IIT Madras

ONLINE DEGREE

SWAMI & FRIENDS
CHAPTER 3

Read the following:

Swaaminathan ran daun gruve street, turnd tu his riet, threded his vai thru Abu Lane, stud befor a lo rufed, dingi howse and gev a lo visil.

What is wrong about the lines given above? If the lines are readable to us, then have you ever wondered why the spelling of words is different from the way we pronounce them?

Read out aloud at a slow tempo

Swaminathan ran down Grove Street, turned to his right, threaded his way through Abu Lane, stood before a low roofed, dingy house, and gave a low whistle. He waited for a second and repeated it. The door chain clanked, the door opened a little, and Mani's head appeared and said: 'Fool! My aunt is here, don't come in. Go away and wait for me there.' Swaminathan moved away and waited under a tree. The sun was beating down fiercely. The street was almost deserted. A donkey was standing near a gutter, patiently watching its sharp shadow. A cow was munching a broad, green, plantain leaf. Presently Mani sneaked out of his house.

ACTIVITY

1. Put the letters in the right order. One has been done for you.

doost	stood
gtetur	
odbar	
dnure	
rpsha	
iteihsw	
stmola	

2. Some words have more than one meaning. For example: chain

Meaning:	Noun-	• A series of objects connected one after the other, ornamental and decorative forms etc.
	Verb-	• to fasten or secure with a chain: *to chain a dog to a post.* • to confine or restrain: *His work chained him to his desk.*

Look up the following words in the dictionary. They may have more than one meaning. List these meanings.

Ground	
Survey	
Scrap	
Tempting	
Sternly	

- Rajam's father lived in Lawley Extension (named after the mighty engineer Sir Frederick Lawley, who was at one time the Superintending Engineer for Malgudi Circle), which consisted of about fifty neat bungalows, mostly occupied by government officials. The Trunk Road to Trichinopoly passed a few yards in front of these houses. Swaminathan and Mani were nervously walking up the short drive leading to Rajam's house. A policeman in uniform cried to them to stop and came running towards them. Swaminathan felt like turning and fleeing. He appealed to Mani to speak to the policeman. The policeman asked what they were doing there. Mani said in a tone in which overdone carelessness was a trifle obvious: 'If Rajam is in the house, we are here to see him. He asked us to come.' The policeman at once became astonishingly amiable and took them along to Rajam's room.

ACTIVITY

3. Arrange the following words in the order in which they would appear in the dictionary. Write down some idioms or phrasal verbs connected to these words.

Close	Break	Give	Piece	Look	Take	Once

For example: Close- a close call (Idiom)

Break	**Break the ice (Idiom)**
Give	Give away, Give up, Give out (Phrasal verb)
Piece	A piece of cake (Idiom)
Look	Look down, Look into (Phrasal verb)
Take	Take along, Take off, Take after(Phrasal verb)
Once	Once in a blue moon (Idiom)