**19. THE WORK OF A FARMER**

**The outline:**

1. How he works.

2. Easy or hard life.

3. Why his work is important.

4. The end.

The life of a farmer is hard. He works from early morning till late in the evening in a distant corner of the country. Yet, no one cares much for him.

But the work of a farmer is very important. He produces food for people in the towns and other places. Without him there would be no food around. People would not be able to do with their work.

Even doctors who save lives, cannot do their work without the food that the farmer grows. In the same way, teachers, engineers, clerks and all others must have food before they can do their work. Yet, very few people think of the importance of the farmer’s work.

We think of the farmer only when there is no food around. We are then forced to grow our own food. So we cannot do any other work. Even doctors many have to grow their own food if the farmer fails to grow food for them.

All these show how important the work of the farmer is.

**Word-meaning:**

**Distant = far away.**

**Produces = grows.**

**A. VOCABULARY AND WORD ENRICHMENT**

**Fisherman** /ˈfɪʃərmən/ (n) = person who earns his living bby catching fish = dân chài lưới

**Adventure** /ədˈvɛntʃər/ (n) = exciting and risky undertaking = sự mạo hiểm

**Excitement** /ɪkˈsaɪtmənt/ (n) = state of strong emotion or feeling = sự sôi nổi, phấn khích

**Catch** /kætʃ/ (n) all fish caught at one time = một mẻ lưới

**Distant** /ˈdɪstənt/ (adj) = far = xa

**To cast** /kæst/**, cast, cast** = to throw the net into the water with force = quăng lưới

**To break out** = to start suddenly = nổi lên, bộc phát

Ex:

- The fire broke out during the night while everybody was sound asleep.

Đám cháy bùng lên trong đêm trong lúc mọi người đang say ngủ.

**CUỘC SỐNG CỦA MỘT DÂN CHÀI**

**Ghi chú: đầy mạo hiểm và phấn khích. Ông ta trở về lúc sáng sớm để bán mẻ lưới – chiều tối lại ra khơi – đánh bắt cá sôi nổi – nhiều loại cá – thích thú được trông thấy và đánh bắt – có lúc ngư phủ bị lâm nguy – bão tố – nhiều ngư phủ bị thiệt mạng.**

Cuộc sống của một dân chài ra khơi thì đầy rẫy mạo hiểm cùng phấn khích.

Sáng sớm ông ta trở vào bờ để bán mẻ lưới đánh được của mình. Thế rồi ông trở về nhà để nghỉ ngơi đôi chút và thăm gia đình. Đến chiều tối ông lại cùng các bạn chài khác ra khơi. Họ tiến ra các vùng xa trên biển cả để đánh bắt những con cá to nhất cho mình.

Việc đánh bắt quả thật hào hứng. Khi chiếc lưới được quăng xuống biển rộng hàng trăm con cá bị bắt. Chúng thuộc nhiều chủng loại khác nhau, và được trông thấy đủ loại cá nằm gọn trong lưới thì thật là thích thú.

Nhưng có lúc sinh mạng của một dân chài cũng bị đe dọa thực sự. Khi một trận bão nổi lên, ông ta phải chống chọi thật gian khổ để giữ lại mạng sống của mình. Nhiều ngư phủ đã bị thiệt mạng ngoài biển khơi.

Như vậy, cuộc sống của một dân chài thật hào hứng nhưng cũng đầy nguy hiểm.