

In the meantime, there is another eel who was also the neighbour of first eel. It observing this humorous affair and suggested a brilliant idea. It proposed that both of them will fasten their waists with a bottle green belt and strap it firmly. Thereafter, they will hop on over the seat and squirm so that they both can paddle using their tails and ride the bicycle.

And there they ~~as~~ were, all set to live their dream and ride the bicycle as they longed in the beginning of the poem.

### Get Going

A. Let us find the answers from the poem.

1.) What did the eel want to do? Why couldn't he do it?

The eel was determined to ride on a wheel, but he could not do it because when he sat on the saddle to ride, his tail could only pedal one side.

Q-2) What plan was devised by the neighbour to solve the problem?

ans His neighbour, who was also an eel, said that they could wrap a belt around both their waists and fasten it with a strap. In this manner, each eel could pedal one side of the bicycle.

Q-3) Identify four pairs of words from the poem that make minimal pairs

ans eel - wheel, might - right, fun - done, side - side.

B. Let us read between the lines.

ans What do you understand by the line



'That two heads are better than one'?

ans 'That two heads are better than one' means that when two people work together to solve a problem, they are more likely to find a solution, than <sup>when</sup> one person works alone.

Q-2 What do 'the fun' and 'the thing' refer to in the following lines?

His neighbour, observing the fun,  
Said, 'I think that the thing can  
be done,

ans 'In these lines 'the fun' refers to the neighbour's observation of the ambitious young eel falling over while attempting to ride the bicycle. 'The thing' refers to the act of riding a bicycle successfully.

c.) Let us go beyond the poem.

Q-1) Do you think the poem has a moral for the readers? If so, what is it?

ans Yes, there is a moral in for the readers in this poem that we should be determined to our goal and don't lose hope. Also we have learnt that unity is a best way for finding a solution to every problem.

### Grammar Junction

1) Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of the future tense.

a) Arun <sup>tell</sup> wants to Jasim that he doesn't want to do an extra assignment.

ans Arun <sup>to</sup> says, "Jasim, 'I will not do an extra assignment.'"

b) Meera wants to tell Akshat how happy she'll be this time tomorrow when the last exam is over.



ans Meenal tells Akshat, "I will be so happy this time ~~tomorrow~~ when the last exam is over".

c) Pankaj wants to ask Sheetal if she will be staying with her cousins when she goes to Puerto Rico.

ans Pankaj wants asks Sheetal, "Will you be staying with your cousins when she goes to Puerto Rico."

d) Abhishek wants to announce that he and his sister will throw a party next weekend for all her friends.

ans Abhishek says, "My sister will throw a party next weekend for all our friends."

e) Anika wants to tell her friends that she thinks it might rain the next day.

ans Anika says, "I think it will rain tomorrow."