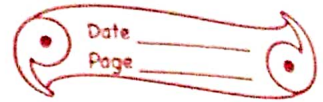


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A BICYCLE MADE FOR TWO



THEME OF THE POEM

The poem throws light on the longing of an eel to ride a bicycle. It is determined to ride on a wheel. It tries really hard, however doesn't get success. In order to ride the bicycle it make multiple efforts, however, is not able to ride the bicycle properly. It manages to sit on the seat of the bicycle but cannot hit both the pedals of the bicycle as he cannot sit astride.

Later he tries to jump and hangs itself over the top of the bicycle. Then it faces another issue i.e. it keeps on riding nevertheless it cannot stop how. Another problem is how it would steer the bicycle. Chances are it might flop. In the meantime, there is another eel who was also the neighbour of the 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
saddle so that they both can paddle
using their tails and ride the bicycle.
And there they were, all set to live
their dream and ride the bicycle as
they longed in the beginning of the poem.

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

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Going
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A- 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. 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.

3. Identify your pairs of words from the poem that make a minimal sound.

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 falling over while attempting to ride the bicycle. 'The thing' refers to the act of riding a bicycle successfully.

→ Let's go beyond the Poem!

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

Ans. Yes, I think this poem has a moral and it is "Even the weak become strong when they are united". In this poem, an eel tries to ride a bicycle but it fails then another eel came who was the neighbour of the first one. And at last they planned to ride the bicycle together and did the same. And Surprisingly, they were successful in riding the bicycle. So, the moral is that if we work together with unity and love we can make anything happen.

Vocabulary Junction



i) The board of members is meeting tomorrow.

ii) Shani loves ~~was~~ playing board games. ✓

b) The king rewarded the brave knight. (no)

ii) Why do you go to sleep so late at night?

c) Can your grandpa see properly now? (no)

ii) I just love the sight of the sea!

d) The captain is in the deck above. ✓

ii) Can I borrow your deck of cards.

e) Did you meet the woman who was looking for you? (no)

ii) He says he is vegan, but I have seen him eating meat!

8) i) We are going to the club!

ii) Be careful not to club the taxi together.

9) i) Stay away from the crane when its an operation.

ii) Jane was about to click the picture of the crane when it flew away.

h) i) Do you remember the value of pi?

ii) Who wants pie for dessert?

2. Fill in the blanks with homonyms from the box.

(grave, trunk, fire, bolt, trip)

a) Are they going to fire you?
The fire has gone out.

b) Bolt the door!

Why did the cat bolt upon seeing the cucumber!

- c) They lowered the body into the grave.
We became nervous when we saw how
grave he looked.
- d) Shall we go for a trip to the Bahamas?
There are brambles. Make sure you
don't trip and fall.
- e) Joe forgot to put the box of books
in the trunk.
The baby elephant didn't know how to
use its trunk.

→ Streammate Junction.

- a) Arjun says to Jasmin, "I will not do an extra assignment."
- b) Neenal tells Akshat, "I will be so happy this time tomorrow when the last exam is over."
- c) Ranraj asked Sheetal, "Will you be staying with your cousins when you go to Puerto Rico?"
- d) Abhishek says, "My sister and I will throw a party next weekend for all our friends."
- e) Anika says, "I think it will rain tomorrow."

2) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the verbs in brackets.

a) I will be waiting (wait) for you at the station when you arrive.

b) We will land (land) soon.

c) It's so amazing to think that the old couple will have been working (live) in this house for 30 years this July.

d) Look at how overcast sky is up. It

will rain (rain) soon.

e) The surgeon said, "We will look (look) into the matter."

3. Choose the correct option and complete these sentences.

a) This time next week I will be holidaying in France.

i) will ii) will have iii) will be

b) The officer confirmed that his team will find out the main culprit behind the scam soon.

i) will be finding out
ii) will ~~found~~ find out.
iii) will have found out

c) By 2020, my father will have been working as the managing director of this company.

i) will work ii) will be working
iii) will have been working



d, She promised she won't tell him about it
y won't tell i wouldn't tell it won't have
told