

Chapter- 1

The Attic

STUDY NOTES

AT A GLANCE

- The chapter is all about how Afzal and his friends play on a rainy day.
- Afzal, Mohan and little Noorie were watching the great rain drops ran down the window glass.
- They waited for a long time but the rain didn't stop.
- Suddenly, Mohan got an idea to go up to the Attic and play. All of them agreed and went to the spacious place of the house.
- They found three brooms and began to play 'Soldier'. The attic was not very large but the children made space to play.
- While they were playing, Afzal's mother was baking her special cookies for them downstairs. Her secret was that she dipped the dough in sugar syrup to sweeten it.
- While preparing the food the mother could hear Afzal's command ('About turn') every time they reached one end of the room.
- When they became tired of playing 'Soldier game', they pulled down some old dresses and hats hanging on a peg, put them on and acted like grown-ups. Then out of an old box, they dragged a scrapbook full of pictures, and sat down to look them over.
- In the meantime, Lata (Afzal's friend) arrived. She was wearing a yellow raincoat and matching yellow galoshes. She had brought a basket with two of her extremely lovable kittens in it.
- When she entered the house, Afzal's mother said that Afzal and his friends were in the attic.
- So, Lata ran up to find them but she found that, all of them were fast asleep!

New words:

Attic – space or room inside the roof of a building.

Noisy feet – feet making a lot of noise

Dough – thick mixture of flour and water used to bake biscuits, cake and bread

Sweeten – to make something sweet

Dragged – pulled

Extremely – completely or very

Wrapped - covered

Galoshes – waterproof shoes, mostly worn over usual shoes

Answer key (MCB pg – 4)

Get Going

A. Let us find the answers from the story.

1. The children did not go out to play because it was raining outside.
2. The first game they decided to play was 'Soldier'.
3. While they were playing, Afzal's mother was baking cookies.
4. Lata was wearing yellow raincoat with matching galoshes.
5. When Lata went to the attic, she saw everyone slept.

Vocabulary junction

Suffix – A group of letters that is added at the end of a word is called a suffix.

1. Add –able

- a) eatable
- b) readable
- c) doable
- d) breakable
- e) washable
- f) enjoyable

2. Add –en

- a) shorten
- b) brighten
- c) soften
- d) moisten

- e) straighten
- f) darken
- g) sharpen
- h) blacken

3. Add –en or –able to the words given in the brackets to fill in the blanks.

- a) Sharpen your pencil.
- b) Those are glass bowls. They are breakable.
- c) Mummy's cupcakes brighten up my days.
- d) All the sums were doable.
- e) Moisten your hands to roll the dough.
- f) Dogs are lovable animals.
- g) She helped him loosen his tie.

Grammar junction

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the plurals provided.

- a) Farmer Raghu has many cows and two oxen.
- b) Mother asked Priya to wash her hands and feet after coming from the playground.
- c) We saw many deer in the zoo.
- d) Nimo picked tomatoes from the basket.
- e) We need tables, chairs and four board games for the children.

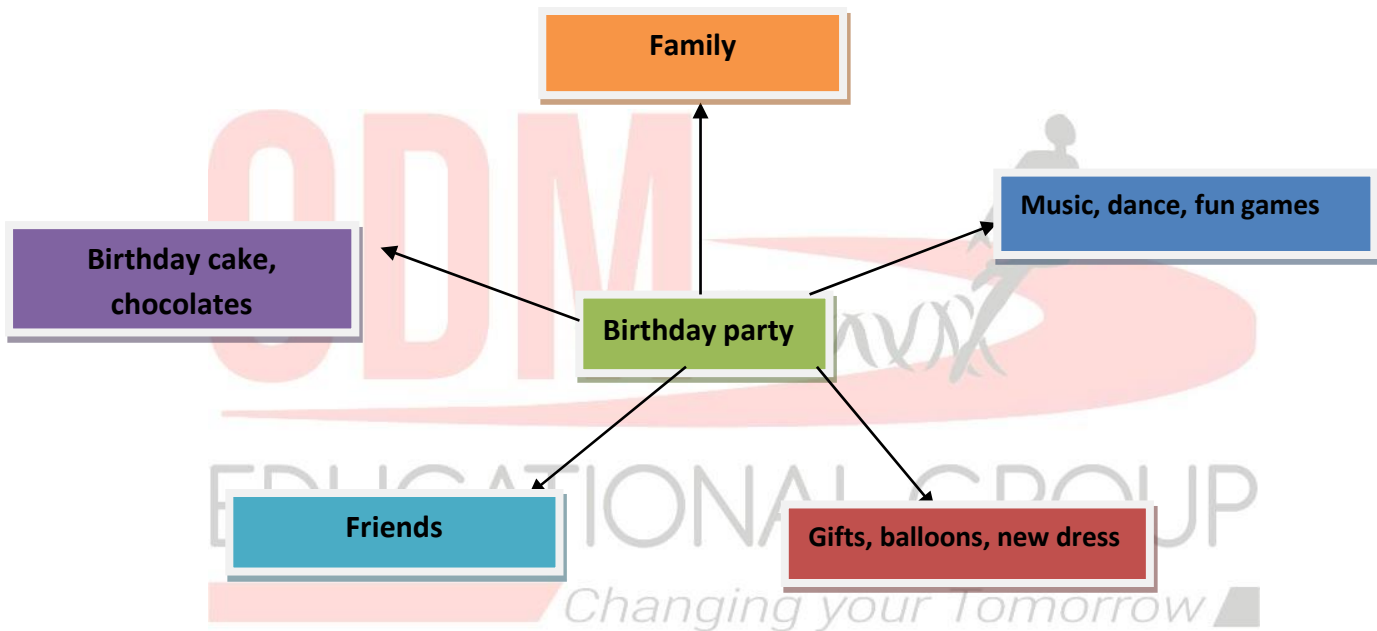
2. Answer the riddles by writing the plural forms of the words.

- a) We are stories.
- b) We are halves.
- c) We are potatoes.
- d) We are calves.
- e) We are brushes.
- f) We are geeses.
- g) We are your feet.

- h) We are sheep.
- i) We are your teeth.
- j) We are glasses.

Writing junction

Birthday party – Write five ideas about it and write a paragraph on the given topic.



My birthday is on April 10th. My parents have planned a small birthday party to celebrate my birthday. They will invite all our relatives and my friends to join the party on time. My mother will bake a huge chocolate cake for me. We will decorate the house with lots of colourful balloons. I have decided to buy a party dress for the special occasion. I know, like every year my parents will give a surprise gift to me this year also. We will play music on that day after cake cutting; we will dance and play games. I hope this year also we will have a great fun on my special day.
