

16. Halfway Down

What is your favourite place in your house?

Halfway down the stairs

Is a stair

where I sit.

There isn't any

other stair

Quite like

It.

I'm not at the bottom,

I'm not at the top;

So this is the stair

where

I always

Stop.

Halfway up the stairs

Isn't up,

Isn't down;

It isn't in the nursery,

It isn't in the town.

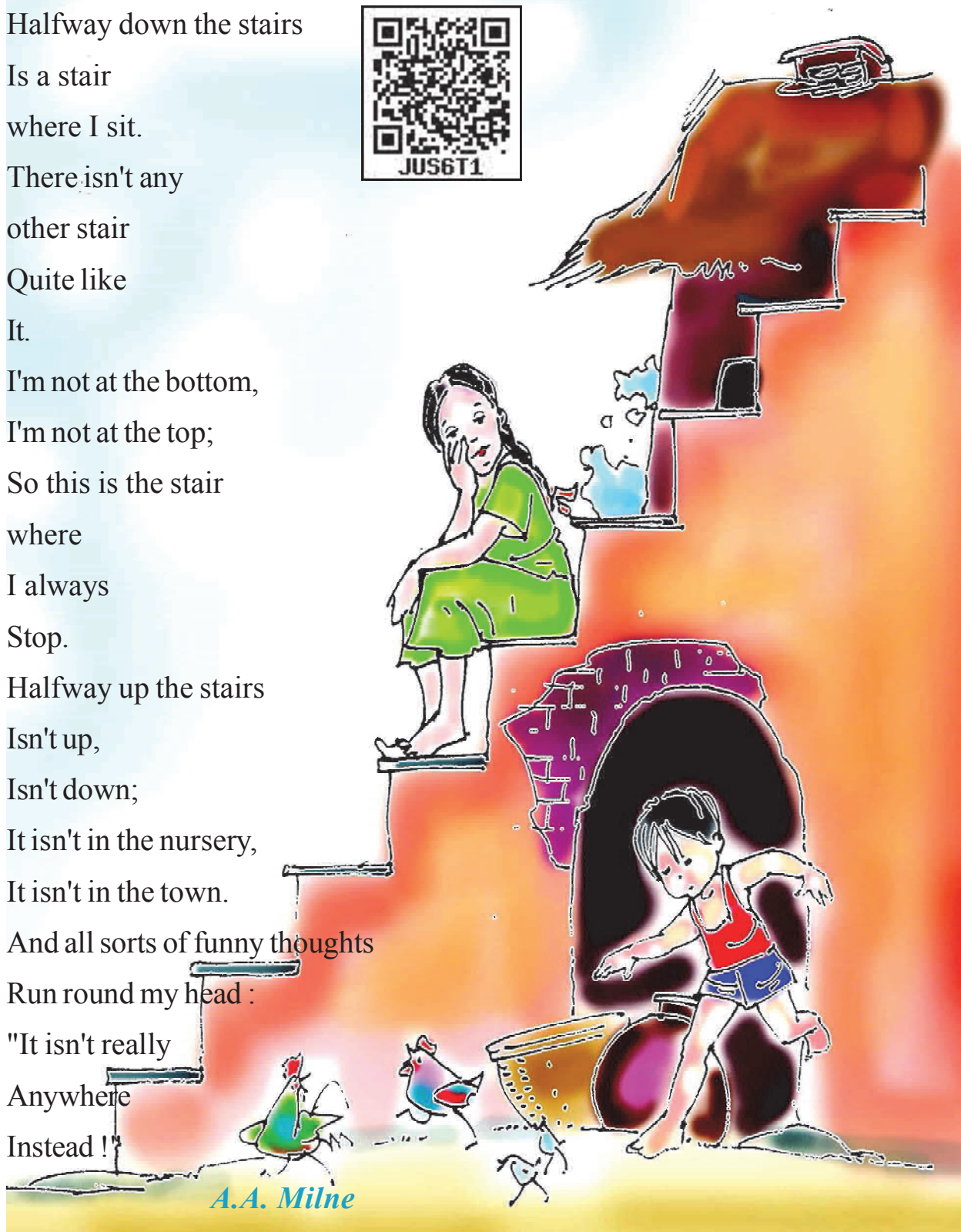
And all sorts of funny thoughts

Run round my head :

"It isn't really

Anywhere

Instead !"



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Word Meanings

stairs	a flight of steps for passing one level to another
nursery	a child's play room
funny	things causing laughter
thought	idea
run round my head	go through the head/ think
instead	in the place of

Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions.

1. What does 'I' refer to in the poem ?
2. Where does the child sit ?
3. Why does the child like to sit there ?
4. What is special about the stair where the child sits ?

Vocabulary

- A. Given are four sets of words. Each set makes a kangaroo word. The meaning of the kangaroo word is given in italics. Guess the kangaroo word. (Select all letters that occur in the sets. A letter might be repeated if needed.)

Example :

Steps :

port, up,
stop, pot, to,
top, pup

to help



letters

-

p, o, r, t, u, s, p

Kangaroo word

-

support

English-7

1.

neat, tin,
eat, tea,
sin, dine

in the place of

letters

- - - - -

Kangaroo word

- - - - -

2.

nurse, sun,
yes, use, run

a child play room

letters

- - - - -

Kangaroo word

- - - - -

3.

stars, it, air,
sat, sit, rat

*a flight of steps for passing
one level to another*

letters

- - - - -

Kangaroo word

- - - - -

4.

out, ought,
tot, thou,
though, go

idea

letters

- - - - -

Kangaroo word

- - - - -

B. Some words & pictures are given. Look at the pictures and give the rhyming words.

1. down



2. stair



3. head



Activity

A Listen to your teacher and identify the places being talked about.

See Appendix 1, Lesson 16.

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| 1. | 2. | 3. |
| 4. | 5. | 6. |

B Pair work.

Look at the map carefully and give your friend the information about the questions that he asks. Word list can help you to ask the questions and answer the questions.

near, right, left,
south, east, between, west, next to,
middle, front,

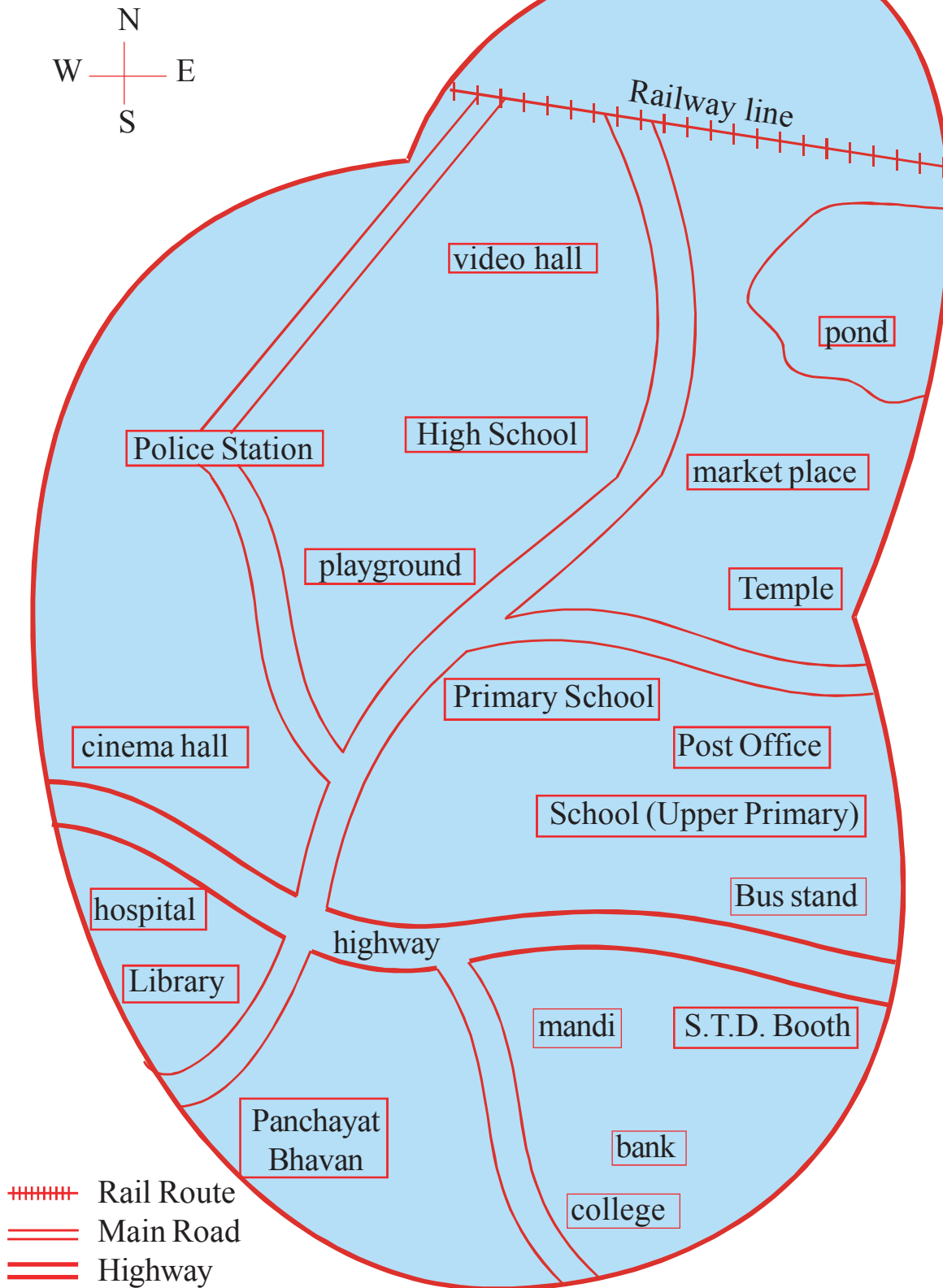
Your questions can be like these :

- Could you help me to find where the post office is.
- Excuse me, where is the post office?

Your answers can be like this :

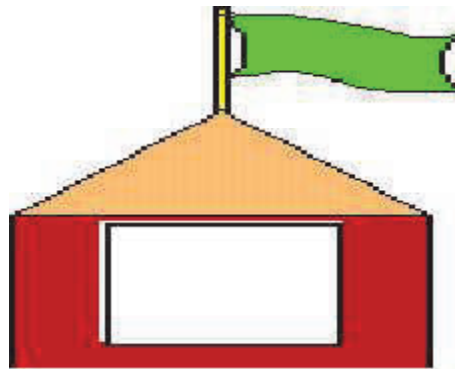
- is to the right of the ----- .

Village Birpur



Project

Draw pictures or fix photographs of any five places near your village/town where you would love to sit in your free time. Write the name and place below the picture and why you would like it (one sentence). (Take help from the previous exercise word list.)



Example: Laxmi Narayan Temple

Near Post office Bijapur, (C.G.)

I like this place because it has a beautiful garden

