb, a fountain-pen, a wrist-watch and a table lamp. He was very happy.

Question 5. Why was Rasheed upset?

Answer: Rasheed was upset because he thought he was unlucky to win any big prize in the game.

Question 6. In what way did the shopkeeper make fool of Rasheed?

Answer: The shopkeeper gave Rasheed things of little value. He persuaded Rasheed to try his luck again and again. Rasheed spent all his money on a trifle.

WORKING WITH LANGUAGE

A. The words given against the sentences below can be used both as nouns and verbs. Use them appropriately to fill in the blanks.

1. i. The two teams have three matches already, (play)
ii. The last day's was excellent.
2. i. She has a lovely (face)
ii. India a number of problems these days.
3. i. He made his in essay-writing, (mark)
ii. Articles 'sold' are reserved.
4. i. The police are the area to catch the burglars, (comb)
ii. An ordinary plastic costs five rupees.
5. i. He gave a in answer to my question, (smile)
ii. We also to see him smile.
6. i. He said he to be invited to the party.(hope)
ii. We gave up of his joining the party.
7. i. The boys put upa good athletic (show)
ii. The soldiers great courage in saving people from floods.
8. i. You deserve a on the back for your good performance, (pat)
ii. The teacherthe child on the cheek to encourage her.

Answer:

1. i. played
ii. play
2. i. face
ii. is facing
3. i. mark
ii. marked
4. i. combing
ii. comb
5. i. smile
ii. smiled
6. i. hoped
ii. hope
7. i. show
ii. showed
8. i. pat
ii. patted

B. Notice the use of 'there' in the following sentences.

- **There** was a big crowd at the fair.
- **There** were many things I'd have liked to buy.

Now rewrite the following sentences using 'there' in the beginning. Look at the following examples.

- **I** can do nothing to help you.
- **There** is nothing I can do to help you.
- **A** man at the door is asking to see you.
- **There** is a man at the door asking to see you.

1. This park has **beautiful** roses.
2. Your story has no **fun** in it.
3. We have no **secrets** between us.
4. My village has two **primary** schools.
5. This problem can be solved in two **ways**.

Answer:

1. There are beautiful roses in this park.
2. There is no fun in your story.
3. There are no secrets between us.
4. There are two primary schools in my village.
5. There are two ways to solve this problem.

C. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph below with words from the box.

huge	big	foolish	interesting	tiny	unlucky	last
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There was a Eid fair in our village. We could buy anything from a toy to a camel. I went to the fair on its day with Uncle and Bhaiya. We went to the Lucky Shop. It was very I tried my luck but did not win any prize. Later, Uncle told me that I was more than

Answer: huge, tiny, big, last, interesting, foolish, unlucky.

SPEAKING AND READING ALOUD

A.

Question 1. Suppose you are Rasheed. Describe in your own words your visit to the fair. Do not refer to the Lucky Shop.

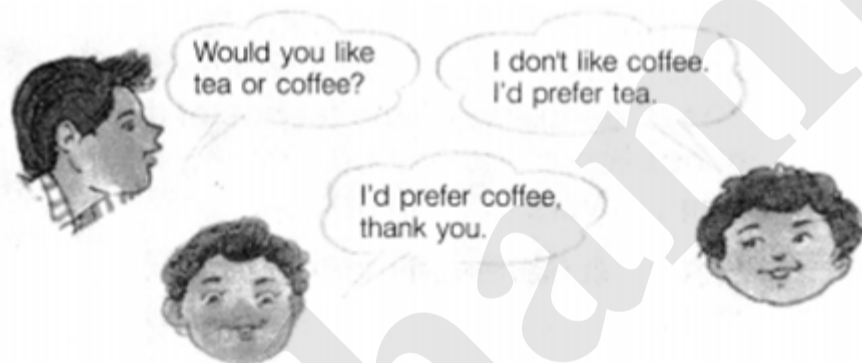
Answer: One day, my uncle took me to the Eid fair. He left me with our domestic help Bhaiya. He warned me not to go too far away. I must not buy anything in his absence. He went away to spend time with his friends. I with Bhaiya visited one shop to another. My uncle returned after some time and bought me many gifts.

Question 2. Read aloud the two paragraphs that describe the boy and the old man at the Lucky Shop.

Answer: Do it yourself. It is to be done individually.

Question 3. Listen to these children. What are they talking about?

Answer:



B. Work in pairs. One of you is an agent and the other is a client looking for a accommodation in a hotel. Talk to each other. Use the clues given below.

Agent	Client
What sort of accommodation would you prefer?	I'd prefer a _____
Would you like your own room or would you like to share a room?	I'd like _____ I don't think I'd like _____
Would you like a room with a television?	Yes, I do want _____
Do you need to hire a car?	No, thanks. I don't need _____ No, I'd prefer _____
What sort of location are you interested in?	I'd like to stay in _____
Have you any other requirements?	Yes, I must have _____ Yes, give me _____ No, no other requirements.

Answer:

Agent	Client
What sort of accomodation would you prefer?	I'd prefer a small, but comfortable accomodation.
Would you like your own room or would you like to share a room?	I'd like to have my own room. I don't think I'd like to share my room with others.
Would you like a room with a television?	Yes, I do want a room with a television.
Do you need to hire a car?	No, thanks. I don't need a hired car. No, I'd prefer a car of my own.
What sort of location are you interested in?	I'd like to stay in a good locality.
Have you any other requirements?	Yes, I must have a garden in my house. Yes, give me your contact number. No, no other requirements.

DICTATION

A. Some words are given below. Listen carefully to the word from the list the teacher speaks and write against it another word that has the same pronunciation, but different spelling.

Fair Fare
 No Here
 There One
 Two See
 Nun Buy
 Hare Which

Answer:

No - Know Here - Hear
 There-Their One - Won
 Two - Too See - Sea
 Nun - None Buy - By
 Hare - Hair Which - Witch