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A bicycle made for two Exercise

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Q) Answer the following.

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

Ans) 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.

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~~ with a strap. In this

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manner, each eel could pedal one side of the bicycle.

3) Identify your pairs of words from the poem that make minimal pairs?

Ans) eel - wheel, might - right, fun - done, ride - side.

B) Let us read between the lines :-

1) 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 when one person works alone.

2) What do 'the fun' and 'the thing' refer 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 failing over while attempting to ride the bicycle. 'The thing' refers to the act of riding a bicycle successfully.

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→ Grammar Junction

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

a) Arun wants to tell Jasmin that he doesn't want to do an extra assignment.

Ans) Arun says to Jasmin, "I will not do an extra assignment."

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

Ans) Meenal tells Alshat, "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 asks Sheetal, "Will you be staying with your cousins when you go to Puerto Rico?"

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Q) Abhisek wants to announce that he and his sister will throw a party next weekend for all their friends.

Ans) Abhisek says, "My sister and I will throw a party next weekend for all our friends."

Q) Anvika wants to tell her friends that she thinks it might rain next day.

Ans) Anvika says, "I think it will rain tomorrow."

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

Ans) Yes, the poem has a moral for the readers. If we work alone, we will never succeed ~~by~~ but if we work in unity, we will surely succeed like the two eels.