

### English Reader-3

#### 1. GUAVAS AND BERRIES

##### Comprehension :

- A. 1. A farmer was employed by the king to look after the orchard.  
2. The farmer decided to take the basket of berries to the palace.  
3. When the farmer reached the palace, the king appeared to be in a very strange mood. He picked berries from the basket one by one and hit the farmer on his forehead.  
4. The farmer would only say 'Ah, God is kind.'  
5. At last the king realized his mistake and apologized to the farmer. He honoured the farmer and gave him a handsome reward.
- B. 1. orchard 2. guavas 3. head 4. kind  
5. apologized 6. reward

##### Vocabulary Enrichment :

- A. strange-well-known kind-cruel, fresh-stale  
reward-punishment, handsome-ugly
- B. bevy, class, crew, penel, queue, team

##### Language Enrichment :

- A. 1. Were these guavas or berries ?  
2. Were the guavas or berries big ?  
3. Was the farmer confused or terrified ?  
4. Was the farmer punished or honoured ?  
5. Was the king in a strange or nice mood ?  
6. Was the God kind or cruel ?
- B. 1. Did you like to watch animals or flowers ?  
2. Did you like to dance Bhangra or Kuchipudi ?  
3. Did you like to have fruits or snacks ?  
4. Did you like to play sitar or tabla ?  
5. Did you like to speak Hindi or German ?  
6. Did you like to play carrom or hockey ?

**Speaking Skill** : Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill** : Do it yourself.

#### 2. LITTLE LIZARD

##### Comprehension :

- A. 1. When the little lizard was playing on the wall a snake bit the tail of it.  
2. The little lizard thought of borrowing a tail because it was looking ugly without a tail.  
3. The cat used the tail to keep its balance, so it refused to lend its tail.  
4. The ox whisk away flies with its tail when they bite him. This is how the tail of an ox is useful to him.  
5. No, the wood pecker did not lend its tail to the little lizard, because it was pecking the tree and its tail supports his body while pecking.  
6. The little lizard's mother told him to look at his tail. It was there as before. Mother told him that when lizards tails are broken, they can grow again.
- B. Little lizard's mother, the squirrel

##### Vocabulary Enrichment :

- A. Wood pecker lizard snake squirrel ox  
B. again little child pane way mije stingy thjn can

##### Language Enrichment :

- A. 1. will believe 2. shall get 3. will accept  
4. will scold 5. will feel 6. will have
- B. 1. (i) We shall not join a new school next year.  
(ii) Shall we join a new school next year ?  
2. (i) This bus will not take you to the station.  
(ii) Will this bus take you to the station ?  
3. (i) I shall not come to your house on Sunday.  
(ii) Shall I come to your house on Sunday ?  
4. (i) The insects will not destroy the crops.  
(ii) Will the insects destroy the crops ?

**Speaking Skill** : Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill** : Do it yourself.

#### 3. THE NOBLEST DEED

##### Comprehension :

- A. 1. The old man divided all his property among his sons.  
2. The old man gave three month's time to perform the best

deed. Whomsoever would be the best would get the gold chain and the ring.

3. The eldest son found a bag full of gold, rupees and jewels lying on the roadside while on his journey. He enquired and confirmed the identity of its owner and returned the bag to him.
4. The second son saved the life of a drowning boy.
5. The youngest son forgave his enemy when he begged pardon.
6. The youngest son got the gold chain and the ring.

B. 1. T 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. F

C. 1. three 2. property 3. months 4. forgive  
5. honesty 6. drowning

**Vocabulary Enrichment :**

A. 1. d 2. e 3. c 4. a 5. b

B. Iron, bracelet, stream, lotus

C. 1. chain 2. change 3. channel  
4. chameleon 5. chalk

**Language Enrichment :**

A. 1. heavier 2. sincere 3. narrowest 4. better 5. more  
6. hottest 7. worse 8. worst

- B. 1. The sun is larger than the earth.  
2. Iron is heavier than the wood.  
3. Gold is dearer than the silver.  
4. Seema is prettier than the Neelu.  
5. A train journey is more comfortable than a bus journey.

**Speaking Skill :** Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill :** Do it yourself.

**4. THE SWING**

**Comprehension :**

- A. The pleasantest things that a child can ever do is to up in a swing.
- B. A child can see rivers, trees and cattle from swing.
- C. Swing-thing, wall-all blue-clue, brown-down
- D. 1. green 2. white 3. brown

**Fun Time :** Do it yourself.

**5. A SHEPHERD AND THE LANDLORD**

**Comprehension :**

- A. 1. Monu was a shepherd. Monu was tending his herd and his father was ploughing the field when Mr. George came there.
2. The landlord had an air of pride about him and had a potbelly.
3. Monu told Mr. George about his father that he was ploughing the landlord's field because if he wouldn't do this, he would not get a penny ever.
4. Mr. George was angry because Monu was speaking ill of him on his face.
5. The landlord call Monu to whip him, to his house the next day.
6. In the basement when the servant asked Monu to eat fruits from the basket, he said that he didn't know how to remove the cover of it. The servant began removing the cover, Monu suddenly took the whip and began flogging the servant. After when the servant was nearly half-dead, Monu saw a loaf of bread which was lying in a corner then ran away.
7. The landlord learnt a lesson because Monu had managed to befool him and he was quite ashamed of facing him again.

B. 1, 4, 3, 2, 6, 5

C. 1. Monu 2. Landlord 3. the servant 4. Monu  
5. Landlord

**Vocabulary Enrichment :**

- |              |   |                                      |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| A. tending   | – | taking care                          |
| landlord     | – | a rich man who controls the village. |
| flog         | – | beat with whip                       |
| fume         | – | grow hot with anger                  |
| shepherd     | – | a person who rears sheep.            |
| heart's fill | – | to one's satisfaction                |
| pot belly    | – | a fat, round tummy                   |
| peasant      | – | farmer                               |
| vanish       | – | disappear                            |

- B. peasant, surprised, bread, servant, pride, visitor, basement, corner  
rainfall, black board, playground, sunflower, chairman.

**Language Enrichment :**

I'm, I'd, You're, He'll, How's, Wasn't, Shan't, Needn't

**Speaking Skill :** Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill :** Do it yourself.

**6. BLOOD FOR BLOOD**

**Comprehension :**

- A. 1. Jehangir was famous for his justice.  
2. Washer woman's complaint was against a pretty lady, who killed his son.  
3. The pretty woman was queen Noor Jehan.  
4. The queen ordered young boy not to stare her, but she was so beautiful that he couldn't hear her. It was the young boy's offence.  
5. The washer woman forgave the queen and said to the king that her repentance is her punishment.

- B. 1. F 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. T

**Vocabulary Enrichment :**

- A. Do it yourself.  
B. 1. saw 2. rats 3. cafe 4. rose 5. amen 6. tub  
7. ache 8. own 9. three 10. file  
C. death – birth, beautiful – ugly  
wrong – right, able – unable  
punishment – reward, guilty – innocent  
public – private

**Language Enrichment :**

- A. beauty, lie, truth, anger, danger, jealousy, hatred, disguise, bite, beauty, love, kiss, life

**Speaking Skill :** Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill :** Do it yourself.

**7. A STRANGE DILEMMA**

**Comprehension :**

- A. 1. The elder daughter married a potter and the younger one married a farmer.  
2. The younger daughter was worried because of not

raining. All the crops would dry up and then they would have nothing to eat.

3. The father promised to her younger daughter to pray for the rains to come.  
4. The elder daughter didn't want to be rain. She wanted the hot sun for the pots to dry soon and because of hot, people would buy more pots.  
5. The father was in a strange dilemma, to whom should he pray for because his younger daughter wanted rain and elder daughter didn't want rain.

- B. 1. F 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. T

**Vocabulary Entrenchment :**

2. makes chairs, tables and other furniture  
3. drives vehicles, 4. delivers milk to our homes  
5. brings our letters 6. takes care of the sick

**Language Enrichment :**

- A. 2. My father put the book down *and* went out of the room.  
3. I rang Rohan *and* invited him to the party.  
4. The man Jumped into the river *and* saved the boy.  
5. This sofa is soft *and* comfortable.  
6. He is tall *and* thin.  
7. Shweta writes fast *and* neatly.

**Speaking Skill :** Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill :** Do it yourself.

**8. KINDEST THINGS**

**Comprehension :**

- A. 1. Trees are called the simplest things in the poem.  
2. The trees gather birds among the boughs.  
3. Trees are the first to touch the morning sun rays.  
4. When a moon floats on the sky the trees hum a drowsy lullaby.

- B. 1. b 2. a 3. d 4. e 5. c

**Fun Time :** Do it yourself.

**9. PREPARING TEA**

**Comprehension :**

- A. 1. The first step for making tea is to pour water into a kettle and then put the kettle on the gas stove.

2. When tea leaves are added to water, the water changes its colour.
3. A tea-strainer separates the tea leaves from the liquid.
4. Mrs. Soha put a newspaper on the tray besides tea.

B. 1. 1 2. 5 3. 4 4. 3 5. 2

**Vocabulary Enrichment :**

A. 1. b 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. e 6. f

**Language Enrichment :**

A. on, above, at, up against, beside, below

B. 1. near 2. to 3. far away 4. in 5. against 6. over

**Speaking Skill :** Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill :** Do it yourself.

**10. ON TOUR**

**Comprehension :**

- A. 1. 'Sunny Days' is cricketer Sunil Gavaskar's auto biography.
2. While travelling abroad language was a problem for Indian cricket team because everybody in the team could not speak English fluently and by the time when they got used to it, half the tour was almost over.
  3. The food abroad described by Sunil Gavaskar was so insipid and tasteless that everyone found it tough to eat.
  4. Weather was also a big problem for the team because it took a long time for one to get used to. However, the players from the north adjust to the cold weather but for the players from west and south was found it very difficult because there is no winter as such.
  5. According to Sunil Gavaskar, Indian players go home sick on a long tour because for a long time they could not even get any news by letters or phone.
  6. The best part of the tour is the friends one makes in various countries during one visits.
- B. 1. language and food 2. rice, spicy 3. pullovers  
4. grip, such

**Vocabulary Enrichment :**

- A. 1. patriot 2. optimist 3. orphan 4. burglar  
5. solar 6. widow 7. wardrobe

- B. 1. country 2. second 3. match 4. travel  
5. pockets 6. brother

**Language Enrichment :**

their, their, our, their, their, your, your

**Speaking Skill :** Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill :** Do it yourself.

**11. FIRESTICKS IN BIRD'S TAIL**

**Comprehension :**

- A. 1. The crocodile had fire that no one else had.
2. Plain bird woman wanted a little bit of fire from the crocodile.
  3. One day when the plain bird was waiting and watching she saw a crocodile yawn sleepily. The crocodile open his jaws wide in a big, big yawn she flew down from her tree like a flash of lightening and grabbed a fire stick that she wanted.
  4. The crocodile was furious, he became wild with anger. He swished his tail and stamped his feet when Plain Bird Woman took away the fire sticks.
  5. Plain Bird Woman gave fire to everyone.
- B. ♦ In a tree close to the crocodile's home, there lived a Plain Bird Woman.
- ♦ The Plain Bird Woman watched the crocodile cook his food, and she smelt all the lovely smells.
  - ♦ Plain bird woman was delighted. She wished get fire too.
  - ♦ As the crocodile opened his jaws wide in a Big....big...yawn !, the Plain Bird Woman flew down from her tree and grabbed a fire stick.
  - ♦ Plain Bird Woman flew all over the country, and put fire into the heart of every single tree.
  - ♦ When Plain Bird Woman finished, she put fire sticks into her tail.

**Vocabulary Enrichment :**

- A. **Plain Bird :** grabbed, waited, smelled, begged, flew.  
Crocodile : stamped, swished, growled.
- B. **Wicked dragon :** scaly, furious, swish, bad, longingly, grabbed, delighted, grateful.

**Language Enrichment :**

1. The teacher said that the result would be soon out.
2. The crane says that the crab will make a good dinner.
3. The tiger said that the deer had gone away.
4. She said that she had done her best.
5. He said that he would be a great writer.

**Speaking Skill :** Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill :** Do it yourself.

**12. A NAUGHTY BOY****Comprehension :**

- A.
1. The boy went to Scotland to see the people there.
  2. The boy saw the ground as hard as in England, a yard, a merry song, red cherry and a wooden door. All things were same as in England.
  3. He was wondered to see that all the things which he saw was as same as in England.
  4. hard – yard – ward  
ground – found – round  
see – he – knee  
door – score – core  
cherry – merry – berry  
lead – red – bed
- B. merry, weighty, long, red, eighty

**Fun Time :** Do it yourself.

**13. BRAHMAN AND CHEATS****Comprehension :**

- A.
1. The Brahman used to go from village to village begging alms and food.
  2. One day the Brahman got a kid in alms.
  3. The Brahman met three cheats on the way as he set out to his village.
  4. The cheat's plan was to take kid free of cost from the Brahman.
  5. The first cheat said to the Brahman, "Excuse me, O learned man ! I venture to say, it doesn't behave you at all."
  6. The third cheat said, where're you carrying a dog. O learned Brahman ? I'm so surprised to see you with it. It

is sure to bring disgraces and defame to the Brahman community.

7. Yes, the Brahman flung the kid on the ground because he thought that the kid might be a demon so it was changing its form again and again.
- B.
1. Once there lived a Brahman, named Ramdev, in a village.
  2. One day, a kid was given to the Brahman in alms by a villager.
  3. As the Brahman was passing through a forest, he came across three wicked man.
  4. The third cheat said to the Brahman, "where're you carrying a dog ?"
  5. The cheats had come out successful in their plan.
  6. The cheats feasted on the kid with rice and water that night.

**Vocabulary Enrichment :**

A. urgent orange irritate urge arrange error

B. Do it yourself.

C. 1. e 2. f 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. c

**Language Enrichment :**

A. Countable Nouns : dog, calf, village

Uncountable Nouns : community, job, feast

B. 1. C 2. C 3. U 4. U 5. C 6. C 7. U

**Speaking Skill :** Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill :** Do it yourself.

**14. PEOPLE REACHED MOON****Comprehension :**

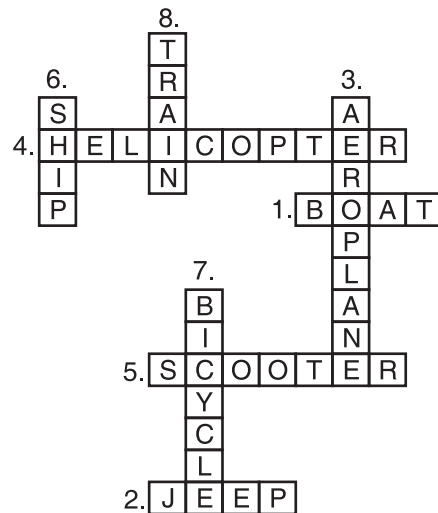
- A.
1. Apollo II was launched on 16th July, 1969.
  2. Neil Armstrong, Michael collins and Edwin Aldrin were the three astronauts on Apollo II.
  3. The Eagle landed gently on the surface of the moon. Neil Armstrong, and Aldrin travelled in it.
  4. Michael collins remained in the main rocket.
  5. The astronauts collected some of the soil, a few small rocks and they took photographs of the surface of the moon.

6. The astronauts saw a blue planet rising above the moon, it was the earth, shining brightly against the black sky, when they prepared to take off from the moon.

B. 1. F 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. T

#### Vocabulary Enrichment :

A. 2. smaller 3. reddest 4. father 5. jumped



6. sitting 7. drumming 8. battled

B.

#### Language Enrichment :

1. from 2. with 3. with 4. at 5. to 6. at 7. in

**Speaking Skill** : Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill** : Do it yourself.

### 15. THE ASHOKA CHAKRA

#### Comprehension :

- A. 1. Ashoka Chakra included in our National Flag to honour the great king, Ashoka, and to help the Indians to remember his teaching.

2. The name of king Ashoka's empire was Mauryan Empire.  
3. Ashoka made the Mauryan empire richer. He also made his army larger and stronger.  
4. Kalinga was a small kingdom at the border of Ashoka's large empire. The ships of Kalinga troubled Ashoka's merchants and caused problems for them. So Ashoka's decided to conquer Kalinga.  
5. The Kalinga battle continued for several days. At last the army captured the enemy king. Ashoka rode back home. On the way, he saw thousands of dead bodies of brave soldiers lying in the battle field. He also heard the crying of women and children which filled with sorrow and so his heart had changed.  
6. To make sure that people would not forget his teachings, he carved out his messages on thousands of stone pillars throughout his empire.

- B. 1. Ashoka was born about two thousands years ago.  
2. In childhood, he used to play in the royal garden with his pet baby tiger.  
3. One of the teachers taught him to aim an arrow so well that it could shoot a flying bird.  
4. The neighbouring kings were jealous as well as afraid of Ashoka's powers.

#### Vocabulary Enrichment :

A. Do it yourself.

B. **Happy word**

delight  
gloss  
cheer  
glad  
glee

bliss  
thrill  
happiness  
joy

**Sad Words**

woe  
unhappy  
despair

#### Language Enrichment :

- A. a girl a box an ostrich  
a dog a tub a bird  
an orange an egg a pen

B. Do it your self.

**Speaking Skill** : Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill** : Do it yourself.

#### **16. ALL IS DARK**

##### **Comprehension :**

- A. 1. There was a dark house in the dark wood.  
2. There was a dark shelf in the dark cupboard.  
3. There was a Ghost in the dark box.
- B. 1. good 2. mouse 3. hoard 4. fox 5. most

**Fun Time** : Do it yourself.

#### **17. THE REAL PRINCESS**

##### **Comprehension :**

- A. 1. The prince wanted to marry a real princess.  
2. A princess had lost her way on a fearful night.  
3. The king opened the door and found the princess in a sad condition.  
4. The queen put three peas on the bedstead. Then she laid twenty mattresses one upon the other over the three peas and told the princess to pass the night on this bed.  
5. The Princess could not sleep the whole night because the three little peas were irritating her, so she turned black and blue.
- B. 1. fearful 2. sad 3. twenty 4. knocked  
5. real

##### **Vocabulary Enrichment :**

- A. Do it yourself.
- B. that, there, town, table, train, teach, tall, tone.

##### **Language Enrichment :**

1. courageous 2. rainy 3. biologist 4. careful  
5. cloudy 6. humanist 7. graceful 8. actful

**Speaking Skill** : Do it yourself.

**Writing Skill** : Do it yourself.