



## FIFTEEN

# A FRESH PAIR OF EYES

**New Vocabularies:** Wealthy, Trip, Spend, Nearby, Challenge, Happiness, Pool, Import, Yard, Horizon, Servant, Serve, Beyond, Sight, Around, Grow, Protect, Speechless, Realize, Care for.

### 15.1 | Ask and answer the questions in pairs.

Example: How do people who cannot see by their eyes view the world?

Answer: People who are not sighted (or cannot see) have a stronger mind. They generally listen better than the sighted people. Their listening ability and fresh mind help them view their surroundings. Hence, they can feel their surroundings in the same way as sighted people can feel.

**a) Where do you live?**

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**b) What things (e.g., river, house, restaurant, yard, tree, etc) can you see in your surroundings?**

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**c) What do you like most about your surroundings? Describe two of these.**

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**d) Is there anything you do not like about your surroundings? What is that? Give one reason.**

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## 15.2 | Read the story.



One day, a wealthy father took his son on a trip to the village. He wanted to show his son how people lived there in the village. They spent a few days and nights in a nearby house. The son closely saw their everyday lives- their challenges and happiness.

After their return from the trip, the father asked his son how he liked the trip. “It was great, Dad,” the son replied. “Did you see how life can be?” the father asked. “Oh Yeah,” said the son.

“So what did you learn from the trip?” asked the father. The son answered, “I saw we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches the middle of the garden and they have a river that has no end. We have imported lights and they have the stars at night. Our balcony reaches the front yard and they have the whole horizon.”

“Again, we have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve each other.”

“We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our house to protect us. But they have friends to protect them.” The son added, “Now, I know how happy they really are.”

Hearing the boy, the father became speechless and realized that city life doesn't always make us happy. It's love and care for others that make us happy.

### 15.3

**Read the story again and rearrange the sentences given below to retell a story.**

গল্পটি আরেকবার পড়ো এবং নিচের বাক্যগুলোকে সাজিয়ে গল্পটিকে আরেকবার লেখ।

- a. They stayed there for a few days and nights.
- b. The son replied, “Now I understand that they are happier than us.”
- c. One day a rich father visited a poor farmer's family with his son.
- d. After their return, the father asked his son, “Have you understood how difficult to live in the village?”
- e. The father wanted to show his son how it was to live in the village.

## 15.4 | Read the story again and discuss the questions in pairs.

**a. How many characters are there in the story? Who are they?**

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**b. Why did they go on a trip?**

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**c. Which character (either father or the son) do you like more? And why?**

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**d. What is the most interesting part of the story?**

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**e. What have you learned from the story?**

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## 15.5 | Read the following note and discuss the characteristics of a story in groups/pairs.

নিচের Noteটি পড়ো এবং দল/জোড়ায় গল্পের বৈশিষ্ট্য আলোচনা করো।

**Note:** A story has a beginning and an end, character/characters, time, place, incident, and theme. These characteristics make a story different from a poem or an essay.

## 15.6 | Read the story 'Into the Wild'. Identify and write the following characteristics of the story.

নিচের গল্প Into the Wild পড়ো। গল্পের নিচের বৈশিষ্ট্যগুলো চিহ্নিত করো এবং লেখ।

- **The beginning**
- **The end**
- **Characters**
- **Incidents**
- **Time**
- **Place**
- **Theme**

**Vocabulary:** Puppy, Shyest, Brave, Quiet, Curious, Insect, Unfamiliar, Butterfly, Wonder, Follow, Deep, Sibling, Notice, Afraid, Immediately, Search, On behalf of, Gather, Venture





## Into the Wild

Long ago, there was a big jungle beside a lake. In that jungle, there lived a wolf with his family. His den was under an oak tree. There he lived with his wife and four puppies. Their names were Mini, Mo, Tiny, and Joe. Among them Mini was the shyest, Mo was the bravest, Tiny was the quietest, and Joe was the most curious.

The various plants, animals, birds, and insects of the jungle were unfamiliar to them. They were very amazed to see all these. Suddenly Joe saw a butterfly on a leaf of a tree. He was wondered by the colorful wings of the butterfly. The butterfly started to fly, and Joe started to chase it.

Following the butterfly, Joe went deep into the jungle. His siblings were playing by themselves. None of them noticed his leaving. After a while, they noticed that Joe was missing. They started calling Joe by name, but there was no response. They were afraid and returned to their den.







In the evening their parents returned. They came to know everything. They started to look for Joe.

By this time, Joe realized that he was lost in the jungle. He tried but could not get back home. He met an elephant and asked about his parents and siblings. The elephant knew nothing about Joe's family or home. So, he took Joe to a monkey.

The monkey could not help Joe either. He told them to look for an owl. The owls are the birds of night and know everything. They finally found an owl. Luckily, the owl knew Joe's family, and she offered to take Joe to his home.

Joe's parents had returned home after searching for hours. As they were about to enter their den, they saw Joe coming along with the owl, the elephant, and the monkey. Joe's siblings were happy to see Joe and ran to greet him. The father thanked the owl, elephant, and monkey for their help. And they entered the den. As the night fell, the wolf called his puppies around him and said,

**“Listen to me child  
Don't dare alone into the wild  
As  
The lone wolf dies  
But the pack survives”**



## 15.7

Discuss in groups and write a description individually on the illustrations. You can also choose other themes.

দলে আলোচনা করো এবং এককভাবে/নিজে নিজে নিচের ছবিগুলোর যে কোন একটির বর্ণনা লেখ।

**Note: While writing the description follow the guidelines below:**

- Select the theme.
- Decide the time and place
- Now think, how will you start and end the description?

### a. A Starry Night







**b. A Riverside House**



**c. A Green Field**



**d. A Forest**



**e. A Wide-Open Playground Containing a Banyan Tree**