



## **SECOND TERM**

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### **COMPREHENSION**

Read the comprehension passage given below and answer the following questions.

#### **THE TURTLE AND THE SWAN**



There was once a lake in a green valley surrounded by blue hills and forests. In it lived a kindly old turtle. He was friendly with all the animals, for he was a great talker! His best friend

was a pair of beautiful swans. Life went on peacefully in the valley from season to season.

Then, one year, something terrible happened; the rains failed and the lake began to dry up. Soon, the lake was the size of a dirty, brown puddle.

'We are leaving in the morning,' said the swans.

'We're off to the great lake. We're sorry you can't fly, otherwise you could come with us.'

'Well', cried the turtle, ' I shall say goodbye then.... forever. I won't be here when you return as I shall die of thirst.'

The swans were sad. They wanted to help the turtle. But he could not fly.

The turtle said: ' Perhaps you could carry me?'

'Not possible! You are too heavy.' said the first swan.

'And even if one of us could lift you, you would fall off', said the second swan.

'You two could hold onto a stiff stick and I could grip the middle.' said the turtle.

'There's no harm in trying. But you cannot talk or you will go crashing down to earth.' said the first swan.

The swans took hold of either end of the stick, and the turtle locked his jaws onto the middle. The swans flapped their wings and rose up into the air.



'It works!' thought the turtle.

'What a clever old turtle I am!'

They flew for many miles. They passed through many villages and towns. They could see people working on the fields. The turtle had never seen people before so he wanted to

talk to them. But he would remember that he should not open his mouth.

Soon they came to a small town. The people below noticed the strange sight.

'Look up there!' shouted a woman. 'Two clever swans are carrying a turtle on a stick,' explained the woman.

'What clever birds!', said the man.

The turtle became cross. 'Stupid people!', he thought.

The turtle forgot where he was and what was he supposed to be doing. He opened his mouth and shouted: 'Silly people.... This was my ideaaah...'

But he could not finish the sentence.

**Answer the following questions.**

1. Give the opposite of the following word.

a) Friendly

**Friendly- Unfriendly**

2. Find a word from the passage with the following meaning.

a) A low area of land between hills or mountains.

**Valley**

3. Make a sentence with the word 'cross'.

**Cross- I am cross with her because she lied to me.**

4. State true or false.

a) The rains failed and the lake began to dry up. **True**

b) The turtle died because he was thirsty. **False**

5. Pick the correct option.

a) The swans were sad because **the turtle would die of thirst if he was left behind.**

i] The lake dried up.

ii] They did not want to carry the turtle.

iii] The turtle would die of thirst if he was left behind.

b) The lake began to dry because **there was no rainfall.**

i] Life went on peacefully in the valley from season to season.

ii] There was no rainfall.

iii] The swans wanted to go to the great lake.

6. Underline the adjectives and mention the noun or pronoun being described by the adjective.

a) What a **clever old** turtle I am!

**Noun- Turtle**

b) In it lived a **kindly old** turtle.

**Noun- Turtle**

c) His **best** friend was a pair of **beautiful** swans.

**Noun- Friend**

**Noun- Swans**

7. Underline the verbs in the given sentences and write if it is the main verb or the helping verb.
- a) The swans flapped their wings.  
**Flapped – Main verb**
- b) We are leaving in the morning  
**Are- Helping verb**  
**Leaving- Main verb**
8. Rewrite the sentences changing the verb to the simple present form. Make the other necessary changes as well.
- a) He was friendly with all the animals.  
**He is friendly with all the animals.**
- b) In it lived a kindly old turtle.  
**In it lives a kindly old turtle.**
9. Rewrite the following sentences by changing the nouns from singular to plural or plural to singular. Make the other necessary changes also.
- a) They could see people working on the fields.  
**They could see a person working on the field.**
- b) The turtle locked his jaws onto the middle of the stick.  
**The turtles locked their jaws onto the middle of the sticks.**
10. Where did the turtle live? Who was his best friend?  
**The turtle lived in a lake that was in a green valley surrounded by blue hills and forests.**  
**His best friend was a pair of beautiful swans.**
11. Describe the turtle. What was the turtle's idea?  
**The turtle was kindly, old, friendly and talkative.**  
**The turtle's idea was that the swans would hold onto either side of a stiff stick, while he would grip onto the middle of the stick.**
12. What was the strange sight? Who did the man praise and why?  
**The strange sight was of two birds carrying a turtle on a stick.**  
**The man praised the pair of swans because he thought it was their clever idea to carry the turtle on a stick.**
13. Why couldn't the turtle finish the sentence?  
**The turtle couldn't finish the sentence because he opened his mouth to shout and he went crashing down to earth.**

