

An Astrologer's Day

ICE BREAKERS [PAGE 1]

Ice Breakers | Q 1 | Page 1

Discuss with your partner and complete the activity. What are your strengths?

Strengths	Why do you feel so?	Dream Career
painting and drawing	can visualise, express	commercial artist, cartoonist

Solution:

Strengths	Why do you feel so?	Dream Career
painting and drawing	can visualise, express	commercial artist, cartoonist
writing and communication	have an open mind, can communicate precisely	author, editor, copywriter, journalist
cooking and baking	love to cook and experiment can bake well	chef, baker
read, research and experiment	have a knack to discover obscure knowledge and go to the core of concepts	scientist, research scholar

Ice Breakers | Q 2 | Page 1

The scene in a local market of a village/town/city is very attractive. People with different occupations sell their wares. Discuss with your partner the variety of activities at the local market.

1. selling flowers, selling grocery
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Solution:

1. **selling flowers, selling grocery**
2. savouries and snacks shops
3. amusement games
4. soothsayers and card readers
5. traditional medicine stalls

Ice Breakers | Q 3 | Page 1

In a village /town /city it is quite a common sight to see an astrologer sitting by the roadside with his professional equipment.

Discuss with your partner and list the requirements for his trade.

1. parrot, cards, etc.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Solution:

1. **parrot, cards, etc.**
2. cowrie shells
3. charts
4. manuscripts
5. utensils of religious significance

Ice Breakers | Q 4 | Page 1

There are certain unreasonable beliefs among people living in our society.

Certain common events are linked with superstitions. List such events, discuss the superstitions linked with them, and the means of their eradication.

1. Acat crossing your path
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Solution:

1. A cat crossing your path

Explanation: if a cat, especially a black cat crosses your path, it is considered to be a sign that something bad is about to occur to you.

Means of eradication: educate the believers that it is just a cat and like any other animal it roams freely. Moreover, tell people that the above belief holds no logic.

2. Do not sweep or cut nails after sunset

Explanation: doing these activities after sunset invites some unwelcome misfortune into your life.

Means of eradication: educate people that sweeping or cutting nails are independent activities and have nothing to do with any particular time of the day.

3. Hanging lemon and seven green chillies

Explanation: it is believed that hanging lemon and seven green chilies on doors and vehicles wards off misfortune and bad luck.

Means of eradication: educate people that good deeds bring good fortune. So, lemons and chilies are better off as food ingredients.

4. Do not stand or sit under the Peepal tree in the night

Explanation: standing or sitting under the peepal tree at night, invites ghosts and evil spirits.

Means of eradication: educate people that plants maintain a balance in nature. Apart from oxygen, they provide shelter to numerous animals, birds, and protect them. Plants possibly do more good to us than anything evil.

5. An itchy left palm

Explanation: an itchy left palm indicates that money would flow in

Means of eradication: educate people that money is best earned and expected out of hard work and good investments. It is better to rely on such proven and tested sources of income than waiting for a palm to get itchy.

BRAINSTORMING (A1) [PAGE 7]

Brainstorming (A1) | Q 1.1 | Page 7

Given below is description. Discuss it with your partner and find out one word of it.

The scientific study of the universe and the objects in it, including stars, planets, nebulae and galaxies

Solution: The scientific study of the universe and the objects in it, including stars, planets, nebulae and galaxies - **Astronomy**

Brainstorming (A1) | Q 1.2 | Page 7

Given below is description. Discuss it with your partner and find out one word of it.

The study of the movements of the planets, Sun, Moon, and Stars in the belief that these movements can have an influence on people's lives

Solution: The study of the movements of the planets, Sun, Moon, and Stars in the belief that these movements can have an influence on people's lives - **Astrology**

Brainstorming (A1) | Q 1.3 | Page 7

Given below is a description. Discuss it with your partner and find out one word of it.

A prediction of what will happen in the future

Solution: A prediction of what will happen in the future - **Prophecy**

Brainstorming (A1) | Q 1.4 | Page 7

Given below is a description. Discuss it with your partner and find out one word of it.

Scientific discipline that studies mental states and processes and behaviour in humans and other animals

Solution: Scientific discipline that studies mental states and processes and behaviour in humans and other animals - **Psychology**

Brainstorming (A1) | Q 2 | Page 7

In the story, we are told that the Town Hall Park was a remarkable place in many ways for an astrologer to build his business.

Discuss it in a group and list the exceptional qualities of the place.

A surging crowd

Solution:

1. a surging crowd
2. shoppers in large numbers
3. a variety of traders
4. people with various occupations
5. access to faint light from nearby shops at night
6. it was a bustling market-place

Brainstorming (A1) | Q 3 | Page 7

The astrologer never opened his mouth till the other had spoken for at least ten minutes. Discuss the reasons behind his act.

- a. He is good at reading the people.
- b.

- c.

- d.

Solution:

1. he is good at reading the people

2. he needs to buy time to frame his answers to the questions of his clients
3. he uses the time to weigh the client's concerns against the working analysis of human problems that he is an expert at
4. he possibly takes his time to impress on the client that he is working hard to resolve the latter's problem

BRAINSTORMING (A2) [PAGES 8 - 10]

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 1 | Page 8

The tactics used by the astrologer to earn his wages are...



Solution:

1. **analysis of human troubles**
2. charming appearance
3. saying pleasant things to clients
4. practicing at a busy market place

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 2 | Page 8

An astrologer's appearance helps to create an impression on his clients. Complete the following.

- a. The turban on his head
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

Solution:

- a. **The turban on his head**
- b. Scared ash and vermillion on his forehead
- c. Eyes sparkling with sharp abnormal gleam
- d. Dark whiskers that streamed down his forehead

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 3.1 | Page 8

Read the following sentence and choose the correct one.

The astrologer says that if Nayak does not leave his village again, he would _____

1. return the money
2. **face danger**
3. go back home and stop looking for the man who tried to kill him
4. not find the killer

Solution: The astrologer says that if Nayak does not leave his village again, he would **face danger.**

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 3.2 | Page 8

Read the following sentence and choose the correct one.

According to the narrator, the astrologer's success in his profession is primarily due to _____

1. luck
2. the bargains he drives
3. his appearance
4. **his understanding of people**

Solution: According to the narrator, the astrologer's success in his profession is primarily due to **his understanding of people.**

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 3.3 | Page 8

Read the following sentence and choose the correct one.

The story suggests that the astrologer's comments and observations please people by _____

1. promising them success and good fortune
2. proving, as time passes, to have been true
3. **flattering them or supporting their own views**
4. helping them to learn to solve their own problems

Solution: The story suggests that the astrologer's comments and observations please people by **flattering them or supporting their own views.**

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 3.4 | Page 9

Read the following sentence and choose the correct one.

Guru Nayak consults the astrologer because he wants to _____

1. understand the past
2. find out who the astrologer is
3. make some money through a bet
4. **get the answer to a specific question**

Solution: Guru Nayak consults the astrologer because he wants to get the answer to a specific question.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 3.5 | Page 9

Read the following sentence and choose the correct one.

Guru Nayak is looking for the man who tried to kill him _____

1. **to take revenge**
2. to get an apology
3. to demand an explanation
4. to prove that the man was unsuccessful

Solution: Guru Nayak is looking for the man who tried to kill him to take revenge.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 3.6 | Page 9

Read the following sentence and choose the correct one.

The astrologer's remark makes Guru Nayak feel all of the following except _____

1. relieved
2. **suspicious**
3. impressed
4. disappointed

Solution: The astrologer's remark makes Guru Nayak feel all of the following except suspicious.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 3.7 | Page 9

Read the following sentence and choose the correct one.

Reactions of the astrologer's wife to his news suggest that she _____

1. **was unaware of his past**
2. has been worried about his safety
3. has known him since he was young

4. is concerned about her future with him

Solution: Reactions of the astrologer's wife to his news suggest that she was unaware of his past.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 4.1 | Page 9

Read the following sentence and find out the True and False sentence. Correct the False sentence.

The astrologer gave a correct prediction to the client about his past that he was stabbed, thrown into a well and left for dead.

1. True

2. **False**

Solution: False

The astrologer told the truth of the past to the client but it was not a prediction and merely a statement of known facts.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 4.2 | Page 9

Read the following sentence and find out the True and False sentence. Correct the False sentence.

When the astrologer came to know that the man whom he killed is alive he felt that he was relieved of his guilt.

1. **True**

2. False

Solution: True

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 4.3 | Page 9

Read the following sentence and find out the True and False sentence. Correct the False sentence.

The astrologer tried to back out of the deal and talked about the client's past.

1. **True**

2. False

Solution: True

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 4.4 | Page 9

Read the following sentence and find out the True and False sentence. Correct the False sentence.

The astrologer rescued himself from Guru Nayak's revenge.

1. True

2. False

Solution: True

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 4.5 | Page 9

Read the following sentence and find out the True and False sentence. Correct the False sentence.

The moral of the story is that we must be responsible about what we have done and should not run away from our mistakes.

1. True

2. False

Solution: False

The story most strongly sends the message that, even though one could have committed a mistake in the past, one could cleverly try and get away with a white lie if doing so is in the good interest of everyone involved.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 5 | Page 9

The astrologer has changed his appearance and his persona when he arrived in the city. Give specific reasons.

Solution: The astrologer had moved out from his native village to the city after attempting to kill a man, whom he had left for dead. He had to disguise his true identity to avoid being caught. Also, he had to make a living and begin a new life in the city after absconding from his village. For these reasons, the astrologer had to change his appearance and persona when he arrived in the city.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 6 | Page 9

'The darkness load that was inside the astrologer has disappeared'. Through this sentence, explain the significance of the title 'An Astrologer's Day'.

Solution: The sentence 'The darkness load that was inside the astrologer has disappeared' directly relates to the title 'An Astrologer's Day'. The title seems to reflect two aspects of the astrologer's life. The first is that of a typical workday in the life of the astrologer. However, the second aspect is what the given sentence captures, i.e, the

importance of the particular day in the astrologer's life. On the said day, the astrologer found out that a man whom he had attempted to kill way back and left for dead, had actually survived. This finding must have relieved the astrologer of the guilt of committing a murder. Also, that day, the astrologer had tricked the stranger into believing that the man who had left him for dead after attempting to kill him, had himself died in an accident, and hence the latter did not have to search for him anymore to seek revenge. This must have provided the astrologer with further relief and assured him to breathe easier.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 7 | Page 10

The astrologer feels relieved that Guru is not dead as it relieves a great burden from him. Critically justify the statement and explain it.

Solution: The astrologer feels relieved to discover that Guru is not dead. This is so because the astrologer had attempted to kill Guru in his early age and left him for dead. To know that Guru isn't dead must have acquitted him of the guilt of being an assassin. Hence, it unburdened him from the prick of conscience.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 8 | Page 10

The astrologer wins/gets the sympathy of criticism of the reader in the end. Express your opinion with the support of the main story.

Solution:

The story portrays the astrologer as a false fortune teller with no real knowledge of his 'profession'. He attracts clients by his street-smart ways and also manages to convince them by sweet-talking to them. Moreover, he is revealed to the reader as a near-murderer towards the end of the story. However, despite all this, it's difficult to judge the astrologer as a negative character and he rather manages to win the sympathy of the reader's criticism. This is so because firstly, he has to make a living in the new city after he fled his village for fear of being caught. So, in the absence of any other skill, he must have had to adopt astrology as a livelihood under distress and not by choice. Secondly, he had to trick the stranger into believing that the man whom he was looking out for had already died in an accident, so as to protect his own life. Again, he can't be judged badly on this count because he couldn't have afforded to lose his own life at the hands

of the stranger by revealing him his true identity. Since he had his wife and child to support too, it made him lie to the stranger in order to keep himself out of harm's way.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 9 | Page 10

If we have to eradicate the superstitions and other ill practices from our society, what steps would you like to suggest?

Solution:

In order to eradicate the superstitions and other evil practices from our society, I would first suggest taking steps to promote rational outlook amongst people. I would like to educate the masses and expose the bluff behind obscure and orthodox practices. Although I wouldn't go all-out against all traditional practices, some of them could have a valid basis. However, I would spread awareness among everyone in my social circles to keep a scientific temper and think logically rather than blindly following superstitions. I could possibly even tell them about the reasons for which some superstitions held good in ancient ages but are no longer valid.

Brainstorming (A2) | Q 10 | Page 10

In the story, astrologer has a great listening power. Listening helps in developing good relations with people. Express your opinion.

Solution:

Listening, as differentiated from hearing, is about consciously understanding and applying one's mind to what is heard. As the story illustrates, being a good listener helps one to fare better in any activity that one takes up. The astrologer isn't knowledgeable of his work but still manages to convince his customers and make his living, owing to his great listening skills. He establishes a rapport with his clients by just listening to them for a few minutes without uttering a word, while analysing their troubles and simultaneously composing his talk and answers to the clients. This helps him to mask his own shortcomings and succeed in his work, where he would otherwise not have. Hence, great listening power is a strong skillset we all should develop.

BRAINSTORMING (A3) [PAGES 10 - 11]

Brainstorming (A3) | Q 1 | Page 10

In the story, the following characters reveal their qualities through words and actions. Pick out the words that describe them from the box and write in the appropriate columns.

shrewd	clever	suspicious	gullible
arrogant	demanding	antagonistic	quarrelsome
overconfident	manipulative	skeptical	mystical
smart	caring	protective	sharp
rational	mean	intuitive	aggressive
worried	cunning	humanistic	impetuous
Astrologer		Guru Nayak	Astrologer's wife
1. shrewd		manipulative	caring
2. _____		_____	_____
3. _____		_____	_____
4. _____		_____	_____

Solution:

Astrologer	Guru Nayak	Astrologer's wife
1. shrewd	manipulative	caring
2. clever	demanding	suspicious
3. smart	antagonistic	protective
4. mystical	quarrelsome	
5. worried	skeptical	
6.	aggressive	

Brainstorming (A3) | Q 2 | Page 10

Match the suffixes with the words and make nouns. One is done for you.

Word	Suffix	Noun
auction	able	
enchant	ure	
know	ment	
prepare	eer	
proceed	ance	

appear	ledge	
remark	tion	

Solution:

Word	Suffix	Noun
auction	able	auctioneer
enchant	ure	enchantment
know	ment	knowledge
prepare	eer	preparation
proceed	ance	procedure
appear	ledge	appearance
remark	tion	remarkable

Brainstorming (A3) | Q 3 | Page 10

'An Astrologer's Day' has ironic elements where the astrologer pretends to have 'supernatural knowledge' that coincidentally turns out to be the truth. Irony means a situation or statement characterized by a significant difference between what is expected and what actually happens, or between what is understood and what is meant. Find out the examples of irony from the story and write them down. One has been done for you.

- He knew no more of what was going to happen to others than he knew what was going to happen to himself the next minute.
- _____
- _____

Solution:

- He knew no more of what was going to happen to others than he knew what was going to happen to himself the next minute.
- The stranger consults the astrologer to know about the man who had attempted to kill him many years ago and the astrologer himself happens to be the culprit!
- The astrologer has no real knowledge of his work but he succeeds in making a living from it.

Brainstorming (A3) | Q 4 | Page 11

In the story, many Indian words are used.

'Cowrie shells'. This is an example of code-mixing.

Find out other such words from the story and write them down.

Solution: Cheroot, Pies, Jutka, , Pyol, Annas

Brainstorming (A3) | Q 5.1 | Page 11

There are some phrases where the word crown is used with different shades of meaning. Use the following phrases to complete the sentences meaningfully.

The works of Shakespeare are the _____ of English drama.

1. crowning achievement
2. crown of thorns
3. **crowning glory**
4. to crown it all

Solution: The works of Shakespeare are the **crowning glory** of English drama.

Brainstorming (A3) | Q 5.2 | Page 11

There are some phrases where the word crown is used with different shades of meaning. Use the following phrases to complete the sentences meaningfully.

Amitabh has given us awesome movies throughout five decades. But his _____ is his performance in the movie 'Black'.

1. **crowning achievement**
2. crown of thorns
3. crowning glory
4. to crown it all

Solution: Amitabh has given us awesome movies throughout five decades. But his **crowning achievement** is his performance in the movie 'Black'.

Brainstorming (A3) | Q 5.3 | Page 11

There are some phrases where the word crown is used with different shades of meaning. Use the following phrases to complete the sentences meaningfully.

In her pursuit of success, Radha has distanced herself from her family. Her fame has become a real _____.

1. crowning achievement
2. **crown of thorns**
3. crowning glory
4. to crown it all

Solution: In her pursuit of success, Radha has distanced herself from her family. Her fame has become a real **crown of thorns**.

Brainstorming (A3) | Q 5.4 | Page 11

There are some phrases where the word crown is used with different shades of meaning. Use the following phrases to complete the sentences meaningfully.

They threw a wonderful party for me with costumes, games and _____ my favourite kind of ice cream.

1. crowning achievement
2. crown of thorns
3. crowning glory
4. **to crown it all**

Solution: They threw a wonderful party for me with costumes, games and **to crown it all** my favourite kind of ice cream.

Brainstorming (A3) | Q 5.5 | Page 11

There are some phrases where the word crown is used with different shades of meaning. Use the following phrases to complete the sentences meaningfully.

Medical science has great inventions, but organ transplantation is definitely a _____ for human beings.

1. **crowning achievement**
2. crown of thorns
3. crowning glory
4. to crown it all

Solution: Medical science has great inventions, but organ transplantation is definitely a **crowning achievement** for human beings.

BRAINSTORMING (A4) [PAGES 11 - 12]

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.01 | Page 11

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

The power of his eyes was considerably enhanced. (enhancement)

Solution: There was a considerable **enhancement** in the power of his eyes.

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.02 | Page 11

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

He had a working analysis of mankind's troubles. (worked)

Solution: He had an analysis of mankind's troubles that **worked**.

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.03 | Page 11

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

He knew what was going to happen to himself next minute. (happening)

Solution: He knew what will be happening to himself next minute.

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.04 | Page 11

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

If you find my answers satisfactory, will you give me five rupees? (satisfaction)

Solution: If you find satisfaction in my answers, will you give me five rupees?

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.05 | Page 11

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

He shook his head regretfully. (regret)

Solution: He shook his head with regret.

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.06 | Page 12

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

It was a bewildering crisscross of light rays. (bewildered)

Solution: The crisscross of light rays was bewildered.

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.07 | Page 12

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

"I should have been dead if some passer-by had not chanced to peep into the well," exclaimed the other, overwhelmed by enthusiasm. (enthusiastically)

Solution: "I should have been dead if some passer-by had not chanced to peep into the well," exclaimed the other enthusiastically.

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.08 | Page 12

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

You tried to kill him. (killing)

Solution: You tried killing him.

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.09 | Page 12

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

I will prepare some nice stuff for her. (preparation)

Solution: I will begin the preparation of some nice stuff for her.

Brainstorming (A4) | Q 1.1 | Page 12

Use the word given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence.

The other groaned on hearing it. (heard)

Solution: The other groaned when he heard it.

BRAINSTORMING (A5) [PAGE 12]

Brainstorming (A5) | Q 1 | Page 12

Prepare a speech on Science and Superstitions.

Solution:

Science and Superstitions Good morning respected Principal, teachers and friends. I am here to speak on 'Science and Superstitions'. Facts make for science while superstitions emerge from blind faith! There is no denying that most aspects of our lives are based on science or superstition. Science works towards exploring and rationalising the unknown and superstition work on exploiting the fear of the same. Science has been the key player in demystifying things around us and has laid a strong foundation for the development of mankind. Superstitions often stem from our religious and mythological beliefs. When people seek a desired outcome, they rely on superstitions conveniently shielded as faith! It is easier to follow a superstition than consciously avoid it! In conclusion, I think it is only fair to say that science encourages our quest for reason, while superstitions promote irrationality. Thank you all for being patient listeners.

Brainstorming (A5) | Q 2.1 | Page 12

Read the following proverb. Share your view and expand the ideas.

Actions speak louder than words.

Solution: Actions Speak Louder than Words:

This ancient proverb reminds us of the importance of actions over empty talk.

Of many modes of communication, words have the strongest impact on people. However, it is the action of an individual that determines his/her character. Actions carry

considerably more weight than words in building trust. Even the minutest action reflects the manner and the nature of an individual. Actions are of tremendous importance when focusing on goals. Many individuals talk high with regard to objectives/goals, but those words prove unworthy if not backed by action. Furthermore, actions are of paramount importance when it comes to leadership. For example, if a person talks all about goodwill and deeds, but does not follow any of that in reality, he is just being vain. But the one who executes and accomplishes these deeds in actuality would be considered a trustworthy human being.

Brainstorming (A5) | Q 2.2 | Page 12

Read the following proverb. Share your view and expand the ideas.

The face is the index of the mind.

Solution: The Face is the index of the mind:

The face is truly an outward projection of the mind. Any psychological shift that occurs in the brain is faithfully expressed on the face. Since a person's sentiments, moods and emotions produce strong impressions on the body language, especially the facial expressions, there are unmistakable ways in which we can decode the subtle thoughts doing rounds in that person's mind. The face is a reliable index of all the musings that are harboured in one's mind. It is a clear mirror of the psyche and the substance at once. One can fairly accurately comprehend the mental state of a person through his or her facial expressions. For instance, an individual's face marked by expressions of envy is likely to harbour dislike of something or someone. On the other hand, a content mind reflects calmness and level-headedness on a person's face. The face can hence be described as the mirror of the mind.

Brainstorming (A5) | Q 2.3 | Page 12

Read the following proverb. Share your view and expand the ideas.

Speech is silver and silence is golden.

Solution: Speech is silver and silence is golden:

'Speech is silver and silence is golden' is a Latin proverb which highlights the importance of silence over speaking. In olden days, a sacred practice called 'Vow of Silence' was followed in India. As a part of this, every month, people were required to maintain total silence for a day or two. This practice was followed to develop analytical skills, sharpen objectivity and inculcate the virtue of patience. Many learned men and sages were known to follow it religiously and thereby add to their treasure of knowledge. We often see people who try to impress everyone around them with their oratory skills. Many orators are able to use the power of words in every situation. However, as the proverb advises, it is equally important to practise silence as it enables one to see the big picture, notice finer details, develop a sound mind and be able to correctly judge every situation. Hence, silence is truly golden as it assists one to become the wisest in a room full of wise men!

Brainstorming (A5) | Q 2.4 | Page 12

Read the following proverb. Share your view and expand the ideas.

The argument is the worst kind of communication.

Solution: Argument is the worst kind of communication:

The Earth is home to many plants, fishes, birds, animals, and us, humans. While all need oxygen to survive, there is one quality that separates human beings from the rest of the life on our planet. It is the ability of speech that helps us communicate with one another. Communication helps two or more people exchange their thoughts, ideas, feelings, emotions in a meaningful way. It can be done both verbally, i.e. by speaking, or non-verbally, i.e. through gestures, writing, signals or behaviour. Effective communication makes up an integral part of everyday life. Be it a simple task such as buying groceries or sharing notes with college-mates, life depends on interactions. When people don't agree with each other, they often resort to arguments to express their displeasure. This leads to complications that are a result of anger, doubt, misunderstanding, and other negative emotions. It may also end up distancing people from one another and creating negative perceptions. Therefore, the above proverb stands as a valuable advice for all those who wish to communicate effectively. When one uses the power of speech in a calm and assertive manner it proves to be a win-win situation for everyone around.

Brainstorming (A5) | Q 2.5 | Page 12

Read the following proverb. Share your view and expand the ideas.

Attitudes are the real figures of speech!

Solution: Attitudes are the real figures of speech!:

Language is the enabler of speech and conversation but it is one's attitude that determines action. Language can be used to construct beautiful imagery but ultimately it is one's attitude that shapes reality. There are many situations in our daily lives where we use words mechanically, but it is equally important to understand how those spoken words are received. Figures of speech can make the language seem ornate but only when received rightly can they have the intended impact. Words can be used to create guidelines but only attitudes can create the right examples. All said and done, words are just the vehicles to drive home the intended meaning. They can be conveniently altered to fit the situation. However, one's attitude is one's inseparable companion and it is not easy to modify it in any significant way. How we receive it can in fact change what we believe, and what we believe will influence what we do! In summation, it would be fair to say that words describe but attitudes define!

Brainstorming (A5) | Q 2.6 | Page 12

Read the following proverb. Share your view and expand the ideas.

The wise man has long ears and a short tongue!

Solution:**The wise man has long ears and a short tongue!:**

Long ears signify willingness to be patient and listen keenly. A short tongue is a metaphor for self-control in allowing someone to make his point before responding to it. There are actually very few amongst us who truly listen. Most of us simply hear! When we hear, our ears only receive the sound but when we listen, we process and understand words. The given topic 'the wise man has long ears and a short tongue' is quite an apt statement because a wise man listens to respond and not to react! This works in his favour as he actually absorbs more in this case. He does not end up wasting his energies on speaking, even before he comprehends the spoken word. It is more beneficial for him in the longer run to grasp something better than merely react quickly. Let us bear in mind that getting the point is far more significant than just making a point. Don't you think it is for this reason that nature has given us two ears and just one mouth?

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Bill Naughton has written a collection of wonderful stories which you can read in his book 'The Goal Keepers Revenge and Other Stories'. Read all the stories and discuss their theme/s with your partner.

Solution: Do it yourself.

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Read R.K. Narayan's humorous collections of short stories and novels. Here are some titles you can read.

- (a) 'Under The Banyan Tree'
- (b) 'The Doctor's Word'
- (c) 'Lawley Road'
- (d) 'A Horse and Two Goats'
- (e) 'Gateman's Gift'

Solution: Do it yourself.

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Surf the internet and find out the career opportunities in Astronomy.

Solution: The following are the career opportunities available in the field of Astronomy.

1. Space Technician
2. Space System Programmer
3. Energy Researcher
4. Astrophysicist
5. Space Medicine Consultant
6. Research Scientist
7. University Professor