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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 would 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 minimal pairs?

Ans → eel - wheel, might - right, fun - done, side - 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?

Ans → His neighbour, observing the ~~man~~^{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.



Provide some more examples of homonyms to learners in the class.

1. Tick (✓) the sentence pairs that have homonyms. Underline the homonyms.

(a) i) The board of members is meeting tomorrow.

ii) Shani loves playing board games.



(b) i) The king rewarded the brave knight.

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



(c) i) Can your grandpa see properly now?

ii) I just love the sight of the sea!



(d) i) The Captain is in the deck above.

ii) Can I borrow your deck of cards?



(e) i) Did you meet the woman who was looking for you?

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



(f) i) We are going to the club!

ii) Be careful not to club the two together!



- (g) i) Stay away from the crane when it's in operation.
- ii) Jane was about to click a 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.



Pronunciation Junction

Read the following lines from the poem.

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

If you'll listen to me,

You'll quickly agree

That two heads are better than one.'

How many different punctuation marks do you see in these lines?

There are quotation marks, commas

