

1.2 Dick Whittington and his Cat.

Warning up:-

1. Discuss the following in groups and write the answers

(a) Name the world famous personalities, who reached great heights despite of humble circumstances.



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)

Ans. (i) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

(ii) Abraham Lincoln

(iii) Charlie Chaplin

(iv) Kalpana Chawla

(b) Guess the types of hardships they must have faced in their childhood and youth.

Ans:- (i) poverty

(ii) lack of support

(iii) social disapproval

(iv) lack of opportunities

(c) What strong qualities possessed by them, could have helped them achieve success and fame, all over?

Ans:- (i) strong will power

(ii) optimism

(iii) sincerity

(iv) hard work

(d) How do stories/biographies of such famous people help youngsters?

Ans:- (i) They help youngsters to look at life positively.

(ii) They inspire the youth.

- (iii) They help them find answers to questions.
 (iv) They prove that we can do many seemingly impossible things if we really wish to.

2. Syllable: A syllable is a unit of pronunciation that has one vowel sound and may or may not have consonant sounds before / after it.

Examples of words having: (1) One syllable: a, I, see, at, on, man, with, thread.

(2) Two syllables: mother, seated, giraffe, parrot, active, happy.

(3) Three syllables: happiness, wonderful, animal, surprising, adventure, ignorance

(4) More than three syllables: consequently, encouragement, responsibility, identifying, encyclopedia.

Write down the names of any 5 of your classmates and write how many syllables each name contains.

Ans:- (1) Jai:- 1 syllables

(2) Remo:- 2 syllables

(3) Saira:- 2 syllables

(4) Shailaja:- 3 syllables

(5) Mandakini:- 4 syllables

(6) Ali:- 2 syllables

English Workshop:-

1.(A) Arrange the following set of words in the alphabetical order in your notebook. (ship, small, successful, scoldings, stone, saving, someone, stood, streets, still, screamed, sat, seemed, saint, share).

Ans:- saint, sat, saving, scoldings, screamed, seemed, share, ship, small, someone, successful. still, stone, stood, streets, successful.

(B) Remove the Affixes (Prefix and Suffix) and write the Root-word.

Ans.

<i>Affixes</i>	<i>Root Word</i>
(1) successful	(1) success
(2) immediately	(2) immediate
(3) retrace	(3) trace
(4) mouser	(4) mouse
(5) unfriendly	(5) friend
(6) fallen	(6) fall
(7) unkind	(7) kind
(8) wooden	(8) wood
(9) luckily	(9) luck
(10) belonging	(10) belong

2. (A) Find from the story one word for the following.

(1) a small room just below a sloping roof.

Ans:- Attic

(2) a very narrow passage between buildings.

Ans:- Alley

(3) the highest - ranking officer in the Municipality of a city/town.

Ans:- Mayor

(4) the highest ranking official who commands a ship.

Ans:- Captain

(5) any animal that catches mice.

Ans:- mouser

(6) a low constant sound made by cats.

Ans:- purr

(B) Make sentences of your own using the following expressions.

(1) overcome

Ans:- We must learn to overcome any difficulties we come across.

(2) put up with

Ans:- We had to put up with the noisy behaviour of our neighbour's son.

(3) bargain

Ans:- People in India love to bargain with hawkers.

3. Rearrange the following events as they occur in the story. Put the correct number in the boxes.

(1) Mr Fitzwarren provided shelter to Dick.

(2) A carter gave Dick a lift to London.

(3) A cat sailed to the African coast.

(4) The captain sold the cat for a very high amount of money.

(5) Dick left his village on foot, to go to London.

(6) Dick became rich, and later, the Mayor of London.

(7) Dick was homeless, helpless, cold and hungry.

(8) Dick bought a cat to get rid of the mice.

(9) The rats and mice ate up all the dinner, laid for the king and queen.

Ans:- (1) 4

(2) 2

(3) 6

(4) 8

(5) 1

- (6) 9
(7) 3
(8) 5
(9) 7

4. Think and answer.

(1) What decision taken by Dick changed his fortune?

Ans:- On hearing the church bells send out a message to him, Dick decided to retrace his steps and go back to Mr. Fitzwarren's house instead of running away. This decision changed Dick's fortune.

(2) What message does this story bring out for youngsters?

Ans:- The message that this story brings out for youngsters is that we must not run away from difficulties but face them bravely.

5. (A) Break the words below into syllables as shown in the first one.

Ans:-

<i>Words</i>	<i>syllables</i>
(1) belonging	(1) be-long-ing
(2) unfriendly	(2) un-friend-ly
(3) anything	(3) an-y-thing
(4) difficulty	(4) di-ffi-cul-ty
(5) captain	(5) cap-tain
(6) morning	(6) mor-ning
(7) citizen	(7) ci-ti-zen
(8) message	(8) mess-age
(9) mayor	(9) ma-yor
(10) elected	(10) e-lec-ted

(B) Degrees of Comparison of Adjectives.

Read the sentences.

(1) Yatin is strong.

(2) Amit is stronger than Yatin.

(3) Pravin is the strongest of all.

In sentence (1) the Adjective 'strong' is in its simple form. It is called *Positive Degree*.

In sentence (2) the Adjective 'stronger' refers to a higher degree, when there is a comparison of two nouns. It is called *Comparative Degree*. (*-er is added to the basic Adjective*)

In sentence (3) the adjective 'strongest' refers to the highest degree of comparison of one with more than two nouns. It is called Superlative.
Degree. *(-est is added to the basic Adjective)*

Complete the table of the degrees comparison:-

Ans

positive	Comparative	superlative
(1) great	greater	greatest
(2) famous	more famous	most
(3) easy	easier	famous
(4) bad	worse	easiest
(5) poor	poorer	worst
(6) lazy	lazier	poorest
(7) little	less	laziest
(8) worthy	worthier	least
(9) popular	more popular	worthiest

6. Select any one of the famous personalities mentioned in 'Warming up 1' on page no 5. From the library or internet find out their success story. Write it in your own words in about 20 to 30 lines of your notebook. Give your write-up a suitable title.

Ans:- Former President of India, Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam was hailed as an Indian scientist who served the President's term from 2002 to 2007. He studied aerospace engineering and physics and his last four decades were spent as an administrator of science. He was also hailed as the 'Missile Man of India' because of his tremendous effort in missile development. He was bestowed with many prestigious honours among which Bharat Ratna is also included.