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Dad and the cat and the tree



Get Going A

1- Match the plans that dad hatched with the fate they met.

Ans: Plan A - fell in the flowered flower bed.

Plan B - branch broke, fell on his back.

Plan C - landed on the cat and got stuck on the tree.

2. How did dad try to save the cat the first time?

Ans: Dad tried to save the cat the first time using a ladder to reach it.

3. What was plan B?

Ans: Plan B was to swing himself up on a branch and reach the cat. However, the branch from which he was trying to swing, broke and he landed back on the deck.

4. Describe Plan C: Why did it fail?

Ans. Plan C was to climb the garden wall and jump onto the crook of the tree trunk where the cat was stuck. He executed the plan successfully and landed in the exact spot. In fact he landed on the cat. The cat yelped and jumped off the tree. Dad, however, fit snug in the crook and got stuck there.

5. Find an idiom from the poem that means 'extremely delighted'.

Ans. An idiom is a word or phrase which means something different from its literal meaning. Idioms are common phrases or terms whose meaning is changed, but can be understood by their popular use. 'Please as punch' is an idiom used in the poem that means 'extremely delighted'.

B. Let us read between the lines.

1. What kind of a person ~~dad~~ do you think dad was? Substantiate your answer with the lines from the poem.

Ans I think dad was an overconfident person because every time mum wanted warned him against doing something he boldly answered back using phrases like "child's play" this is!" and "Easy as winking". At the same time Dad is persevered because every time he fails he makes a different plan and tries to execute it.

2. What was mum's role in the narrative? Did dad heed her advice?

Ans: Mum repeatedly tried to warn dad of the possible dangers of climbing the tree but Dad didnot pay any heed to it.

C- Let us go beyond the poem.

1. Which of the three plans do you think was the best? Why?

Ans. The plan - C seems to be the best as he was almost able to execute the plan successfully. It couldn't be carried through because he landed directly on the cat which made the cat yelp and jump off the tree.

2. What would you do if you had to help the cat?

Ans. I would have probably arranged for a ladder to reach the branch where the cat was stuck.

1. Identify the two-part verbs in the following sentences.

- (a) My dad asked me to get the jackhammer back from our neighbours.
- (b) What are you looking for?
- (c) Are you opting for any new subjects this semester?
- (d) Only after the third hint was the contestant able to catch on to the song.

2. Choose the correct two-part verbs from the box to complete the sentences.

put on brought up put off take down tried on

- (a) It was so cold, I had to put on a sweater and a jacket.

- (b) The matter will be brought up in the next committee meeting.
- (c) The players did not want to put off the match till the next day.
- (d) Take down the instructions for the game before you start.
- (e) She tried on a lot of dresses before she found the perfect one.

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate two-part verbs.

- (a) Fill in the form carefully.
- (b) The children are going to Set up the Christmas tree tonight.
- (c) We usually Step into the ice cream parlour on our way back from the market.
- (d) Everyone in the house got up when the rooster started crowing.



1. How many syllables do these words have?

(a) flower

two syllables

(c) tune

one syllable

(e) reduce

two syllables

(g) dangerous

three syllables

(i) serious

three syllables

(b) hour

One syllable

(d) sincerely

three syllables

(f) ceremony

four syllables

(h) you

one syllable

(j) powerfully

four syllable



1. Underline the verbs in the following sentences and state whether they are transitive or intransitive. Circle the objects if the verbs are transitive.

(a) Sunil passed the exam.

transitive verb

(b) The dog was barking loudly.

intransitive verb

(c) She called her mother early in the morning.

transitive verb

(d) I saw the children playing tennis.

transitive verb

(e) She studied archaeology.

transitive verb

(f) She slept for twelve hours.

Intransitive verb

(g) I ate only a sandwich for dinner.

transitive verb

(h) The tea has gone cold.

transitive verb

(i) Shalini took the puppy out for a walk.

transitive verb

(j) I don't drink coffee.

transitive verb

(k) The little girl let the balloon loose.

transitive verb

(l) The shop was closed.

transitive verb

2. Make a sentence with the transitive and the intransitive form of each verb given below.

design

continue

tear

run

speak

sleep

switch

change

teach

drive

Were you able to use all the verbs in transitive and intransitive forms? Did you find any verb that can be used only as a transitive or an intransitive verb? List them out.

Grammar Junction

2-a- Design - Pravin designed the cupboard in his room. (transitive).

b- Continue - The ceremony is expected to continue for 2 hours. (transitive).

- They want me to continue as the class monitor. (Intransitive).

c- Tear - I saw my sister tear the letter into pieces. (transitive).

- Can you tear it for me? (Intransitive).

d- Run - My uncle runs restaurant. (transitive)

- The truck runs on diesel. (Intransitive).

e- Speak - My sister speaks both German and Spanish. (transitive).

- Actions speak louder than words. (Intransitive).

f- Sleep - Our new resort of Goa sleeps 50 people. (transitive).

- The baby could not sleep because of the noise. (Intransitive)

g) Switch - I switched the old toy with a new one

- when the baby was sleeping. (transitive)
- The school management has switched to short the summer hours. (Intransitive).
- h) Change - Rohan changed the topic to sports. (transitive)
- My life has changed completely after the accident.
- i) Teach - She teaches History. (transitive)
- She teaches in the middle school. (Intransitive)
- j) Drive - I drive my car every Sunday. (transitive)
- My sister drives in a rash manner. (Intransitive).

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