



18. Dear Diary.....

Why should we write diaries? Discuss.

Last month Asha visited a lot of places with her parents. Here is a description in her diary. You would enjoy it.....

27th June 04

A very bad morning for me, for I had to get up very early. Mummy and Daddy didn't sleep all through. They were packing bags and making arrangements for our journey. But today I felt they are very partial. They never wake up Babloo, my three years old brother. They say he will mess up things.

We started for Jagdalpur at 7 o'clock in the morning. We were going to my Dadi Ma's house. In the train I slept for 2-3 hours. Both Babloo and I had a lot of fun. We ate, drank, sang, played and did everything we could. Babloo made sure that mummy wouldn't take rest. We had our dinner in the train.

How many members are there in Asha's family ?

29th June 04

Oh! What an experience it was of sleeping in the train! I felt as if I was sleeping in a swing. Early in the morning at 6 o'clock our train reached Jagdalpur. Anup uncle and Tina aunty had come to the railway station to receive us. Dadi Ma was waiting for us at home. We took some rest. I went with my uncle to the market. Babloo was busy with Dadi Ma.

In the evening at about 7 o'clock we went to visit the Chitrakut Waterfall. We reached there at 7:30. The waterfall was looking beautiful. The effect of lights added to its beauty. Babloo was the happiest person in the world. He was singing and clapping and was not ready to come back. We returned at 10 o'clock and had our dinner.

30th June 04

I had to get up early in the morning. But later on I enjoyed the day. Dadi Ma made my favourite 'Aloo paratha'.

In the morning at 9 o'clock we started for Kanger valley National Park. We took a taxi. My uncle made arrangements to cook food there. In the National Park, we saw many wild animals and birds in their natural surroundings like Cheetah, Neelgai, Deer, Wild pigeons and Peacocks etc. After lunch we took rest and played hide and seek, badminton, antakshari and many more games. We also danced to tunes of film songs. We took a guide from Kutumsar Naka (check post). We saw the Kutumsar caves. As we entered



the caves, Babloo started crying as it was very dark there. He lost his sandals there. The huge 'Shivling' and the world famous blind fishes in Shankar kund are the attractions for the tourists. We also saw the '*Apsara Vihar*'. Babloo was the busiest person running here and there without sandals. All the time he was holding my frock and saying "*Didi humme bhi khilaona unn.....*". On our way back we enjoyed icecream. I want to sleep

What are the places that Asha visited during her stay in Jagdalpur?

1st July, 04

All of us woke up in the morning. After taking bath we started for Dantewada. We enjoyed our journey very much as on both the sides of roads there were big trees, beautiful hills of Bailadila and the Bastar



tribes in their traditional costume added



the natural beauty of that region. The climate was also cold and pleasant.

The Danteshwari Maa's temple is situated where the two rivers Shankani and Dankani meet. There are three buildings in the temple— the Natya Mandal, the Sabha Griha and the Garbha Griha.

After offering our prayers we returned to Jagdalpur. All of us, Anup uncle, Aunt, Dadima, Subhash uncle, Swati (5 years) and Shanu (7 years) enjoyed the journey in a van. Really, we enjoyed a lot.

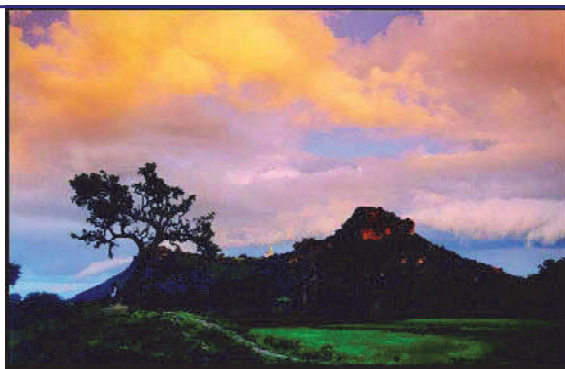
4th July, 04

In the morning we reached our Munni Mousie's house at Dongargarh. All through the way I slept in the van. They have a beautiful garden in their house. In the garden, there is a swing and a pond. Akshat, Munni Mousie's son and Babloo became friends. They spent the whole day in the garden swinging and watching the fishes in the pond.

How did the family go to Dongargarh?

5th July, 04

In the morning again, we got up early and went to offer our prayers to Bamleshwari Maai. There are 1000 steps. There is one more temple at the foot of the hill. It is called Chhoti Bamleshwari Ma. After the 'Darshan' at 9 o'clock we returned from the temple.



In the afternoon we went to Durg to our Nani Ma's house. During dinner all of us sat together. Babloo also wanted a plate. He went to kitchen and brought a plate for himself. After dinner we all sat together and talked for a long time. Babloo fell asleep while he was in Nanima's lap listening to everybody. I was very happy today.

Word Meanings

- Writers Group

partial	unfair support
waterfall	'Jalprapat'
national park	an area of natural interest kept and protected by the government.
hide and seek	"Luka Chipee" or "Chuppa-Chipee" (a game)
pleasant	making one feel happy.
swing	'Jhula'
pond	small area of still water (not natural)
offer prayers	pray to God.

Reading Comprehension

1. Read the diary carefully and make notes.

Where	How	What

2. Answer the following questions.

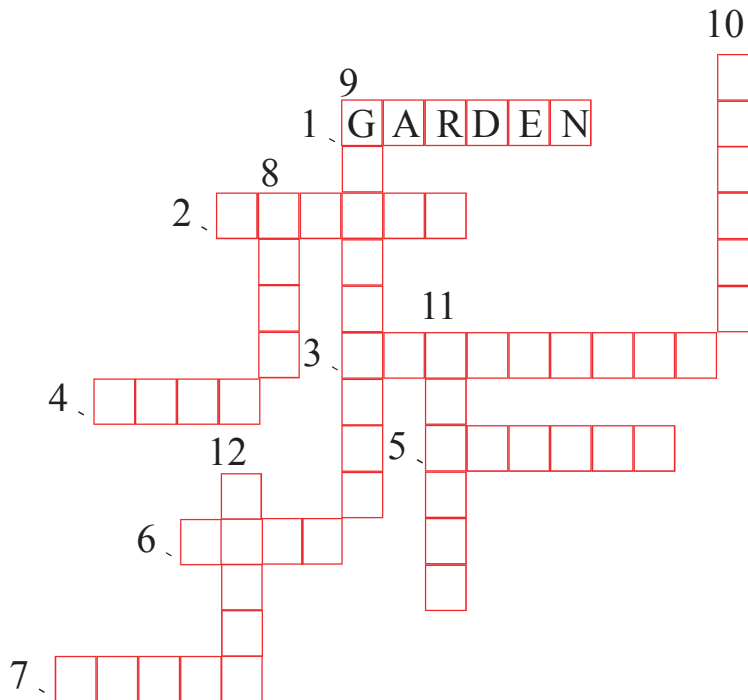
1. Give the names of children mentioned in the diary.
2. Which place do you think Babloo liked most?
3. What was there in the garden of Munni Mousie?
4. Pick out from the lesson three qualities to describe Babloo's nature.
5. Why did Asha feel that her parents were partial?

Vocabulary

1. Make a word list related to the given word.

Journey

2. Use the following words in your own sentences.
arrangements, frightened, drive, partial, surrounding
3. Complete the puzzle. One is done for you.



Clues

1. Brindavan (6 letters)
2. Place of worship for Christians (6 letters)
3. Chitrakut (9 letters)
4. Kanger Valley National (4 letters)
5. Muslims worship here. (6 letters)
6. Kutumsar..... (4 letters).
7. 1000 (5 letters)
8. Bailadila..... (4 letters)
9. Sikhs worship here (9 letters)
10. English term for Ghati (6 letters)
11. Hindus worship here (6 letters)
12. Large area of water surrounded by land starting with L (4 letters)

Grammar

1. Look at the pictures given below and write the statement in the space given below.



Example: The *dalia* is too hot to eat.

(stormy)



(high)



(tall)



(old)



(far)

2. Look at the use of 's or s' in the sentences. 's is used for possessive. 's is used for singular number and s' is used for plural indications.

Example:

1. This is my **brother's** pen.
2. He wears his **brother's** shirt.
3. The **girls'** garments are very cheap in this shop.

Rewrite the sentences with 's or s'.

- (i) He sat on a chair that his grandfather used.
- (ii) The Prime Minister inaugurated the hostel for girls.
- (iii) What is the real name of the Golden girl ?
- (iv) The school invited the grandparents of all students to the annual function.
- (v) I am looking for the stick that my grandmother uses for walking.

Writing

Imagine that last year your school team took a 'Bastar Special' package tour to visit Bastar. Write a brief description of the first two days of your tour giving the following information.

1. Where did you stay?
2. When and where did the tour start?
3. What places/sites did you visit?
4. When and where did you eat?
5. Did you see any cultural programme?
6. What things did you buy?

Activity

A. Listen to the passage and answer the questions.

See Appendix I Lesson 18.

1. Where did the stag see his own reflection ?
2. Which parts of his body did he not like ?
3. Which parts of his body got the stag into trouble?
4. Why couldn't the stag escape?
5. What did the stag think at last?
6. Give a suitable title to the passage.

B. Work in pairs.

Given below are two columns. Choose the things from the columns and complete the conversation.

Example: Would you like to be a tourist guide?

Yes, because I like to visit places.

to be		because
tourist guide traveller cameraman dancer sailor pilot train driver mountaineer	Yes/No	

Project

1. Maintain a diary.

2. Book Worm

1. Take a white drawing sheet as shown.



2. Cut as shown in the picture.



3. Draw eyes and the lines on its body.



4. Fix two small black strands of woollen threads as shown.

