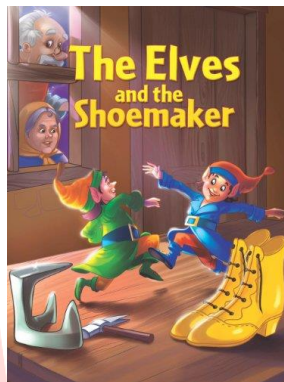


## Chapter- 5

# The Elves and the Shoemaker

## STUDY NOTES

### At a glance



- A poor shoemaker lived with his wife.
- He worked very hard to earn money for living.
- Sometimes they had to go to bed hungry as they had no money.
- One morning the shoemaker found a pair of beautiful shoes on his workbench.
- He wondered, 'Who could make such nice shoes?'
- He sold the pair of shoes and bought some bread and leather.
- Next morning he found some more beautiful and colorful shoes made out of the leather he had cut.
- The shoemaker and his wife decided to find out the secret behind these shoes.
- They hid in their workshop and found two tiny elves climbing through the window. At midnight.
- The elves wore torn and thin clothes.
- The shoemaker's wife decided to make tiny tights, coats and boots for them.
- Next day the elves arrived and were very happy to see the new clothes.
- The shoemaker felt grateful for the elves and thanked them.

### Word Basket

1. workbench
2. leather
3. scissors

4. snip snap
5. sew
6. wondered
7. stitch
8. queued
9. surprise
10. elves
11. worn out
12. whispered
13. delighted

Answer the following questions:

1. What was the shoemaker doing at his workbench?

Ans- He was cutting leather to make shoes.

2. Why did the shoemaker and his wife go to bed hungry?

Ans- They went hungry to bed because there was no bread to eat.

3. What was the big surprise?

Ans- The big surprise was a pair of beautiful shoes.

4. How was the shoemaker able to buy food and leather?

Ans- He was able to sell the pair of beautiful shoes and get enough money to buy food and leather.

5. Who made the shoes?

Ans- Two tiny elves made the shoes.

6. How did the shoemaker and his wife thank the elves?

Ans- They sewed tiny tights, coats and boots for the elves and thanked them.

**Reference to context:**

1. "I am tired. I will sew them tomorrow," he thought."

a. Who thought?

Ans- The shoemaker thought.

b. What will he sew?

Ans- He will sew the shoes.

c. Name the chapter.

Ans- The name of the chapter is "The Elves and the Shoemaker".

2. "I have never seen elves in my life! Their clothes are so thin and worn out. I will stitch new clothes for them."

a. Who said these lines and to whom?

Ans- The shoemaker's wife said these lines to the shoemaker.

b. Who was she talking about?

Ans- She was talking about the elves.

c. What did she do for them?

Ans- She stitched new clothes for them.

**Get Going:**

**Number these events in the correct order in which they happened in the story.**

a. When the clock struck 12 two tiny elves climbed in through the window. **4**

b. The shoemaker's wife stitched two new sets of clothes and boots for the elves. **5**

c. The shoemaker felt tired. **1**

d. The elves were delighted to see the new clothes. **6**

e. He went to the market and bought leather of different colours. **3**

f. The next morning the Shoemaker woke up and went to his workbench. **2**

### Vocabulary Junction:

**Read the sentences. Underline the plural nouns treated as singular:**

- a. Rita does not wear this pair of shorts because it does not fit her anymore.
- b. We need a pair of dice and some counters to play this game.
- c. Rohan got a new pair of trousers and a pair of socks.
- d. My mother always wears a pair of golden earrings.

### Grammar Junction:

Is, am, are, was, were, has, have, had are the action words or verbs used to link the naming part and the telling part. They can be used to ask questions.

**For examples:**

The shoemaker's wife **is** a kind lady.

**Are** the children in school?

I **was** in London last month.

Farida **had** won the first prize.

**1. Circle the correct option to complete these sentences.**

- a. What **are** the carpenters doing at your house?
- b. Mother bought two pairs of jeans because they **were** very good.
- c. **Are** you carrying an umbrella?
- d. If you **were** given a chance to meet a sports person, who would you like to meet?
- e. I **am** reading a book.

**2. Tick the correct option to show if the sentence is in present tense or past tense.**

- a. The test is difficult. **Present**

- b. This is my favorite toy. **Present**
- c. Mohan was not at school yesterday. **Past**
- d. The girls were unwell last week. **Past**
- e. Sheena has a blue dress that I like. **Present**

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