## 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.

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Changing your Tomorrow

- 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.

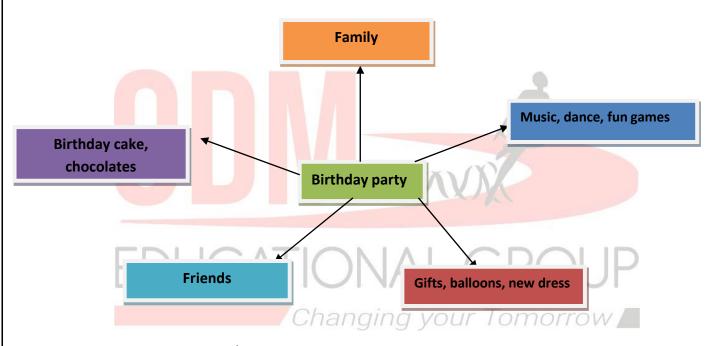
## **Grammar junction**

- 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. 9 your Tomorrow
- 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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