

## ENGLISH READER-3

### CHAPTER 1 : THE SHEPHERD BOY AND THE WOLF

#### A. Understanding the text

1. The boy decided to call, “Wolf ! Wolf !” because he was feeling bored. He wanted to have some fun. So he played a joke on the villagers.
2. The villagers came running, carrying sticks in their hands. But they got angry on the joke played by the boy.
3. When the wolf really came, the boy shouted for help. But this time, the villagers did not come as nobody believed him. The wolf attacked several sheep and killed them.

- B. 1. The boy said these words.  
2. The villagers said these words.

- C. 1. False 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. False.

#### WORD POWER

- A. 2. fleet 3. flock 4. crowd 5. herd 6. litter  
B. (b) peacock (c) parrot (d) horse

#### STRUCTURE

1. not writing a book
2. They are not running
3. Shalini is not eating a mango.

#### COMPOSITION

Do it yourself.

#### FUN TIME

1. He 2. Hot 3. Help 4. Horse 5. Hockey 6. History

### CHAPTER 2 : LONG LIVE TREES

#### Understanding the text :

1. Reema called the trees our enemies because she saw the gardener getting bruises from a falling tree.
2. Mr. Sharma called the trees our real friends because we get many things from the trees.
3. Trees are useful to us in many ways. We get fruits, flowers, wood from the trees. Trees also give us shade. They purify the air and bring us the rain. They give shelter to birds and animals.
4. We get oxygen from plants.
5. Peepal, banyan and coconut are some common trees.

- B. 1. trees 2. things 3. purify 4. shelter 5. flowers

**WORD POWER**

- A. Do it yourself.
- B. 1. big and small,  
2. birds and animals,  
3. plants and trees,  
4. mango and orange  
5. clean and purify,  
6. oxygen and carbon dioxide.
- C. 1. tree 2. flower 3. bird 4. orange 5. mango 6. leaf

**STRUCTURE**

- A. 1. heal 2. sole 3. Principal 4. peace 5. pane
- B. 1. The barber will shave the man.  
2. She will read a story book tomorrow.  
3. It will rain heavily tonight.  
4. He will go to Shimla tomorrow.  
5. He will go to plant a sapling today.

**COMPOSITION**

Trees are very essential for all living beings. Several birds, insects and other animals live on trees. If there were no trees, these animals would become homeless. We get fruits, from the tree. If all the trees were cut, we will be left with no food. We use the wood of trees in making a variety of things like furniture, paper, etc. In case, there were no trees, we'll not be able to use things made up of wood. Several medicines are made by plant products. Such plants are called medicinal plants. In the absence of trees, such medicines cannot be manufactured. Trees purify the air. If there were no trees, air will become polluted. Last but not the least all living things need oxygen gas for respiration. In the absence of trees, and hence in the absence of oxygen, no living thing can survive.

**FUN TIME**

Do it yourself

**CHAPTER 3 : THE GOLDEN TOUCH****Understanding the text :**

- A. 1. King Midas was a great king of Greece. He wanted more and more gold and silver.  
2. The Angel granted Midas that whatever he touched would changed into gold.  
3. After Midas got the golden touch, whatever he touched like the pillars, doorways of the palace, the foot, water changed into gold.  
4. King Midas's daughter turned to a gold statue when he touched her.  
5. King Midas learnt there were other things which were more precious than gold.

- B. 1. Midas said to the Angel.  
2. The Angel said to Midas.  
3. Midas's daughter said to Midas.

**WORD POWER**

- A. 1. foolish 2. greedy 3. precious 4. cry out  
B. 1. leaves 2. roofs 3. wives 4. women 5. deer 6. gold 7. wishes 8. statues  
9. money 10. dreams

**STRUCTURE**

1. If you don't run fast, you will miss the bus.  
2. If my aunt comes today, I will ask her to stay the night.  
3. If she does not wear a coat, she will feel cold.  
4. If I don't go to school today, I shall miss the debate competition.  
5. If the shops are not open, we shall buy the clothes tomorrow.  
B. 2. is fatter 3. is shorter 4. is thinner 5. is wiser

**COMPOSITION**

Now, whatever he touched, changed into gold. The pillars, walls of his palace turned to gold when he touched them. He could not eat food, could not drink water because the moment he touched them, they turned into gold. Even his daughter turned to gold. Seeing this, he realised that there were other things which were more important than gold. He cried out for help from the Angel. He asked for forgiveness and requested the Angel to take back the wish.

**FUN TIME :** Do it yourself.

**CHAPTER 4 : MAHATMA GANDHI**

**Understanding the text :**

1. Mahatma Gandhi was a great man. His full name was Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi.  
2. Gandhiji was born on 2nd October, 1869.  
3. His principles of life were truth and non-violence. 'Love all and hate none' was his motto.  
4. His advice for the countrymen was to fight against Britishers only with 'non-violence.'  
5. We still remember Gandhiji for his moral values.  
B. 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True  
C. 1. Bapu 2. truth 3. motherland 4. Swadeshi

**WORD POWER**

- A. Do it yourself.  
B. old : new, big : small, forget : remember, peace : war, love : hate,  
C 1. government 2. people 3. violence 4. struggle 5. Porbander 6. travelled

**STRUCTURE**

- A. 1. What did he join ?  
3. Why did he go to England ?

4. Who was the worthy son of Bharat Mata ?
  5. What was his only weapon ?
  6. When was he born ?
- B.
1. It was she who gave me this book.
  2. I am he whom you love.
  3. Me and Rahim went to his house.
  4. You are richer than I.
  5. It was I who stood first.
- C.
1. an old man
  2. ✓
  3. ✓
  4. ✓

**COMPOSITION :** Do it yourself

**FUN TIME :** Do it yourself

### **CHAPTER 5 : TIT FOR TAT**

#### **Understanding the text**

- A.
1. Hussain was called a good barber because he cut hair beautifully and trimmed beards neatly.
  2. Hussain wanted to make money by fair means or foul.
  3. The woodcutter gave away his pack-saddle because he needed the money badly.
  4. Mustapha, the Caliph gave the woodcutter a gold coin and also told him how to teach the barber a lesson.
  5. Hussain was not willing to shave the donkey because he thought everybody would laugh at him. Besides, the donkey might kick him.
- B.
1. money
  2. pack - saddle
  3. barber
  4. bargain

#### **WORD POWER**

- A.
1. Table, Chair
  2. necklace, bangle
  3. ring, utensil
- B.
1. barber
  2. tailor
  3. woodcutter
  4. chef
- C.
- a rich man : a poor man, a beautiful girl : an ugly girl,  
a big pile : a small pile, a clever boy : a foolish boy

#### **STRUCTURE**

- A.
1. neatly
  2. carefully
  3. beautifully
  4. readily
  5. surprisingly
- B.
1. Joyful
  2. alert
  3. wrong
  4. gloomy
  5. tough
  6. tolerate

#### **FUN TIME**

In the morning I went to Husain's shop. I showed him the gold coin given to me by the Caliph. I said to him that I would give him that gold coin for a shave for myself and a complete shave for my friend, waiting outside. Hussain readily agreed. He first shaved me and then asked for my friend. I took him outside pointed a donkey as my friend. Hussain got angry. He reluctantly agreed to shave the donkey for he wanted the gold coin.

Everybody started laughing seeing Hussain shave a donkey. At this, Hussain got angry and went to the Caliph. Caliph told him that he made a bargain and he had to stick to that. He also said that if he would give the pack saddle back to me, he need not shave my donkey. Hussain readily agreed. In this way I got my pack-saddle and Hussain learnt a lesson.

### COMPOSITION

Once upon a time there were three friends. They lived in a village. One day they went to the forest to cut the wood. In the forest they found a bag full of gold coins. They got very happy and decided to share the gold among each other. They thought that there was no need to cut the wood now. They decided to eat good food. One of their friends went to the market to purchase the lunch. The two friends who stayed back made a plan to kill the third one so that they could share the gold coins between one another. The third friend who went to purchase the food thought of killing the two of his friends so that he only would have the gold coins. So he poisoned the food. When he returned back to the forest, the two friends killed him. The two friends were now very happy and started eating the food. Soon they also fell dead. In this way, the greed for the money caused the doom of the three friends.

### CHAPTER 6 : THE COUNTRY MOUSE AND THE TOWN MOUSE

#### Understanding the text :

- A. 1. The country mouse lived in a hole under the stones of a wall like a prince. He stored up all sorts of food there for himself and his family.  
2. The town mouse met the country mouse at his house-a hole.  
3. The two mice could not eat the food because they didn't like the food.  
4. When the party was over, the two, mice came out and ran up the table and started to nibble the remains of the delicious feast. Suddenly a man came in with two dogs. The two mice ran to a hole.  
5. The country mouse started reaching home to preach a lesson of satisfaction to his wife and family.
- B. 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True

#### WORD POWER

- A. 1. huge 2. above 3. open 4. worst 5. impossible 6. answer 7. dirty  
8. careless 9. small 10. appear.
- B. 2. cook 3. beak 4. heat 5. fee 6. hut 7. fog

#### STRUCTURE

stale	more stale	most stale
ugly	uglier	ugliest
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
precious	more precious	most precious
less	lesser	least
large	larger	largest

happy                    happier                    happiest  
safe                      safer                        safest

- B. 1. He worked hard but he failed.  
2. Mohit is writing and Preeti is playing.  
3. She looks merry because it is her birthday today.  
4. Everybody respects him because he is an honest man.  
5. Walk slowly otherwise you may fall.
- C. 1. first 2. big 3. highest 4. injurious 5. a glass of 6. this

### **COMPOSITION**

Do it yourself.

### **FUN TIME**

1. MOUSE 2. ELEPHANT 3. TIGER 4. RABBIT 5. TOAD 6. DEER  
7. RHINOCEROS

### **CHAPTER 7 : ELEPHANT SCHOOL**

#### **A. Understanding the text :**

1. Karagudi is in Tamil Nadu.
  2. The school in Karagudi is a school for baby elephants. Here, the baby elephants are kept for training.
  3. The teachers in this school are called trainers.
  4. The elephants perform Pooja by ringing the bells. They also offer flowers to the statues of the Gods.
  5. The children who win bravery awards get to ride on elephants on the Republic Day.
- B. 1. False 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. True

### **WORD POWER**

- A like : dislike, trained : untrained, obey : disobey, reward : punishment,  
brave : coward
- B. 1. know, no  
2. ate, eight  
3. plane, plain  
4. new, knew
- C. 1. Elephant is the biggest land animals.  
2. They like trekking in the mountain.  
3. I go to school everyday.  
4. My mother is very special to me.  
5. This place is famous for its scenic beauty.

### **FUN TIME**

1. CHURCH 2. BENCH 3. WATCH 4. TORCH 4. BUNCH

## COMPOSITION

An elephant is a big animal. It picks up food and other things with its trunk. It eats bananas and sugarcane. A grown up elephant weighs about three tons and has a height about nine feet.

Elephants live in jungle. They always walk in herd. They can swim very well. An elephant is a useful animal. They can carry big and heavy logs of wood with their trunks. They can even drag rocks. Their tusks are sharp and long. Elephants have wrinkly skin. Elephants should be loved and cared for.

## CHAPTER 8 : ARUN IS UNWELL

### A. Understanding the text

1. Arun does not want to go to the doctor because he was suffering from high fever.
2. The doctor examined him and gave him an injection and medicines to eat.
3. The doctor gave Arun the injection.
4. Arun and his mother went to the chemist to buy the medicines prescribed by the doctor.
5. Arun is an intelligent boy.

B. 1. watery, headache 2. fever 3. injection 4. prescription 5. intelligent

### WORD POWER

A. Do it yourself.

B. 1. Pilot 2. Doctor 3. Librarian 4. Farmer 6. Fireman 7. Teacher

C. Do it yourself.

### STRUCTURE

- A. 1. Arun is as short as his sister.  
2. They were as happy as their friends.  
3. Amit is as tall as Robin.  
4. Milk is as white as curd.

B. 1. bee 2. dog 3. swan 4. dog

### FUN TIME

Health is Wealth

### COMPOSITION

This boy does not have healthy eating habits. On day 1, he eats ice-cream. On day-2, he eats chocolates. On the third day he buys food from the vender and eats. On the day-4, he falls sick. On the fifth day, doctor comes to examine him and gives him injection. He advises him to eat healthy food. On the sixth day he feels good and goes to school.

## CHAPTER 9 : THE NUMBER BATTLE

### Understanding the text

- A. 1. Sanya was unhappy at first because she saw that she got zero in Maths.  
2. Zero was unhappy because Number One said that it was nothing.  
3. Sanya said that zero was the greatest.

4. 35 would have the greatest value when zero is added to it.  
B. 1. pitilessly 2. greater 3. battle 4. zero 5. one, twenty

### **WORD POWER**

- A. **Angry actions** : Clash, battle, scrap, shoot, fight.  
**Angry sounds** : scream, cry, shout, roar, yell  
B. happy : unhappy, now : then, stop : start, greater : smaller,  
shame : pride, laugh : cry

### **STRUCTURE**

- A. 1. saw, rose, walked, spoke, drew, ran, flew, cut, fell, sold, wore  
B. 1. itself 2. herself 3. ourselves 4. themselves 5. themselves.

### **COMPOSITION**

Do it yourself.

### **FUN TIME**

Do it yourself.

## **CHAPTER 10 : THE ASHOKA CHAKRA**

### **Understanding the text**

- A. 1. Ashoka Chakra was included in our National Flag to honour the great king Ashoka and to help the Indians to remember his teachings.  
2. King Ashoka's empire was called Mauryan empire.  
3. Ashoka built many new cities and beautiful parks. He built free hospitals for the people. He planted trees along the roads.  
4. Ashoka saw the dead bodies of brave soldiers lying in the battlefield. He heard moaning of wounded soldiers. and crying of women and children. He was filled with sorrow and his heart changed.  
5. We can see the Ashoka Chakra on our National Flag.  
B. 1. Ashoka was born about two thousand years ago in a rich kingdom which was very big.  
2. In childhood Ashoka 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 he could shoot a flying bird.  
4. The neighbouring kings were jealous as well as afraid of Ashoka's powers.

### **WORD POWER**

- A. **Happy Words** : glee, glad, cheer, bliss, gloss, delight, joy, happiness, thrill  
**Sad words** : despair, woe, unhappy  
B. 1. Battle field : The piece of ground on which a battle is fought.  
2. Capture : Take as prisoner  
3. Jealous : Envious of someone else's achievements  
4. Conquer : Take control of  
5. honour : High respect

- C. honour : dishonour, beautiful : ugly, best : worst, fast : slow, strong : weak  
few : many, war : peace

**STRUCTURE**

- A. 1. many 2. much 3. many 4. much 5. many  
B. a girl, a box, an ostrich, a dog, a tub, a bird, an orange, an egg, a pen.  
C. 2. He looks unhappy. 3. He looks sad.

**COMPOSTION**

Do it yourself.

**FUN TIME**

Do it yourself.

**CHAPTER 11 : THE SHOOTING MATCH**

**Understanding the text :**

- A. 1. Sahadev was thinking that Dronacharya, their teacher must have kept the target very difficult and strange.  
2. Arjun said that they were lucky because they had Dronacharya as their teacher.  
3. The target was a small wooden bird with the glass eye on a distant tree.  
4. Duryodhana could see the bird, the tree and his brothers standing near him.  
5. Yudhisthir was able to see the bird and the tree.
- B. 1. Kauravas 2. Dronacharya 3. target 4. eye 5. shoot, only the target

**WORD POWER**

- A. 1. princess 2. daughter 3. queen 4. authoress 5. sister 6. hostess  
7. teachress 8. grandmother 9. aunt 10. heroin
- B. 1. bow 2. arrow 3. bird
- C. 1. deer 2. write 3. two 4. sea 5. hail 6. hair 7. sale 8. mail 9. hear

**STRUCTURE**

- A. long, lucky, brave, good, difficult, strange, wooden, distant, small.
- B. 1. Give me the letter to mail.  
2. Amit sharpened his pencil.  
3. The sky was beautiful at sunset.  
4. The lion bit the zookeeper.  
5. This sentence does not make sense.  
6. Monkey and gorillas like ripe bananas.

**COMPOSITION**

Do it yourself.

**FUN TIME**

Do it yourself.

**CHAPTER 12 : THE KID'S CLUB**

**Understanding the text :**

- A. 1. The three children lived in Sangam Apartments.  
2. Sarita did not like the staircase because it was dark and dirty.

3. The children had fun by ringing the bells of few flats purposelessly.
4. No the old man wasn't angry with the children.
5. Rahul slipped and hit his leg against the railing.
6. Sam Uncle finally said that he along with the children could form a kid's club in his spare room.

B. 1. staircase 2. bells 3. door, oldman 4. bandaged 5. twinkle

C. 1. true 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true

### **WORD POWER**

- A. 1. whisper : Speak very softly.  
 2. uproar : A loud and emotional noise.  
 3. slipped : lose one's balance and slide.  
 4. mutter : Say in a voice which can barely be heard.  
 5. naughty : Badly behaved.

### **STRUCTURE**

- A. 1. Don't play on the road.                      2. Don't be late for the school.  
 3. Don't eat stale food.                              4. Don't run on the road.
- B. 2. He is going to climb the bus.    3. He is going to eat in the hotel.  
 4. He is going to drive the car.

### **FUN TIME**

Do it yourself.

### **COMPOSITION**

Once Arjun bought an umbrella for Rs. 100 from a shop. Arjun was going home. It was a hot day. The sun was shining brightly. Arjun opened his umbrella. Suddenly it started raining. He found that he is getting wet, although he had opened his umbrella. He found that there was a hole in the umbrella. He got very angry. He returned back to the umbrella shop to return his defected umbrella. On reaching the shop, he gave the defective umbrella. The shopkeeper gave him a new umbrella.

## **CHAPTER 13 : WISDOM ALWAYS WINS**

### **Understanding the text**

- A. 1. Akbar was a wise Mughal emperor who ruled over India many years ago.  
 2. Birbal was one of the navratans in Akbar's court.  
 3. The nine clever men in the court of Akbar were called navratans.  
 4. Birbal took the poor man to the king because he was in dire need of money. The poor man promised to spend a night in the cold lake to get big reward from the king.  
 5. Birbal put his pot of rice so far above the fire to make the king understand that like the heat of the flames could not reach the pot, similarly, the old man didn't feel the heat of the light burning on the palace while standing all night in the cold water of the lake.

- B. 1. Birbal said to Akbar.                      2. The poor man said to king Akbar.  
      3. Akbar said to Birbal.                      4. Akbar said to Birbal.

- C. 1. true 2. false 3. true 4. true

**WORD POWER**

- A. wise : foolish, rich : poor, laugh : cry, reward : punishment,  
     cold : hot, full : empty, big : small

- B. 1. Solomon was a wise king.  
     2. It was foolish of me to believe him.  
     3. The poor man starved his children as he could not buy food.  
     4. Birbal had sharp wit.  
     5. The warmth of woollen clothes made him feel better in that chilly weather.

C. clever	cleverer	cleverest
intelligent	more intelligent	most intelligent
foolish	more foolish	most foolish
cool	cooler	coolest
warm	warmer	warmest
poor	poorer	poorest
rich	richer	richest
light	lighter	lightest
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
honest	more honest	most honest
sincere	more sincere	most sincere

**STRUCTURE**

- A. 1. wise 2. clever 3. different 4. chilly 5. poor, royal  
     B. 1. wrote 2. had died 3. had left 4. had stood 5. had finished 6. ate

**COMPOSITION**

Once a crow found a piece of bread. He sat on a tree to eat the bread-piece. A hungry fox was passing by. He saw the crow and the piece of bread. He wanted to eat the bread-piece. He came near the tree. He told the crow that he sings very good. Listening this, the crow got very happy. The fox requested him to sing a song. As the crow opened his beak to sing, the bread fell down. The clever fox quickly took it and run away. The foolish crow couldn't do anything.

**FUN TIME**

Nothing is impossible for a wise man.