

Chapter 8: My Elder Brother

Reading is Fun

Question 1:

What are the things that Munna liked to do?

Answer:

Munna always liked to walk in the green fields in the gentle breeze. He also liked to play marbles, football, volleyball, kabaddi and he would sometimes fly paper kites.

Question 2:

What did Bhaiya do all day?

Answer:

Bhaiya studied all day.

Question 3:

Why was Munna not happy with the timetable that Bhaiya made for him?

Answer:

Bhaiya didn't keep any time for playing that's why Munna was not happy with the timetable.

Question 4:

How do you think Munna felt when his brother was so strict with him?
Why was Bhaiya so strict with him?

Answer:

Munna felt like running away and going back home when his brother was so strict with him.

Question 5:

Whose character do you like more — Munna's or Bhaiya's? Why?

Answer:

I liked Munna's character more because he could get good grades without studying all day long. Ideally, a person should do other things apart from studying. Munna had an interest and fascination towards playing games and admiring nature; that's why I consider his character more interesting than Bhaiya.

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Let's Talk

Question 1:

Do you have a timetable at school?

How many periods are there for the following subjects and activities in one week?

English ____, Hindi ____, Maths ____, Science ____, Social

Studies ____, Games ____, Art ____, Craft ____, Music ____,
Dance ____, Any other activity? ____

Answer:

Note: Students need to write on their own as answers may vary.

Question 2:

Now make a timetable for yourself including your study time and your play time.

Answer:

Day	School	lunch	Games	Homework	Study	Sleep
Monday	8AM	1.30PM	3.30PM	5.30PM	7PM	10PM
Tuesday	8AM	1.30PM	3.30PM	5.30PM	7PM	10PM
Wednesday	8AM	1.30PM	3.30PM	5.30PM	7PM	10PM
Thursday	8AM	1.30PM	3.30PM	5.30PM	7PM	10PM
Friday	8AM	1.30PM	3.30PM	5.30PM	7PM	10PM
Saturday	8AM	1.30PM	3.30PM	5.30PM	7PM	10PM

(Note: The above answer is only given for reference. Students should attempt the answer on their own.)

Creative Writing

The format of a letter is given to you. Letters to friends and close family are written in the same way as you speak to them.

Krishna Boys' Hostel

writer's address

Model Public School Kolkata

10th July, 2000

date

My dear Ma,

greeting

This is my first letter after the summer vacations. We started our classes the day after we reached the hostel. I have settled in well.

introduction

We have a new teacher for clay modelling and pottery. She tells us how to make fruits and vegetables with clay. We then paint them. They look so real.

body

We have an inter-house poetry recitation coming up in August. I am really excited about it. It is a long poem but we learn it together with our teacher.

It is nice to be back in school with my friends and teachers. I remember you and Baba a lot. Give my love to grandmother and grandfather.

ending

Do write back soon.

Your loving son

Pratap

closing

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Question 1:

After reading the letter, answer the following questions.

- (i) Who has written the letter? _____
- (ii) To whom has the letter been written? _____
- (iii) Where is the writer of the letter? _____
- (iv) What is the name of his hostel? _____
- (v) On which date was this letter written? _____

Answer:

- (i) Who has written the letter? Pratap
- (ii) To whom has the letter been written? Pratap's mother
- (iii) Where is the writer of the letter? Hostel
- (iv) What is the name of his hostel? Krishna Boys' Hostel
- (v) On which date was this letter written? 10th July, 2000

Question 2:

Now, write a letter to your friend or relative in another city telling him/her about activities/events in your school. Follow the same pattern as the above letter.

Answer:

H. No. 304,
Shubham Enclave,
Laxmi agar,
New Delhi.
10 September, 2014

Hi Deepak,

There has been a very eventful annual day in the school. It was such a memorable day that I had to write to you as soon as I could.

There was recently the celebration of the annual day in our school. The annual day celebration began with the Saraswati Puja. There were a few celebrities who visited as special guests. I had the chance to dance the Bharatanatyam with three other classmates. Later, there was prize distribution too. I won the gold medal for ranking first in the 200 meters race. We had some snacks during the event.

It was a moment of joy for all of us. I wish you were there to see me receive the gold medal. You can come to stay with us during the summer vacation. I can't wait to show you my gold medal and the annual day function pictures.

Hope to see you soon.

Your friend,

Rishi.

Comprehension

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Oliver was a nine-year-old boy. He lived with other homeless boys in an orphanage. He was pale and thin as were the other boys living there. This was because they had to work hard but were never given enough to eat. The owner of the orphanage, Mr Bumble, was a cruel man and he ill-treated the boys.

The boys were always hungry. It was true that they were given three meals a day but each meal consisted only of a bowl of watery soup. They were almost starving. So it was decided by them to ask the master for more soup. But who would bell the cat? Finally the task fell to Oliver.

When all the boys had assembled in the cold stone hall for their evening meal, the soup was served. It soon disappeared. The boys whispered to one another and one boy pushed Oliver a little. Oliver, making a brave effort, stood up, walked up to the master with his bowl and spoon in his hand, and said tremblingly, "Please sir, I want some more."

Question 1:

1. Why did Oliver live in the orphanage?

Answer:

Oliver lived in the orphanage because he was homeless.

Question 2:

Who was Mr Bumble?

Answer:

2) Mr. Bumble was the owner of the orphanage.

Question 3:

What meal were the boys given?

Answer:

The boys were given only a bowl of watery soup.

Question 4:

What did Oliver say to Mr Bumble?

Answer:

Oliver requested Mr. Brumble to give him more soup.

Question 5:

The boys were given three meals a day. Then why were they always hungry?

(i) Because the soup they were given was never enough.

(ii) Because they worked very hard all day long.

(iii) Because the older boys drank up their soup.

Answer:

(i) Because the soup they were given was never enough.

Question 6:

Find the words from the passage that mean the same as

(i) Very hungry (para 2)

(ii) to vanish (para 3)

Answer:

- (i) starving
 - (ii) disappear
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Question 7:

‘All the boys assembled in the cold stone hall.’ Here the word assembled means.

(i) moved away

(ii) collected

(iii) worked together

Answer:

(ii) collected

Question 8: From the word ‘assembled’ remove the last two letters. Add one letter to make a word which means a time at the school when the whole school gathers.

Answer:

Assembly

Question 9:

Give a suitable title to the passage.

Oliver’s childhood

(Note: Students can write their own answer)

Let’s Write

Question 1:

To learn means to understand or to gain knowledge. To teach means to show how or to explain. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of teach or learn.

learn	learns	learned	has learned
teach	teaches	taught	has taught

- (i) Will you _____ me chess?
- (ii) Mr Sharma _____ Class VIII.
- (iii) The students have _____ about 'road safety'.
- (iv) My sister has _____ me how to ride a horse.
- (v) I have _____ some of the customs of India.
- (vi) I _____ how to cycle when I was just four years old.

Answer:

- (i) teach (ii) teaches (iii) learned (iv) taught (v) learned (vi) learned

Question 2:

Choose the correct word and complete the paragraph:-

All the class V students of our school _____ (were/was) gathering in front of the Principal's office. They _____ (were/was) going for the inter-school race. The bus _____ (arrive/ arrived) and they _____ (leave/left) for the stadium. The runners were _____ (taking/ taken) to the starting point. The runners _____ (take/ took) their positions. Sir _____ (blow/ blew) the

whistle. One student of our school _____ (run/ran) fast and _____ (come/ came) first. Everyone _____ (do/did) their best and our school _____ (won/ wins) the trophy. Everyone _____ (feel/ felt/ fell) joyous.

Answer:

All the class V students of our school were gathering in front of the Principal's office. They were going for the inter-school race. The bus arrived and they left for the stadium. The runners were taken to the starting point. The runners took their positions. Sir blew the whistle. One student of our school ran fast and came first. Everyone did their best and our school won the trophy. Everyone felt joyous.

Question 3:

Read the following sentences.

- Bhaiya has been studying in the same class **for** two years. (for a period of time)
- Munna was flying kites **since** morning. (from a time in the past till the present)

Fill in the blanks using **for** or **since**.

Question 3 i) :

(i) I have lived in this house _____ I was a baby.

Answer:

I have lived in this house since I was a baby.

Question 3 ii):

This big jar has been in our family _____ many years.

Answer: This big jar has been in our family for many years.

Question 3 iii):

The old banyan tree in the village has been there _____ the last 200 years.

Answer:

The old banyan tree in the village has been there for the last 200 years.

Question 3 iv):

Nobody has seen him _____ yesterday.

Answer:

Nobody has seen him since yesterday.

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