

UNIT - 9**A Shooting Test****ACTIVITY - 1**

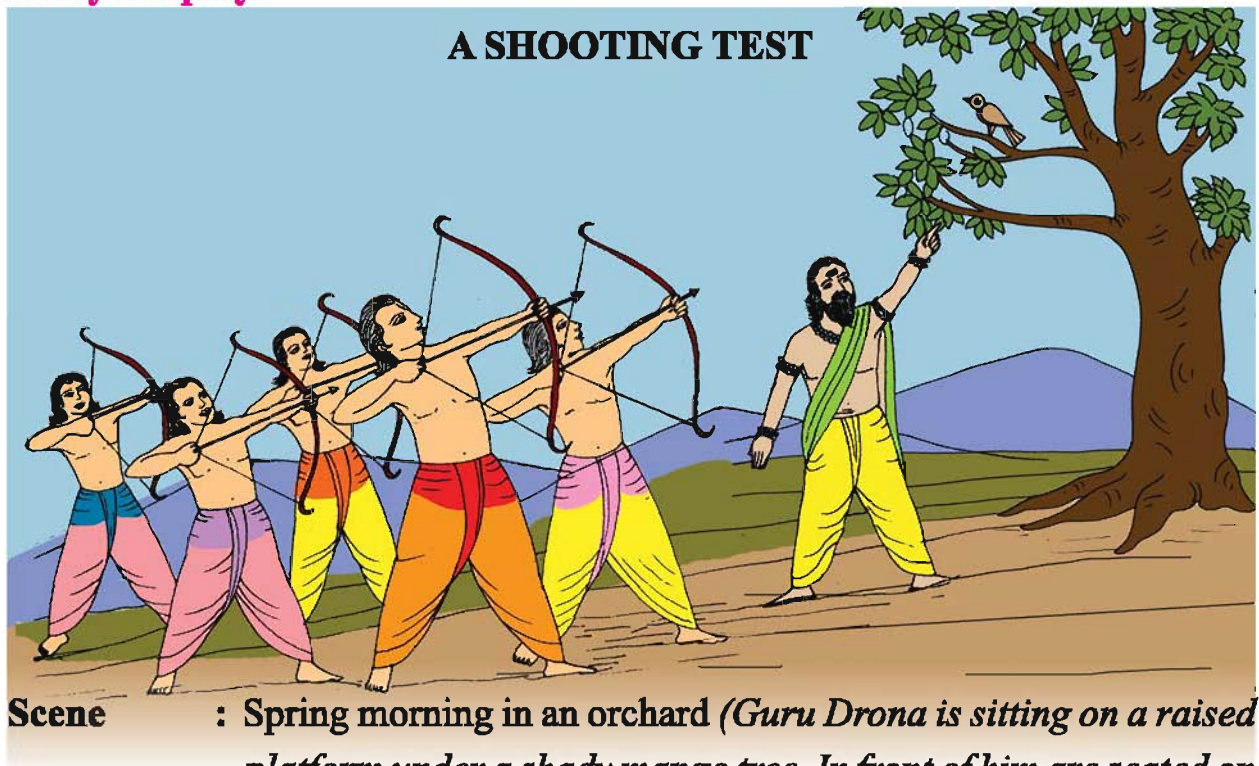
Identify these sports persons. They specialize in rifle shooting and have brought laurels to the country.





ACTIVITY - 2

Study the play.



Scene : Spring morning in an orchard (*Guru Drona is sitting on a raised platform under a shady mango tree. In front of him are seated on the ground the Pandav and the Kaurav princes. Guru Drona is speaking to them.*)

Bhim : (*Stands up with folded hands*) Guruji, I am sure the lesson is over. Can I go now? I feel very hungry. (*Some princes laugh and some giggle.*)

Guru Drona : (*With a beaming face*) Bhim, of course the lesson is over but the test remains.

Bhim : Test ? Sir, when are you going to give us a test?

Drona : We'll commence it soon. Is everybody ready?
(*He looks at the princes for a response.*)

All princes : Yes, Guruji we are.

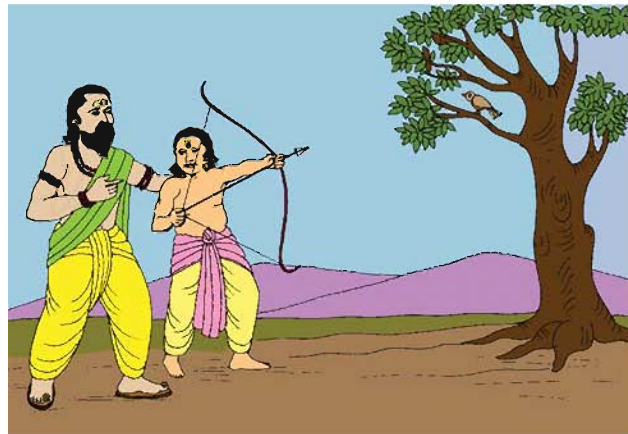
Bhim : But what's the test? Please tell us something about the test, Guruji.

Drona : There is a bird in the tree. You have to shoot it in the right eye. Understood ?

All : Yes.

Drona : Go and fetch your bows and arrows.

(Guru Drona is standing near a peepal tree. All the princes have assembled around him. They are armed with their bows and arrows.)



Drona : Bhim, how about you ? Are you ready? The test begins with you.

Bhim : Me, Guruji ? But you know well, I'm not so good at archery as others are. I am good at using the mace.

Drona : Don't worry Bhim, come forward. Take aim and be ready.

Bhim : Yes, Guruji.

Drona : Bhim, before you shoot, tell me what do you see now?

Bhim : The branch, the bird and the sky. Guruji, can I shoot ?

Drona : No don't. Your test is over. Take your seat.

(Bhim and other princes are surprised to hear the Guruji's words. Drona now looks at Duryodhan. Duryodhan comes forward for the test.)

Drona : Duryodhan, are you ready ?

Duryodhan : Yes, Guruji, I am.

Drona : Before you pull the string, tell me what do you see ?

Duryodhan : I see many things – the tree, the branch the bird, the sky and....

Drona : Stop Duryodhan. Don't shoot. Your test is over, too.



(Duryodhan like Bhim is also surprised. He goes back to his place.)

Drona : Sahadev, it is your turn now.

(Sahadev is lost in thoughts. He comes forward carrying his bow and arrows.)

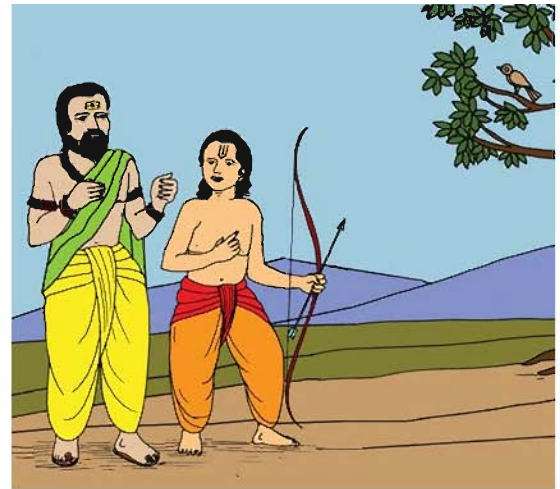
Drona : Take aim and wait for my command.

Sahadev : Sir, I am ready.

Drona : Sahadev, tell me what do you see now ?

Sahadev : Guruji, I see so many things. Of course, I see the bird but I also see the tree top and the sky beyond.

Drona : Don't shoot the bird. Sahadev. You may take your seat.



(Dushasan is called to take the test. He goes and stands close to Drona. Slowly he places his arrow on the bow and pulls the string and is ready for shooting.)

Drona : Tell me Dushasan what is visible to you?

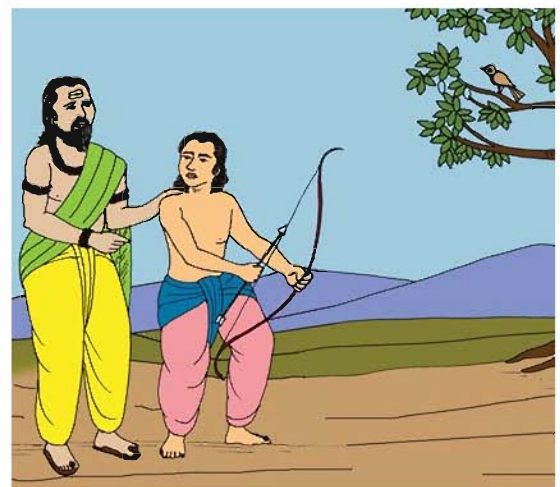
Dushasan : Guruji, my eye sight is very good. I can see everything around me. Can I shoot now ?

Drona : You need not. Your test is over too.

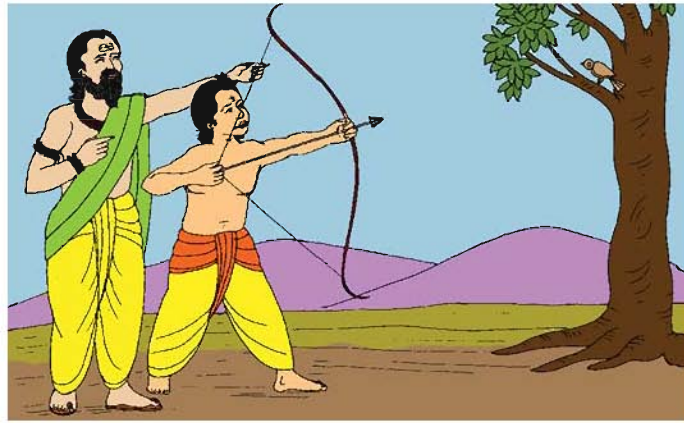
(Thus, Drona calls the other princes one by one. Their answers make him sad. At last, he invites Arjun for the test.)

Drona : Arjun, get ready and take aim.

(Arjun carries out the order



of his Guru and waits for his command.)



Drona : Tell me what do you see now, Arjun?

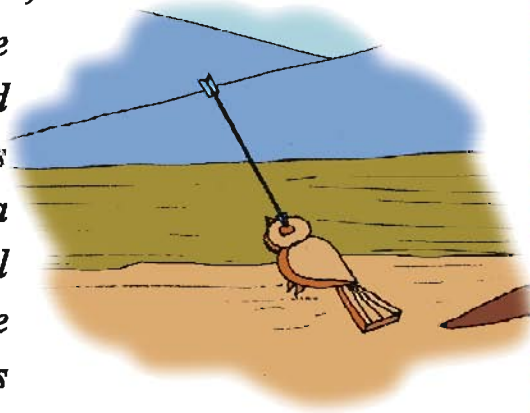
Arjun : Sir, I see only the right eye of the bird.

Drona : What about the bird, its head and the branch on which it is placed?

Arjun : Sir, I see nothing else except the right eye of the bird.

Drona : *(With a great sense of satisfaction)* Shoot.

(In the twinkling of an eye, the bird falls down on to the ground with a thud. Arjun's arrow is there in its right eye. For a moment there is a hush all around. Then suddenly all the princes cheer Arjun for his extraordinary feat. Drona goes to Arjun and blesses him.)



Drona : Bravo Arjun! You have passed the test.

(Drona looks at the princes and addresses them)

Drona : Drear disciples, it wasn't just a shooting test. It was a test to test the power of your concentration. Arjun concentrated so well that he saw nothing but the target – the right eye of the bird. Therefore he succeeded. You can also do the same thing if you always focus on the target.

Key Words

orchard – an area or land where fruit trees are grown

beaming face – a face with a wide and happy smile

commence – to start something

fetch – to go and bring something

ACTIVITY - 3

Answer the following questions.

1. Why does Bhim want to go away?

2. What does Guru Drona ask the princes to fetch? Why?

3. What does Duryodhan see at the time of shooting?

4. Who is asked to take aim after Duryodhan?

5. What is Dushasan proud of? Is he allowed to shoot?

6. What makes Guru Drona sad?

7. Who is the last one to take the test? What does he see?

8. What does Guru Drona say about the test?

9. Who succeeded in the test? Why?

ACTIVITY - 4

Study the following antonyms.

A

Visible

Ordinary

Satisfaction

Sense

B

invisible

extraordinary

dissatisfaction

nonsense

Note that, the antonyms are formed by adding the prefixes "in", "dis", "extra" and "non".

Now read the following words and form their antonyms by adding appropriate prefixes.

agree, active, vegetarian, comfort, efficient, fine, smooth, violent, stop, stick, capable

ACTIVITY - 5

Quiz champion Ashwini is answering some questions. Her answers are given below. Frame questions for the quiz master by choosing appropriate question words given in the box.

How often, How many, What, When, Who, From where

QUIZ MASTER	ASHWINI
Example: What is the sun?	A star
_____ did Gandhiji start the Dandi march?	Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad
_____ is the capital of Pakistan?	Islamabad.
_____ was the first Indian to go into the space?	Rakesh Sharma.
_____ meter are there in one kilo meter?	One thousand.
_____ colours are there in the Indian flag?	Saffron, white, green.
_____ did India win first the world cup in cricket?	1983.
_____ are the Olympic games held ?	Every four years.

ACTIVITY - 6

In this lesson you have come across expressions like the following :

1. **We'll** commence soon.
2. But **what's** the test about?
3. **Don't** shoot.
4. It **wasn't** just a shooting test.

In these sentences the words in bold type are contraction of "we will", "what is", "do not", "was not". We generally use contraction in speech. Study the contractions of other words given below.

I am	– I'm	I will	– I'll	He is	– He's
We would	– we'd	you are	– you're	will not	– won't
They have	– they've	let us	– let's	does not	– doesn't

Now write the following sentences using the contractions.

1. What is your father?
2. Where will you go in the evening?
3. It would be easy to answer the question.
4. I will not be able to attend school tomorrow.
5. Let us go out.
6. I do not like to do my homework.
7. My mother does not go to the office.

ACTIVITY - 7

Rewrite this passage with appropriate punctuation marks and capital letters.

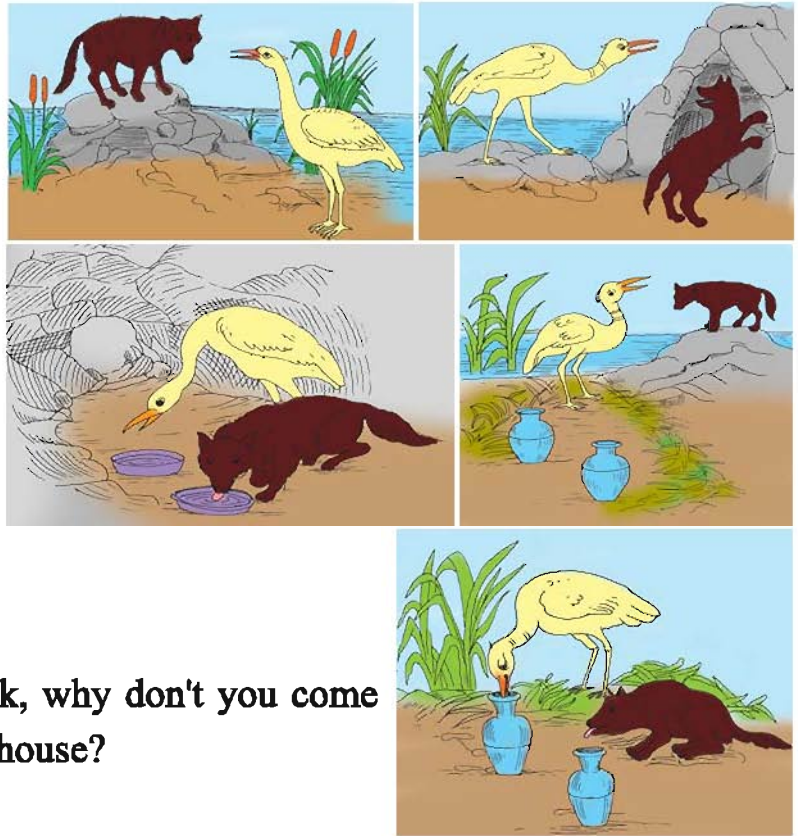
which books are yours asked maya these three are mine said tarun and those are johns where is mine asks maya that's yours on the shelf replied tarun no its not said maya that's kokilas I know its kokilas because its cover is torn.

ACTIVITY -8

Complete the following story:

There was a fox and a stork. They were good friends. One day they met and talked...

But what we have is an incomplete conversation. Read it carefully and supply the missing parts.



Fox : Dear friend stork, why don't you come for dinner to my house?

Stork : _____

Fox : Very well, we shall meet tomorrow evening.

Stork : _____

The stork reached the house of the fox. He was surprised. The meal was served in plates.

Stork : Why have you used a plate for me? I will not be able to eat the meal.

Fox : _____

The stork went home hungry but did not forget the insult. A few days later he invited the fox for a meal.

Stork : Welcome my friend. I am waiting for you.

Fox : _____

Stork : Here is a delicious meal for you.

This is my pot and this one is for you.

Fox : _____

Stork : I can eat very well from the pot as you could do from the plate.



