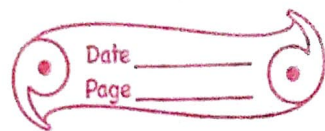


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Chapter - 4



A Bicycle Built for Two

* Nonsense Verse → humorous and whimsical verse. It contains absurd characters and actions and is meant to be fun. It is unrealistic and funny.

Summary ~~of~~ 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 ~~and~~ really hard, however ~~doe~~ does not get success. In order to ride the bicycle it makes multiple efforts, however is not able to ride the bicycle properly. It ~~man~~ 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 now. Another problem is how it would steer the bicycle. Chances are it might flop.

In the meantime, there is another eel who 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 squirm so that 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.

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Get Going

A. Let us find answers from the poem.

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 a strap. In this manner, each eel could pedal one side of the bicycle.

3) Identify four pairs of words from the poem that

make minimal pairs.

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

B. Let the 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?

^{ec} His neighbour, observing the fun,
said, 'I think that the thing can be done.'

~~Ans → the neighbour, observing the~~

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.

C. Let us go beyond the poem.

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

Ans → Yes, there is a moral for the poem. The moral is that

we need to be determined towards our goal and should not give up. We should work as a team to solve the problem.

Grammar Junction

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

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

Ans → Arun says to Garmin, "I will not do an extra assignment."

(b) Meenal 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 asks Sheetal, "Will you be staying with your cousins when you go to Puerto Rico?"

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

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

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

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

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.



