



Working With the Text (Page 11)

Answer the following questions (Refer to that part of the text whose number is given against the question. This applies to the comprehension questions throughout the book.)

1. What did Patrick think his cat was playing with? What was it really? (2)

Ans: Patrick thought that his cat was playing with a little doll. It was, in fact, a very small-sized man, an elf.

2. Why did the little man grant Patrick a wish? (2)

Ans: Patrick had saved the tiny man's life from the cat by not handing him back to the cat. So he promised to fulfil one wish of Patrick.

3. What was Patrick's wish? (3)

Ans: Patrick hated doing homework. His greatest wish was that the little man should do all his homework till the end of the session.

4. In what subjects did the little man need help, to do Patrick's homework? (5, 6)

Ans: The little man needed Patrick's help in maths, English and history.

5. How did Patrick help him? (7)

Ans: Patrick sat beside the little man and guided him. He brought books from the library and read out to him.

6. Who do you think did Patrick's homework - the little man, or Patrick himself? Give reasons for your answer. (9, 10)

Ans: It was Patrick himself who actually did all the homework. He had to help the elf again and again with guidance and books.

Working with Language

A. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the words or phrases from the box. (You may not know the meaning of all the words. Look such words up in a dictionary, or ask your teacher.)

semester between you and me look up

1. Some people find household_____ a bore, but I like to help at home.

2. Who stole the diamond is still a_____.

3. This_____ we are going to have a class exhibition.

4. _____, the elf began to help Patrick.

5. Can you_____ this word in the dictionary?

6. I started early to be on time, but I was_____. There was a traffic jam!

7. She says she's got a lot of books, but_____ I think most of them are borrowed.

Ans:

1. chores

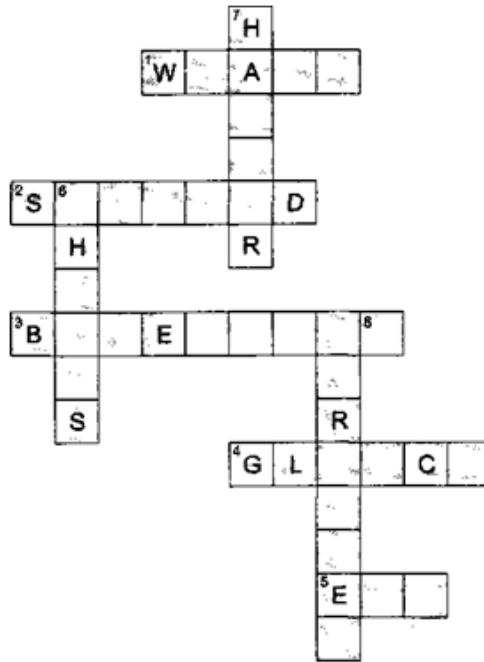
2. mystery

3. semester
4. True to his word
5. look up out of luck
7. between you and me

B. Use the clues given below to complete this crossword puzzle.

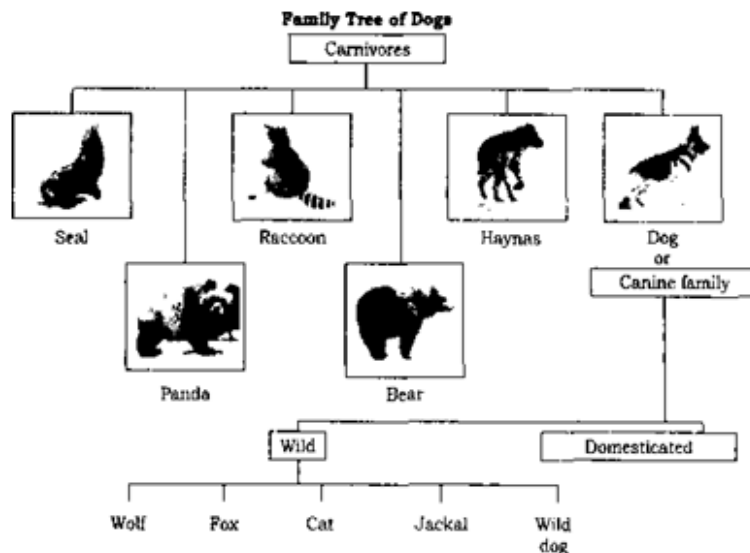
Across

1. Very tired
2. had an angry look on the face
3. short trousers
4. a fault in a machine that prevents it from working properly
5. a small and naughty boy-fairy



Down

6. work that must be done everyday, often boring
7. a basket with a lid
8. have a short, high-pitched cry



Speaking (Page 13)

1. In the story Patrick does difficult things he hates to do, because the elf pretends he needs help. Have you ever done something difficult or frightening, by pretending about it in some way? Tell your classmates about it.

Or

Say what you feel about homework. (The words and phrases in the boxes may help you.) Do you think it is useful, even though you may not like it? Form pairs, and speak to each other.

For example:

You may say, "I am not fond of homework."

Your partner may reply, "But my sister helps me with my lessons at home, and that gives a boost to my marks."

(not) be fond of (not) take to (not) develop a liking for
 (not) appeal to (not) be keen on (not) have a taste for
 support assist with the aid of
 help be a boon give a boost to

Ans:

1. I am not very fond of keeping my room clean and tidy.
2. But my sister does all this for me.
3. I have not developed a liking for non veg.
4. But my elder brother does not support me.
5. I have taken to playing football.
6. I have developed a liking for chess also.
7. I appeal to my friends to play some game.
8. Sports can be a boon in career making.
9. They give a boost to my confidence.
10. My deskmate is keen on getting 'A' grade.
11. I hope he will assist me also in preparing my lessons.

Writing (Page 13)

A. This story has a lot of rhyming words, as a poem does. Can you write out some parts of it like a poem, so that the rhymes come at the end of separate lines? For example:

Patrick never did homework. 'Too boring', he said.

He played baseball and Hockey and Nintendo instead.

Ans. The man of the tiniest size
was true to his word and wise
Patrick saved the elf from the cat
The elf promised to do all that
Patrick loved sports and hated homework
He wasted his time, and studies shirk

B. Look at these sentences.

1. 'Too boring,' he said.

2. Cleaned his room, did his chores.

When we speak we often leave out words that can easily be
guessed.

We do not do this when we write, unless we are trying to write as we
speak (as in the story).

So, if we were to write carefully, we would say:

- Homework is too boring, he said.
- He cleaned his room and did his chores.

C. Rewrite the following incomplete sentences carefully, so that the
reader does not have to guess what is left out.

1. more and more books.

2. too difficult.

3. got up late, missed the bus.

4. solved the mystery.

Ans:

1. The writers and poets read more and more books.

2. This personal question is too difficult to answer.

3. When I got up late yesterday morning, I missed the school bus.

4. Lord Krishna solved the mystery of life after death.

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