

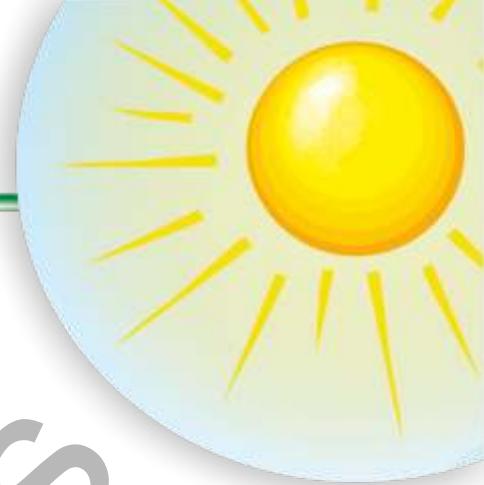


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Preface...



Crunchy English Reader, *an Integrated Course in English* is a series of carefully graded text books intended to guide the students. It is a series of 8 books for classes I to VIII. In this series students are guided to work out language related problems in a practical manner through activities and writing after imagining. The book in this series mainly focus on interactive language. This series is innovative resource which will give them a sense of achievement and extend their English reading in as natural way as possible.

Key Features of Course books of the Series

- ◆ Text helps in enhancement of students' aptitude for language. A pre-reading before each text is intended to make the learner conscious of the theme concerned.
- ◆ **Warm up** to check the students eye-sense from the picture.
- ◆ **Test your knowledge** section contains objective type questions that forces the students to read between the lines, interpret, analyse and arrive at conclusion.
- ◆ The section '**Vocabulary**' as well as offering them opportunities for vocabulary expansion.
- ◆ Grammar under the section '**Grammar Skills**' has been presented in a systematic manner using the contexts in the texts. Abstract explanations have been kept to a minimum. Interesting and meaningful grammar practice help the learners to have a better command over English.
- ◆ The section '**Writing Skills**' is extremely important for learners. The tasks in this section are both interesting and challenging. These tasks provide learners guidance and prompts to produce a range of functional and imaginative written texts.
- ◆ The section '**Speaking Skills**' offers highly interesting classroom material by encouraging learners to do oral tasks that highlight the use of English in dynamic and functional contexts.
- ◆ The section '**Listening Skills**' helps children to add to their own ideas to increase social awareness and to become accustomed to correct usage and to listen for desired information.

We hope that **Crunchy English Reader**, *an Integrated Course in English* will encourage pupils to become more successful language learners by attempting extrapolatory questions and hence by becoming better thinkers. Not only this but a sense of self-worth will also be developed in learners. Besides this series will engage learners effectively as well as cognitively.

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Be Humble

Pre-Reading



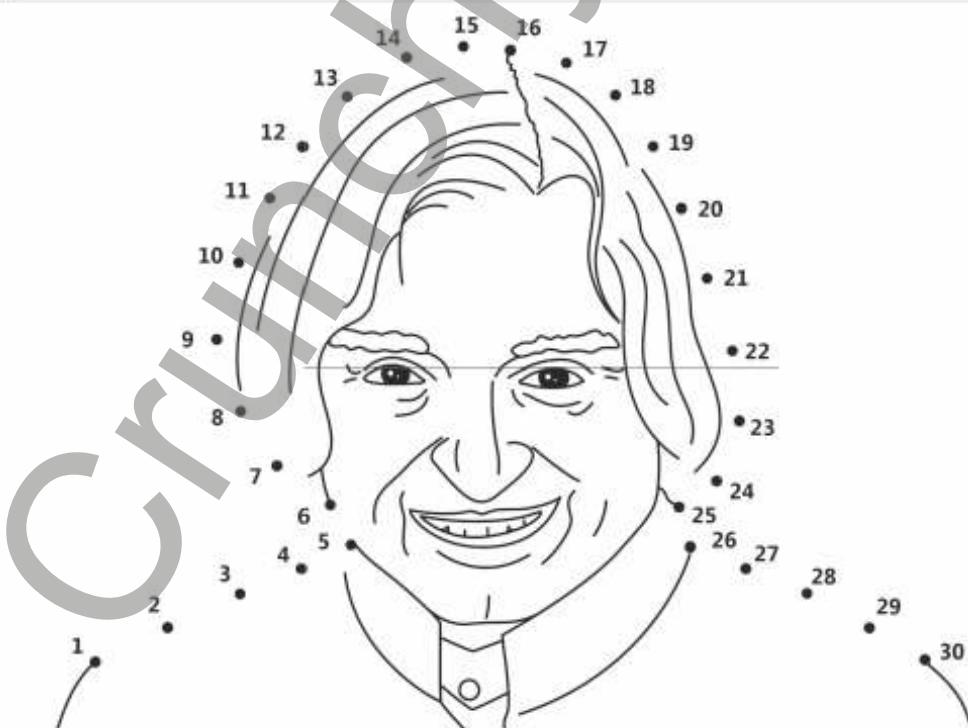
Do you know the power of being humble. A kind and humble person is liked by all.

When we are down to earth and treat everyone equal, we get respect and love in return.



Warm Up

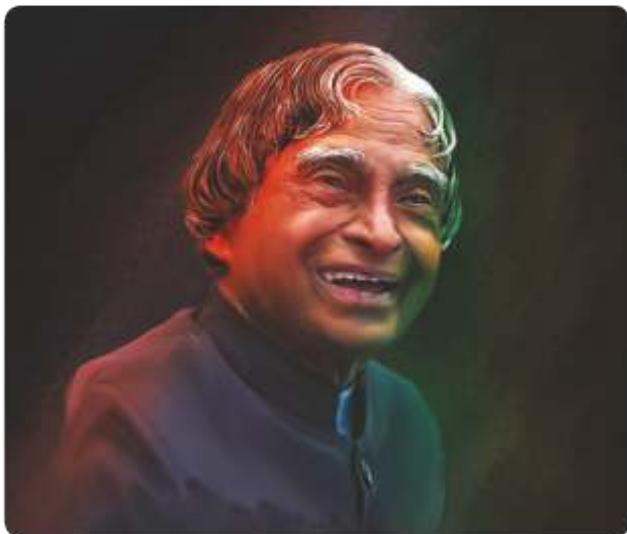
Connect the numbers and write the name of famous personality. Also colour the picture.





Read and Enjoy

Let's read a story of APJ Abdul Kalam and how he treated everyone with respect.



APJ Abdul Kalam, the 11th President of India, was born on 15 October 1931 in Rameswaram Tamil Nadu. He was a famous **scientist** who played an important role in the missile and nuclear programmes. He worked on various programmes to produce several **successful** missiles that earned him the **nickname** of "Missile Man".

During his first visit to Kerala after becoming the President in July 2002, he was invited to the Kerala's Raj Sabha and was **entitled** to invite anyone as the 'Presidential Guest'.

APJ Abdul Kalam had spent a **significant** time as a scientist in Trivandrum. He had become good friends with a **road-side** cobbler and an owner of a small hotel where he had his meals during his stay in Trivandrum. He invited them as the Presidential guests. Everyone at the event was **awestruck** by APJ Abdul Kalam's humbleness.

At an another event APJ Abdul Kalam was invited as the Chief Guest. There were five chairs on the stage. The middle one was bigger than the other four and was placed for the President while others were for top officials of the University.

Let's Talk

- Do you know who is the current President of India?

Be Moral

Do you think we should be kind and humble and treat everyone with respect? Why?

WORD-MEANING

scientist - a person who studies science, **successful** - to achieve a goal, **nickname** - a familiar name given to a person or thing, **entitled** - to give legal right, **significant** - outstanding, **road-side** - on the side pavement of road, **awestruck** – amazed



Think Out of Box

Do you like to do science experiments or projects? Do you know why does a ball fall back when we throw it in the air? Discuss.

APJ Abdul Kalam **refused** to sit on that chair and **instead** offered it to the **University** vice chancellor. The vice chancellor could not sit on that chair, but another chair of the same size was made available for the humble President.

From the Real World

Albert Einstein is considered to be one of the greatest scientists in the history. After completing his graduation Einstein could not get a job for nine years and was not considered intelligent enough. But Einstein did not give up and continued his studies. He finally got a job of a junior professor.

Do you think that Einstein's hard work and determination helped him become one of the greatest scientists?

Yes, Einstein did not give up on his goals and continued to study when he was not believed to be intelligent enough. He later won a Nobel Prize and many more awards for his science experiments.

WORD-MEANING

refused - declined, **instead** - rather, **university** - high level of educational institute

Test Your Knowledge

As per NEP 2020

A. Write True or False for the following statements.

1. APJ Abdul Kalam was the 5th President of India.
2. He played an important role in the missile and nuclear programmes in India.
3. He invited a roadside cobbler and an owner of a small hotel as the Presidential Guests.





2 The Perfect Wish

Pre-Reading



God has created all living beings- big and small we should always pray to God and thank god for all that we have.



Yes, God blesses those who do good deeds and help others. Helping others also brings us great joy.

Warm Up

Identify and write the names of different places of worship.



1



2



3

4



Read and Enjoy

Let's read the story of kind old woman who wisely asked God to grant her all wishes.

Long ago, there lived an old woman who was blind. She was kind-hearted. She helped the villagers in whatever way she could. She lived with her son and daughter-in-law in a hut. They were very poor. The old woman often prayed to God and asked for his **blessings** for every **creature** in the world.

Old woman : God, let everyone live in peace and shower your blessings on every **creature** of the world.

(God is pleased and appears in front of her.)

God : Old woman, I am very **pleased** with you. You are kind to your fellow beings and you worship me with great **devotion**. I grant you one wish. So, you may ask me for anything that you need.

Old woman : God, I want to thank you for all that you have given me. I don't know what I should ask for. I have all that what I want.

God : Then talk to your son and your daughter-in-law. They will help you to decide what to ask for.

(The old woman spoke to her son and daughter-in-law.)



Old woman : Son, God has granted me

WORD-MEANING

creature - a living being, **pleased** - happy, **devotion** - loyalty, **blessings** - god's favours



a wish. What should I ask for?

Son : Mother, ask for riches and wealth.

Old woman : (To the daughter-in-law) Ok. Now you tell me what should I ask for?

Daughter-in-Law : Mother, ask for a grandson.

Old woman : Fine. Now let me think. You have told me what each one of you wants. But, I would also like to talk to my best friend, our **neighbour**, and take her **advice**.

(The old woman pays a visit to her neighbour's house.)

Old woman : (To the neighbour) God has granted me a wish. What do you think I should ask for? My son told me to ask for wealth and my daughter-in-law wants me to ask for a grandson.

Neighbour : Well, I would suggest that you should ask for your sight so that you can see all the **wonderful** things around you and be happy for the rest of your life. I don't think you should ask for wealth or a grandson.

Old woman : You are right. But let me think about it. Anyway, thanks for the suggestion.

(The old woman thought for a long time and made up her mind. The next day ...)

God : I am sure that you have decided what to ask for. Tell me what you want.

Be Moral

Do you think being kind to others make us a good person?

Think Out of Box

- What will you wish for if God granted you one wish?

WORD MEANING

neighbour - the person living next door, **advice** - to guide, **wonderful** - very good





Old woman : God, please bless me that I can see my grandson drinking milk from a silver bowl.

From the Real World

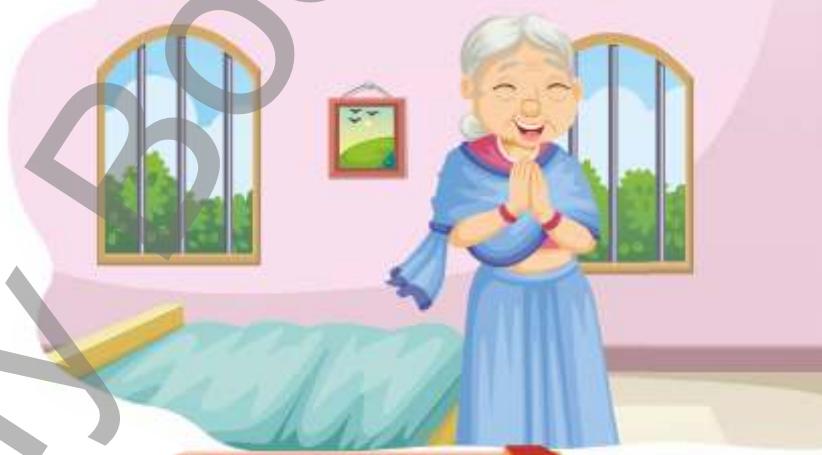
Reeta, a nine years old girl, is kind to others and helps others. One day while going to school, she saw a young child crying on the street alone. She asked the child, who had lost her way while going home with her mother. Reeta helped her to find her mother, who was also looking for her child. The mother thanked Reeta. This made Reeta very happy.

Do you think Reeta did the right thing by helping the young child?

Yes, we must help others in need and be kind to everyone.

God (smiled) : You have **tricked** me today. But, you will have all that you have asked for. After all, it was my promise. I always reward those who do good deeds.

Old woman : Thank you, God.



WORD MEANING

tricked - fooled

Test Your Knowledge

A. Write True or False for the following statements.

1. The old woman was kind-hearted. _____
2. God granted her many wishes. _____
3. The son asked his mother to ask for riches and wealth. _____
4. The neighbour suggested old woman to ask for a grandson. _____
5. The old woman asked to see her grandson drinking milk from silver bowl. _____

As per NEP 2020





3 An Act of Kindness

Pre-Reading



We share our Earth with animals and birds. It is their home as well it is ours. Just like us, animals and birds also have emotions and feel pain or being hurt.

It is our duty to take care of animals and birds who are hurt. Animals and birds also need love and care.



Warm Up

Tick (✓) the correct action.



Read and Enjoy

Let's read a story of a young girl who helped an **injured** cat and the joy she got from this kind act.

Prerna is a kind girl. One day, while going to school she stopped near a bush. There was a cat lying in the bush. The cat was injured. Prerna put her bag on the ground. She gently picked the cat. She soon **realised** that the cat was bitten by a dog. Putting the cat into the bag carefully, she returned home.

At home, her mummy gave some leafy vegetables to the cat. But, it did not eat because it was in pain.

"What will we do now, Mummy?" Prerna asked sadly.

"Don't worry Prerna, we will take it to the hospital."

"Which hospital?" Prerna was **curious**.

"There is a hospital for animals in the town," her mummy said.

Mummy and Prerna left for the town on foot. The town was about three-four kilometres away from their village.

At the hospital, the doctor examined the cat. He gave it some tablets and an injection. It was put into a large **enclosure**. Prerna and her mummy were watching everything.

Let's Talk

- Do you like to take care of animals? Why?

Be Moral

It is okay to hurt birds and animals?
Do you think they feel pain?



WORD-MEANING

injured - hurt, **realised** - to fully understand, **curious** - eager to learn,
enclosure - a closed area



Think Out of Box

Think of few acts of kindness towards other needy people.



There were many more birds and animals in different enclosures.

Soon, the cat was sleeping. Prerna was happy now.

From the Real World

Raina is eight years old. She is a kind girl and helps everyone in her neighbourhood. She is also kind towards animals and birds. She helps the elderly in various ways like crossing roads and daily chores.

Do you think like Raina, we should help elderly?

Yes, elderly people need help in their day-to-day life. We should help elderly and other needy people.

The doctor told them not to worry about the cat anymore.

"You can go home. The cat is going to live. It will not die. Your good **deed** will not go waste. You can take it home after two days," the doctor told them.

Hearing this, Prerna **clung** to her mother. Mummy kissed her.

Soon, they were walking back home happily through the green fields.

WORD-MEANING



deed - task, **clung** - hug





Who is Stronger-Sun or Wind!

Pre-Reading



Everyone has a different personality. Some of us are shy while some are over confident. We all are different from each other.



Yes, but being different does not mean that we are better than others. We should treat everyone with respect and as equals.

Warm Up

Colour the following picture.





Read and Enjoy

Let's read the conversation of the wind and the sun to prove themselves.

One day, the boastful wind **declared**

to the sun, "You know that I am the strongest and most **effective** of all the weathers!"

And the Sun replied, "All weathers can be strong and effective."

But the **stubborn** wind **disagreed**. : "All weathers are strong but I am the strongest of all," said the wind.

"Let us have a **competition** to prove this. The weather that makes people to remove the most of their clothing will show that they are indeed the strongest of all."

The Sun agreed to take part in the competition and suggested that the wind should go first. And so the wind blew and blew upon the Earth, creating first a light breeze, and then massive **gales** that swept across the lands below. People's hats flew off into the air and many were forced to hold their jackets and coats tightly, so that they would not lose them in the massive gale.



*Is it okay to look down on someone?
Should we argue with others to prove we*

- Enlist a few games or activities that

WORD-MEANING

declared - announced, **effective** - successful in giving results, **stubborn** - having a strong-will, **disagreed** - to have different thoughts, **competition** - a contest, **gales** - very strong wind



After many minutes of blowing and blowing, the wind had managed to cause a great deal of **chaos**. He had blown away many hats. He had swept away empty bottles, rubbish, newspapers and umbrellas. But he had not caused people to lose their clothes.

Next it was the turn of the sun. And the sun shone brightly in the clear blue sky, heating up the earth below until the people began to take off their clothes. First they removed their shoes, then socks, then jackets to stay cool in the lovely afternoon heat.

When the wind saw how effective the sun had been, he grew very angry indeed and caused the weather to change from sunshine to wind so that the people below had to put their clothes back on quickly. Wind could not believe that the sun had won the competition and proven himself to be the most effective of all weathers.

The rain and clouds, and the rest of the weather, all cheered for the sun and **hailed** him as the new hero. But the Sun immediately stopped the cheering and told everyone that he was not a hero at all and all the weathers are important in their own unique way. ‘There cannot be one of us without each other,’ explained the Sun. ‘Each of us plays an important role and depends on each other for creating the seasons.

Then the wind understood that everything and everybody is different. It is important not to feel that you are better than anybody else. Wind also understood how important it was to work as a team so that you might make the most of the strengths of those around you.



WORD-MEANING

chaos - confusion, **hailed** - praised





Peter Penguin's New Suit

Pre-Reading



Eating healthy food is important for our fitness and mind. Food provides us energy and makes our body strong.



Good eating habits makes us healthy. Our parents teach us good eating habits. We must follow our parents' advice.

Warm Up

Identify and write the names of healthy foods in the picture given below.



Healthy Food

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____





Read and Enjoy

Let's read a story of a penguin to learn how good eating habits keep us fit and healthy.

Peter penguin loved to eat candy, cookies and jelly beans.

"Peter, you must stop eating candy, cookies, and jelly beans," said his mom one afternoon.

"Okay, mom," said Peter penguin.

Let's Talk

- Do you like eating fruits and vegetables? Name the fruits and vegetables you like and dislike.

Peter penguin then went into his bedroom, closed the door and ate a large bag of jelly beans. "I really love jelly beans," smiled Peter.

At dinner that night, Peter was not hungry. He ate two peas, two string beans and one olive.

As Peter left the table, he thought, "It's okay not to eat mom's food, I have lots of jelly beans that I can eat."

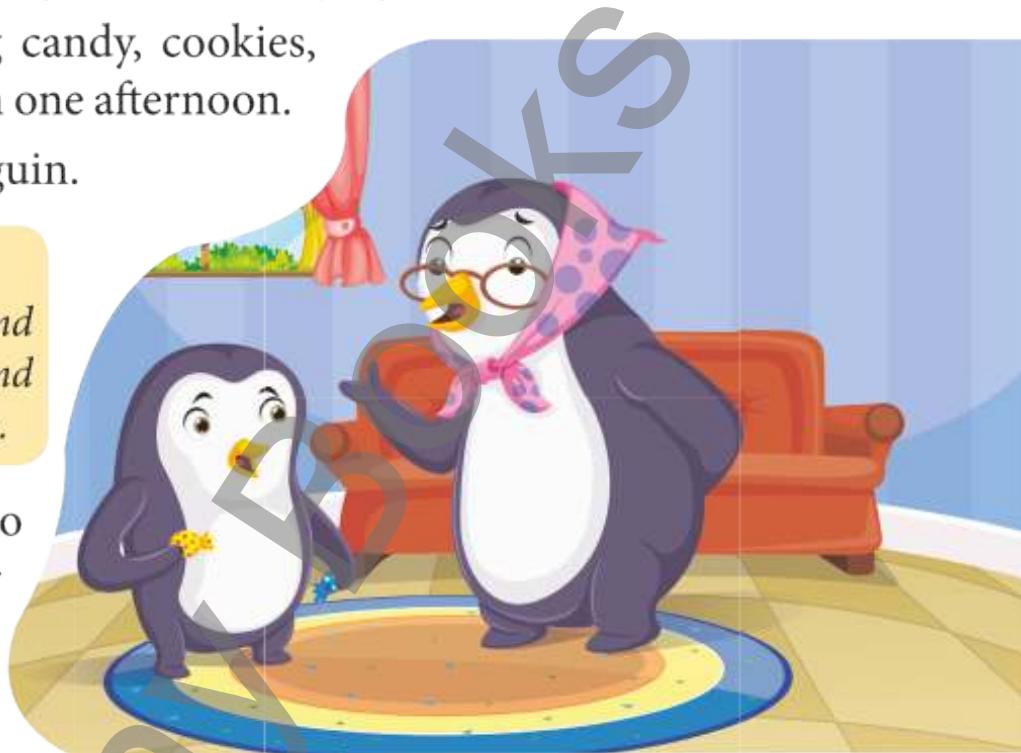
Peter needed a new penguin suit. He went to the penguin suit store with his mother to get a new one. All the suits were too small, None of the suits fit Peter.

Peter was very **upset**. He called out, "Mom, what am I going to do? **None** of the penguin suit fits me. What am I going to wear?"

WORD-MEANING



upset - unhappy, **none** - not any



Be Moral

Do you have healthy eating habits? Which foods help us become strong? Discuss.



Think Out of Box

What do you think will happen if we eat only unhealthy food like candies, junk food and cold drinks?

Peter mom smiled and said, "Peter, let's go home and talk. I know what you can do to fit into a new penguin suit."

From the Real World

Seven years old Ryaan does not like to eat vegetables and fruits and does not want to drink milk. He loves to eat burgers and drink cold drink. Slowly, he becomes unfit and falls ill frequently. His teeth and bones start to ache and needs to visit the doctor for being ill.

Do you think its okay to avoid vegetables and fruits and have only junk food?

No, junk food makes our body weak and does not help our body grow. It does not have the nutrition our body needs to stay healthy.

When they got home, Peter's mom said in a **gentle** voice, Peter there are three things you can do to solve your problem:

You can stop eating junk food and sweets.

You can start eating healthy foods like fruits, vegetables, **cereal**, chicken and fish.

And you can begin doing a bit of Jiggle, Jiggle, Jogging' each day."

'Sure mom, I can do these three things,' smiled Peter. And he did.



WORD-MEANING

gentle - kind , **cereal** - grains for food: wheat, maize, etc





Peter penguin ate healthy foods, 'Jiggle, Jiggle, Jogged' each day. He became healthy and strong and got a brand new penguin suit.

Test Your Knowledge ----- As per NEP 2020

A. Choose the correct option.

1. Peter penguin loved to eat _____.
a. carrots b. bananas c. jelly beans
2. Peter went to his bedroom and ate a large bag of _____.
a. jelly beans b. cookies c. candy
3. Peter ate _____ string beans at dinner.
a. one b. two c. three
4. Peter needed a new penguin _____.
a. suit b. jacket c. cap
5. Peter had to do _____ things to solve his problem.
a. two b. three c. four

B. Write True or False for the following statements.

1. Peter penguin loved to eat fruits, vegetables and drink milk. _____
2. Peter penguin ate a large bag of jelly beans in his bedroom. _____
3. Peter penguin needed a new swimming suit. _____
4. Peter penguin was very upset as none of the suits fit him. _____
5. Peter's mother asked him to begin eating healthy food and jogging. _____

C. Answer the following questions.

1. What did Peter penguin love to eat?

2. What did Peter penguin's mother ask him one afternoon?





Haste is Waste

Pre-Reading



Sometimes we do something without thinking. And it may lead to troubles. We also make decisions in haste and carelessly.

Hasty decisions may result adversely. We must always think before our actions.



Warm Up

Colour the following picture.



Read and Enjoy

Let's read a story about a decision made in haste.

This is a popular story adopted from Panchtantra. A long time ago, there lived a Brahmin named Deva Sharma with his wife. They were blessed with a son. The baby used to be alone for most of the time as the Brahmin went out to conduct religious rituals and the Brahmini got busy with the household work. The Brahmin thought of buying a pet animal for the baby who would not only protect the child but also give him company when both the parents were busy. The Brahmini was reluctant but agreed to have a pet later.

The next day, the Brahmin bought a mongoose for their child from the market. Soon, the Brahmin couple started loving the mongoose as their own child. Yet, the Brahmini sometimes feared that the mongoose could harm her son. After all, it was just an animal.

WORD-MEANING

adopted - taken, **conduct** - carry out, **rituals** - religious ceremony, **company** - to be with someone, **reluctant** - not willing



Let's Talk

- Who takes care of you at home when your parents are busy? Discuss.

Be Moral

Sometimes we say things without thinking before. Do you think it is okay? Why?





One day, the Brahmin had left early for the temple.

The Brahmini had to go out of the house to fetch water from the nearby pond. With a little apprehension, she left the child with the mongoose. Soon after she left, a cobra entered the home. The mongoose sensed the danger to the

Brahmin's son and attacked the cobra. He fiercely fought with the cobra and killed it.

When the mongoose heard the footsteps of the Brahmini, it joyfully went out to greet her. The Brahmini was terrified to see the blood stains all over the mouth of the mongoose. She concluded that the mongoose had killed the child. Without a second thought, she threw a heavy box at the mongoose which killed it instantly. The Brahmini stormed into the house to see the condition of her child. To her great surprise, she found her child peacefully sleeping in the cradle.

Think Out of Box

Have you ever regretted an action done in haste? Discuss.

Then she saw a snake torn into pieces lying near the cradle, she realized that the mongoose had saved her child. The Brahmini was full of sorrow and repentance at her hasty action.

WORD-MEANING

apprehension - fear, **fiercely** - powerfully, **terrified** - very fearful,
concluded - decided, **stormed** - to move quickly, **cradle** - a cot for baby





Tommy Apple Tree

Pre-Reading



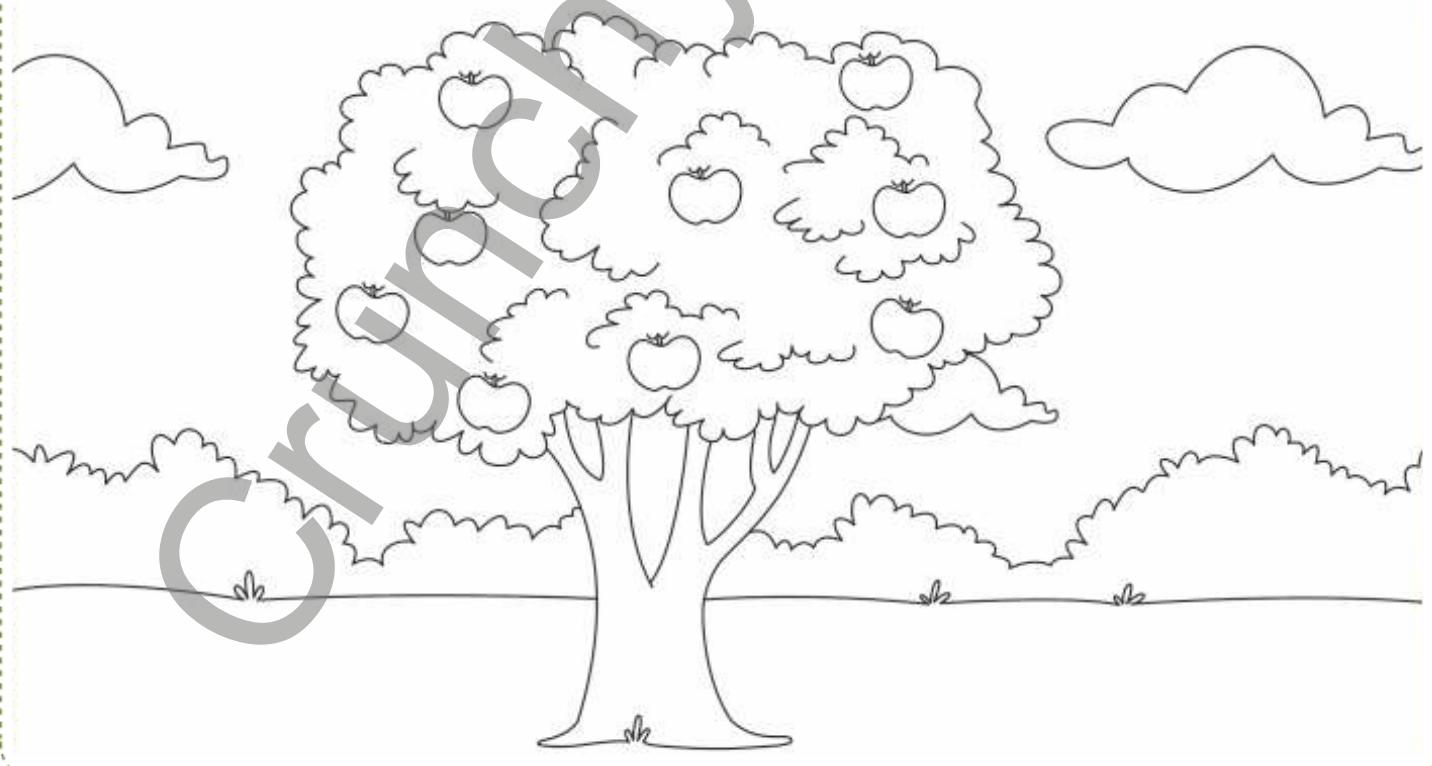
Setting goals in life is very important. When we work towards achieving our goals in life we face many difficulties, but we should not give up.

Yes, no matter how hard it may be, we must work hard to reach our goals.



Warm Up

Colour and count the number of apples on this apple tree.



Read and Enjoy

Let's read the story of a man who was determined and fulfilled his goals.

Once upon a time in America, there lived a man called Tom Fraser. He was a slim man of medium height. He had blue eyes and light-brown hair. Some people thought he was 'funny looking' because of the way he dressed. He did not wear a jacket, a hat or shoes. But he dressed himself in a **coffee sack**, wore a cooking pot for a hat, and travelled **barefoot**.

Tom Fraser wanted to make America a nicer place to live in. So, he got a big leather bag. He filled it with apple seeds.

When **spring** came, Tom dug holes. He put apple seeds inside them. Then he put soil over the seeds. He knew there would be many trees one day. He **planted** lots of apple trees so that no one would ever go hungry. So people called him Tommy apple tree.

But, Tommy was not alone. Animals were his friends. Most people were afraid of animals, but not Tommy.

Think Out of Box

- Write a few lines on how to grow a plant from planting a seed to growing fruits.

WORD MEANING

coffee sack - a jute bag used to store coffee, **barefoot** - without shoes,

spring - season after winter before summer, **planted** - to put a seed in soil to grow



Let's Talk

Do you have a goal in life?
Discuss it in the class.

Be Moral

Why do you think caring for others is important?



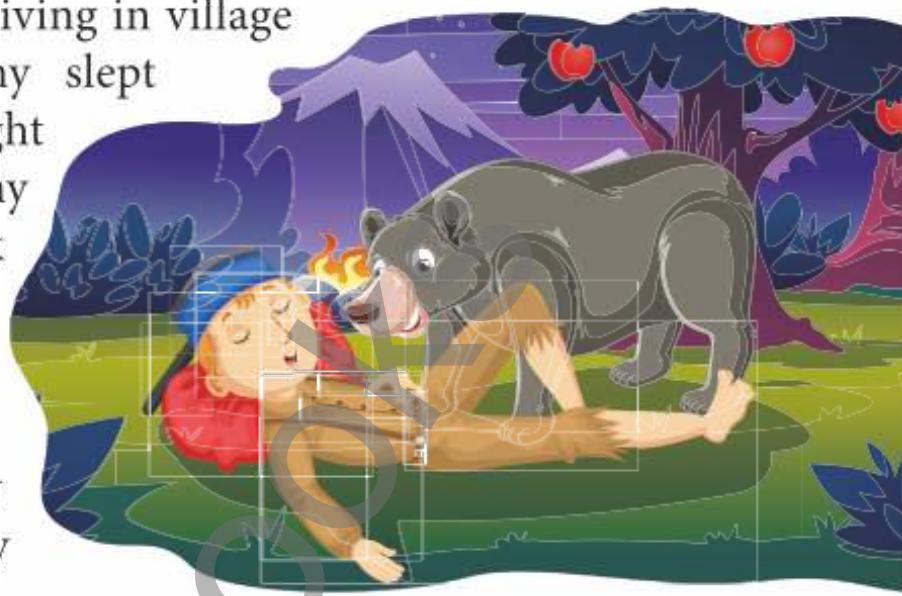


One day, a big black bear saw Tommy. It did not hurt Tommy, it knew that Tommy was a friend. The people living in village became his friends too. Tommy slept under the open sky. He would light a fire to keep himself warm. Tommy liked to lie on his back and look up at the sky. The wind blew, the owls **hooted** and the stars **winked** down at him.

Many years passed. Everybody liked Tommy. 'Stay with us,' they said.

But Tommy did not stay.

'I have work to do,' he would say. I am happy. The whole world is my home.



From the Real World

Lance Armstrong, one of the world's best cyclists, was determined to become the best cyclist. He worked hard to reach his goal. Lance practised everyday and won many championships. He won his battle against cancer and later on many awards in cycling.

Do you think determination and hard work helps us to win our goals?

Yes, with hard work and determination only we can achieve our goals. We can improve ourselves with practising repeatedly.

In the spring, the trees **bloomed** with white flowers. In **autumn**, there were apples-red, round and ripe. People made apple pies. They made apple jam for their bread and apple juice to drink. And children had apple trees to climb on. It was all because of Tommy Apple tree.

WORD-MEANING

hooted - to shout loudly, **winked** - to twinkle, **bloomed** - When flower grow,
autumn - season after summer and before winter





The Greedy Woman

Pre-Reading



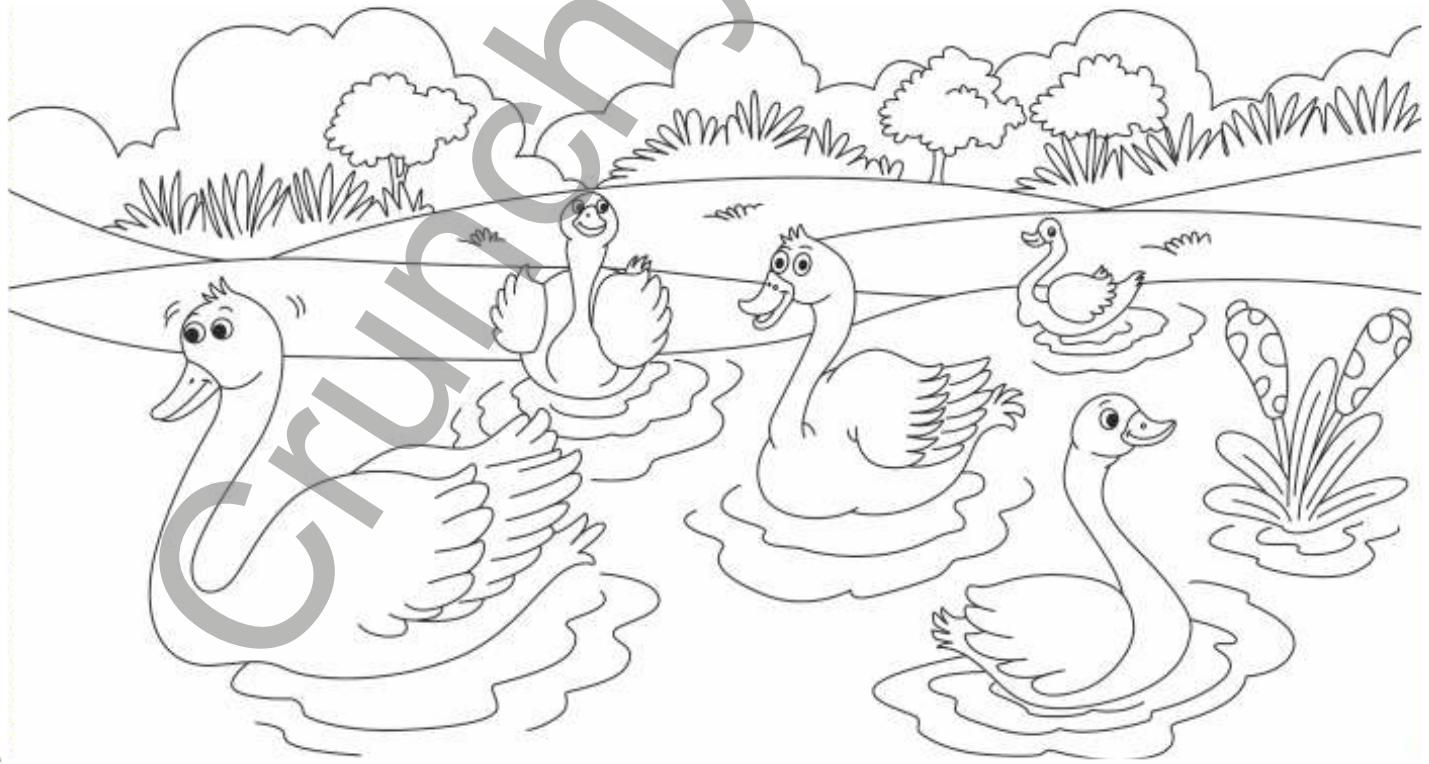
Sometimes we want more of what we already have. We might get greedy, but being greedy is very harmful for ourselves and others.

Greed is not good. We must be happy with whatever we have.



Warm Up

Colour the following picture.



Read and Enjoy

Let read a story. of a swan that had golden feathers and how a greedy woman harmed the swan.

Once upon a time, there was a swan/goose that had **striking** golden feathers. This swan lived in a pond. There was a house near this pond, where a poor woman lived with her two daughters. The swan found that the poor mother was passing a hard time with her daughters.

Let's Talk

What would you do if you find a swan with golden feathers? Why?

In a bid to help this family, it flew into their house. On seeing the swan inside the house, the woman said, "Why have you come here? "We have nothing to offer you".



Be Moral

Do you think we should harm others for our own benefit? Why?

The swan said, "I have golden feathers. I will give you my golden feathers one by one and you can sell them. With the money raised through it, you can easily live in comfort." So, it shed one of her feathers and then flew away.

WORD-MEANING

striking - uncommon,
in a bid - in order to,





So, the mother and her daughters were happily leading their life by selling the feathers of the golden swan.

But the mother became greedy. She wanted all the golden feathers. Next time, when the swan came, the mother caught her and pulled out all of her feathers.

The golden feathers of the swan changed into **ordinary** feathers. The mother was **shocked** to see ordinary feathers.

Think Out of Box

- Think of a few good deeds you would do for others in your family.

The swan said, "Now, my feathers are nothing more than chicken feathers for you. I am going from this place and will never come back." The mother felt sorry and **apologised** her mistake but all in vain.

From the Real World

Once a man was travelling and found a bag full of jewels and gold ornaments. He felt greedy and wanted to keep the jewels for himself. He took it home and gave them to his wife. However, the wife advised him to give it to the police or he could be jailed for stealing the bag. The man returned the bag to the police and got rewarded by the owner of the bag.

Do you think the man did the right thing by returning the bag?

Yes, greed can get us in trouble. We must not be greedy and do the right thing.

WORD-MEANING

ordinary - normal, **shocked** - surprised, **apologised** - to feel sorry

Test Your Knowledge

As per NEP 2020

A. Answer the following questions.

1. What was special about the swans feathers?





Wright Brothers and the Story of Aeroplane

Pre-Reading



Have you seen an aeroplane? How does it fly high – like a big bird in the sky?

It is so easy to travel by an aeroplane, we can fly to any part of the world in no time. But once people could not even dream of flying in the air on an aeroplane.



Warm Up

Colour the picture given below.



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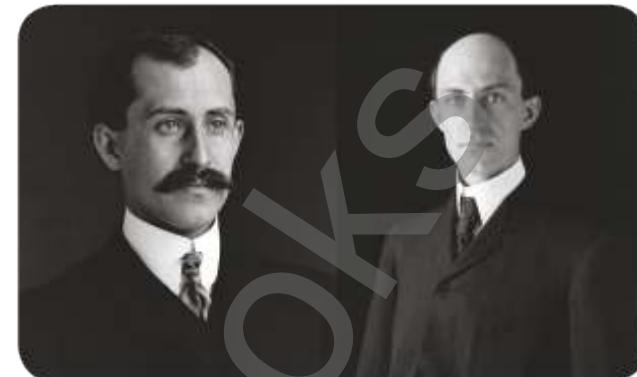
Let's read a story of how the Wright Brothers built the first aeroplane.

Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright **created** history when they **invented** the first aeroplane. They designed their first aircraft which was a small glider, that flew as a kite. (They slightly **arched** the tips of the glider wings to control its balance and movement.)

To get better idea, the Wright Brothers spent hours **observing** birds in the sky. (They noticed that birds **soared** up in wind and the curved **surface** of their wings helped them move up.)

Birds changed the shape and **flapped** their wings to turn and control their speed. The Wright Brothers thought that they could use this method and change the shape of the wings of the glider to fly it successfully.

Over the next three years, the Wright Brothers designed many gliders that were flown **unmanned** or without pilots. They realised that a good control of the flying aircraft was the most difficult problem. But they were not afraid of failure. After a successful glider test, they built and tested a big full-sized glider at Kitty Hawk in North Carolina. The place was suitable because of its wind, sandy soil, hills, and **remote** location.



Let's Talk

- Have you ever travelled by an aeroplane? If yes, then share your experience.

Be Moral

Why should we have an aim in life?
Discuss what do you aim to become when you grow up.

WORD-MEANING

created - made, **invented** - designed, **arched** - curved, **observing** - seeing, **soared** - to rise in the sky, **surface** - outside part or layer, **flapped** - to move up and down when flying, **unmanned** - without the need of men, **remote** - situated far away





In 1900, they were successful in flying a big 50 pound glider with 17-foot **wingspan** at Kitty Hawk again, both as unmanned and **piloted** flights.

In fact, it was the first glider having a pilot. They decided to build a bigger and better glider. Their thrill and excitement could not be expressed in words.

In 1901, the Wright Brothers flew the biggest glider ever flown. It weighed 100 pounds but many problems occurred. The wings could not lift high enough and sometimes, the airplane **spinned** out of control.

They were extremely disappointed but soon they overcame it. The love for adventure helped them move on. Later, they decided to build a new and improved glider with a tail to make it stable and a wingspan of 32 feet. In 1902, the Wright Brothers flew the glider many times. The moveable tail of the glider helped to balance the craft. They were happy to be successful. Next, they decided to build a motor-powered aircraft.

They designed a motor and a new aircraft. The aircraft weighed 700 pounds and was called the flyer. The Brothers built a **downhill** track to launch the flyer. This helped the aircraft to gain a good airspeed to fly. After two attempts to fly the machine, one of which was almost in a small crash, Orville Wright took the flyer for a 12 second flight on 17 December 1903. It was the first successful powered flight in history! In 1904, the flight lasted more than five minutes. The flyer was flown by Wilbur Wright.

Think Out of Box

What would do if for a day you have wings and could fly?



WORD-MEANING

wingspan - the distance across wings of an aeroplane, **piloted** - controlled by a pilot, **spinned** - turn round quickly **downhill** - towards the bottom



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