

# Climb 'Til Your Dream Comes True'

## Pre-reading Activities

### Question 1:

#### Bird Observation

Observe the pictures in your textbook and answer the questions.

i. Name the class of bird in the picture.

#### Answer:

Looking at the picture, it can be said that the class of bird is *Ploceus philippinus* (Weaver bird).

ii. What is it known for?

#### Answer:

Weaver bird is best known for weaving its nest with long strips of paddy leaves, rough grasses and long strips torn from palm fronds.

#### Picture 2

i. What is the bird doing?

#### Answer:

By observing the picture, it can be said that the bird is perching on its nest and watching its young ones.

ii. What qualities do you notice about the bird?

#### Answer:

By observing the picture, it can be said that the bird is very hardworking and caring.

#### Picture 3

i. What do you notice in this picture?

#### Answer:

Looking at the picture, we notice a weaver bird weaving its nest.

ii. What do you learn from the bird's activity?

**Answer:** The bird's activity teaches us that 'self help is the best help'. We should work hard to fulfill our requirements (here, the requirement of building a shelter).

#### Picture 4

i. What do you notice in the above pictures?

**Answer:**

By observing the pictures, we notice insects like bees and ants striving hard to build a shelter that is safe and comfortable for them.

**ii. What common features do you observe in the above pictures?**

**Answer:**

Looking at the pictures, we observe that bees are building hives and ants are building anthills. Both the groups are working hard in unity to build their respective homes.

**A1. Factual Reading**

**Question 1:**

**Read the poem and complete the following,**

- i. With faith in your heart .....
- ii. Often the road will be .....
- iii. The hills ahead are never as ..... as they seem.
- iv. Climb 'til you reach .....

**Answer:**

- i. start upward ii. rugged your
- iii. steep iv. dream

**Question 2:**

**Read the extract and find the correct alternative to complete the following sentences.**

- i. We have .....
  - a. many tasks
  - b. less tasks
  - c. none tasks

**Answer:**

- a. many tasks

- ii. Insurmountable means .....
  - a. . easy to deal with
  - b. difficult to deal with
  - c. happy to deal with

**Answer:**

- b. difficult to deal with

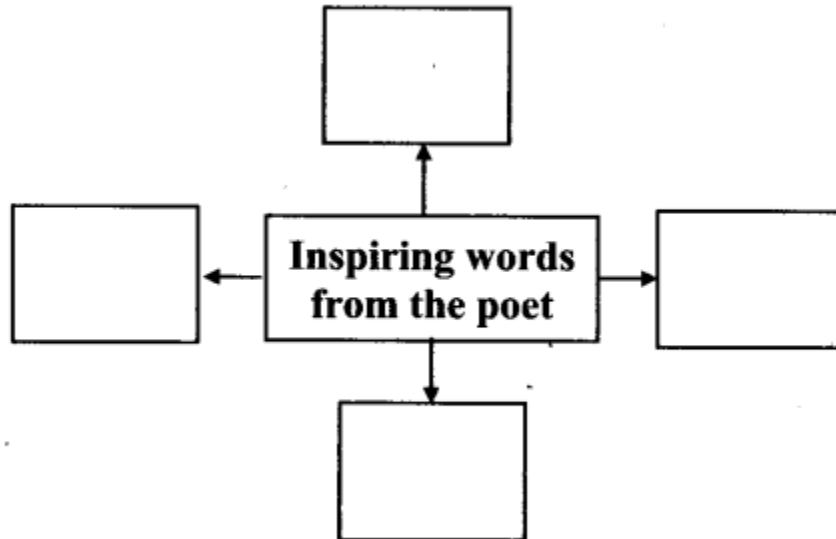
- iii. You should always ..... ahead.
  - a. remember
  - b. forget
  - c. imagine

**Answer:**

a. remember

**Question 3:**

Complete the web by choosing positive thoughts / inspiring words mentioned in the extract.



**Answer:**

- i The hills are never as steep as they seem
- ii. Keep faith in heart
- iii. Start upwards
- iv. Climb 'til you reach your dream

**A2. Understanding the Extract**

**Question 1:**

How is the road mentioned in the poem? (condition)

**Answer:**

The road mentioned in the poem is rugged.

**Question 2:**

What should we always remember(important things)

**Answer:**

We should always remember that the hills ahead are never as steep as they seem to be.

**Question 3:**

What should we do with faith in our heart, according to the speaker in the poem?  
(decision)

**Answer:**

According to the speaker, we should begin climbing upwards with faith in our heart and continue to do so until we achieve our dreams.

**Question 4:**

The poet advises us .....

- i. ....
- ii. ....

**Answer:**

- i. to start upward
- ii. to climb till we reach our dream

**A3. Vocabulary**

**Question 1:**

Glance through the extract again and find out the opposite in meaning for the following.

- i. forget x .....
- ii. downward x .....

**Answer:**

- i. remember
- ii. upward

**Question 2:**

Write the rhyming pairs of words from the extract.

**Answer:**

- i. do – too ii. seem – dream

**Question 3:**

Find and write down from the extract the words that describe the following.

- i. impossible to solve or get control of .....
- ii. rough and uneven .....

**Answer:**

- i. insurmountable
- ii. rugged

**A1. Factual Reading**

**Question 1:**

**Read the extract and complete the following,**

- i. Nothing in life that is worthy is .....
- ii. Faith is a force that is greater than .....
- iii. Faith is mover of .....
- iv. There's nothing that God .....

**Answer:**

- i. too hard to achieve
- ii. knowledge or power or skill
- iii. mountains
- iv. cannot do

**Question 2:**

**Read the extract and find the correct alternative to complete the following sentences,**

**i. We must have.**

- a. courage and faith
- b. aim and ambition
- c. interest and time

**Answer:**

- a. courage and faith

**ii. The poet advises us to \_**

- a. believe in God
- b. believe in your faith
- c. believe in yourself

**Answer:**

- a. believe in God

**\*iii. We should continue our work**

- a. continuously without stopping
- b. until we realize our expectations
- c. until we get tired

**Answer:**

- b. until we realize our expectations

**\*iv. The message of the poem is**

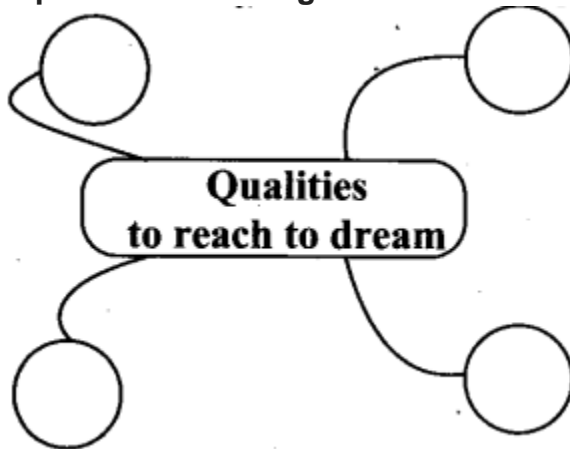
- a. keep climbing the hill
- b. climb for fitness

**Answer:**

- c. work hard to achieve success

**Question 3:**

Complete the following web.



**Answer:**

- i. courage to try
- ii. faith to believe .
- iii. knowledge, power and skill
- iv. trust in God

**Question 1:**

State whether the following statements are True or False.

- i. Anything in life that is worthy is very difficult to achieve.
- ii. Faith is greater than knowledge, power or skill.
- iii. Faith is a mover of God.
- iv. We should climb till we reach the top of the building.

**Answer:**

- i. False
- ii. True
- iii. False
- iv. False

**A2. Understanding the Extract**

**Question 1:**

How can faith help your dream come true?

**Answer:**

Faith is a mover of mountains. There is nothing that God cannot do. So, if we have faith in God and the courage to work for our dream, nothing in life is impossible to achieve.

**Question 2:**

How can faith in God help us?

**Answer:**

Faith in God will help us to turn defeats into triumph. In other words, faith in God will help us to face difficult situations in our life and also help us to attain our goals.

**Question 3:**

What is faith, according to the speaker?

**Answer:**

According to the speaker, faith is a force that is greater than knowledge or power or skill. It is a belief, both in ourselves and in God that will help us to turn our defeats into triumphs?

**Question 4:**

Is God really responsible in helping us to lead a better life? Give your views and explain.

**Answer:**

Yes, faith in God will help us to lead a better life. It will give us the strength and courage that we need to face difficult situations in life. This faith will inspire us to put in all our efforts to achieve success by overcoming obstacles in our way.

**Question 5:**

What helps us to keep trying in the moment of difficulties?

**Answer:**

Faith in our self and in God helps us to keep trying in the moment of difficulties. It builds confidence and positive attitude in us. Through it, we can learn to tackle and overcome difficulties wisely.

**Question 6:**

What is the message given by the poet?

**Answer:**

Through the poem, the poet highlights the importance of hard work and faith. She stresses that nothing is impossible to achieve if we have the courage to do it and faith to believe in our ability. She further stresses that, by having faith in God, we can overcome difficulties and obstacles in life to achieve our goals.

**A3. Vocabulary****Question 1:**

Glance through the extract again and find out the opposite in meaning for the following words.

**Answer:**

- i. defeat ii. hard
- iii. triumph iv. knowledge
- v. defeats

**Question 2:**

Write down the pairs of rhyming words from the extract.

**Answer**

- i. achieve – believe

- ii. skill – will
- iii. do – true

## **Additional Questions for Practice**

### **Question 1:**

#### **Presenting a poem**

Work in pairs and present a poem.

#### **Answer**

- i. Form pairs and read the poem aloud.
  - ii. Select the lines that you will read and the lines that your friend will read.
  - iii. Make use of 'stress' to highlight the point.
- [Students are expected to perform the above activity on their own.]

### **Question 2:**

#### **Complete with hints**

Complete the sentences by applying the hints given in the brackets. One is done for you.

- eg. If you have the courage, you will reach your goal, (goal)
- i. If you trust, (success)
  - ii. If you believe in God, (courage)
  - iii. If you have enough wisdom, (win)
  - iv. If there is a will, (way)

#### **Answer:**

- i. you will achieve success
- ii. you will get courage
- iii. you will win
- iv. there is a way

### **Question 3:**

#### **Rhyming words**

Read the poem again so as to get the music in it.

- i. Look at the ending words of each line.
- ii. Write down the words with a similar sound.
- iii. Say these words again and again.
- iv. Listen to the music that they create.
- v. Add one more rhyming word.

**Answer:**

<b>Rhyming words from the poem</b>	<b>Additional rhyming words</b>
do – too seem – dream achieve – believe skill – will do – true	blue, sue beam, scream deceive, receive mill, hill clue, flew

**Question 4:**

**Similarity**

When you read the poem you find similarity between climbing a mountain and our life. Discuss within your group and complete the following.

	<b>Climbing a mountain</b>	<b>Our life</b>

**Answer:**

	<b>Climbing a mountain</b>	<b>Our life</b>
i.	The roads are rugged.	One has to face many difficult situations in life.
ii.	The hills seem to be insurmountable.	Problems in life seem difficult to tackle.
iii.	The hills ahead seem to be steep.	Life is not a bed of roses.
iv.	One should climb upward to reach the top of the mountain.	One should move ahead in life with a positive attitude and achieve the goals.

### Question 5:

#### Achieving success

The poem mentions some essential things required in order to achieve success. However, there are many more things required to reach the peak of success. Discuss with your partner and list down all such things.

#### Answer:

Essential things / qualities required to reach the peak of success:

- i. Hard work
- ii. Confidence
- iii. Optimism
- iv. Faith / trust
- v. Consistency
- vi. Intelligence
- vii. Skill
- viii. Focus / concentration
- ix. Determination
- x. Patience

### Question 6:

**Dream and Day Dream** Look at the difference between dream and day dream. Give some examples of each in the given blogs.

#### Dream

- i. a series of thoughts, images and feelings that you experience when you are asleep
- ii. a wish to do or have something
- iii. to think about something that you would like to happen or have
- iv. to think about something else and not give attention to what is happening around you

#### Answer:

Examples:

- i. Last night, she had a dream that she was building a sand castle by the beach.
- ii. It's my dream to live in New York City.
- i. I dream of owning that car one day.
- ii. She dreams of stepping out into the world while working around the house.

#### Day Dream

- i. letting one's imagination roam freely
- ii. pleasant thoughts while you are awake and make you forget what you are doing

Ans: Examples:

- i. The teacher's words pulled me out of my day dream.
- ii. She was so engrossed in her day dream that she did not realise that the teacher was standing beside her.

### Question 7:

#### Going beyond words

The word 'road' in the poem refers to real life situations. Find similar such words from the poem and find their contextual meaning and the meaning that is beyond the dictionary meaning. Also find the meaning that the poet wants to suggest.

**Answer:**

	<b>Words that refer to real life situations</b>	<b>Contextual meaning</b>	<b>Meaning suggested by the poet</b>
i.	road	path	the journey of life
ii.	rugged road	uneven road	unexpected difficulties faced in life
iii.	insurmountable hills	hills which are difficult to climb	goals that are difficult to achieve
iv.	steep hills	hills that have a sharp slope	goals that seem to be risky and dangerous
v.	mover of mountain	move something as big as a mountain	any huge and nearly impossible goal can be achieved
vi.	climb	to move ahead	never give up and keep trying

**Question 8:**

**ABC of Success**

Given below are some words suggesting the secret of success. Form pairs and use a dictionary to find out the meaning and make atleast one sentence using them. Discuss with your partner.

**i. 8 Ps for Success**

- a. Practice b. Patience  
c. Perseverance d. Positivity  
e. Persistence f. Perfection  
g. Preparation h. Punctuality

**Answer:**

8 Ps for Success

**a. Practice:** frequent or systematic repetition of action

It takes years of practice to acquire the skill of an expert.

**b. Patience:** the ability to remain calm in a difficult or unpleasant situation

I don't have the patience to wait in line for hours just to buy a ticket.

**c. Perseverance:** constant effort to achieve something.

Her perseverance in studies helped her to score a merit rank in the university.

**d. Positivity:** the state of being positive, i.e. constructive, optimistic and confident  
Positivity in our thinking builds up our confidence.

**e. Persistence:** The fact of continuing in an opinion or course of action inspite of difficulties or opposition

Learning a second language may depend on your persistence.

**f. Perfection:** the quality or state of being completely free from faults or defects  
The vegetarian meal for dinner was cooked to perfection.

**g. Preparation:** the action of putting together or arranging or getting ready for a task  
The best preparation for a test is to begin studying well in advance.

**h. Punctuality:** the state of being prompt, the habit of adhering to an appointed time  
If your punctuality does not improve, you could lose your job.

## ii. 5 Ds for Success

a. Devotion b. Dedication

c. Determination d. Discipline

e. Diligence

5 Ds for Success

**a. Devotion:** deep and strong love for something

Everyone respected the teacher's devotion to the cause of education.

**b. Dedication:** giving oneself completely to the work that one is doing  
She always works with great dedication.

**c. Determination:** the ability to decide and act firmly according to one's decision  
His courage and determination to succeed are worth mentioning.

**d. Discipline:** controlled behaviour, training to obtain obedience  
The lazy boy in school lacks discipline in his life.

**e. Diligence:** steady effort

Finishing the school assignment took a great amount of diligence.

## iii. 5 Cs for Success

1. Character 2. Conviction

3. Commitment 4. Courage

5. Concentration

**Answer:**

5 Cs for Success

**a. Character:** valuable or admirable moral qualities

Your character is moulded by the kind of people you spend time with.

**b. Conviction:** firm or assured belief One should always act upto one's conviction.

**c. Commitment:** promise .

I made a commitment ta my teacher that I would complete my assignment by Monday.

**d. Courage:** the quality of being brave

He didn't have the courage to try sky diving.

**e. Concentration:** the ability to keep one's attention fixed on something inspite of

distraction

It requires a lot of concentration to study in a noisy place.

#### iv. 5 Es for Success

- a. Enthusiasm b. Efficiency
- c. Education d. Experience
- e. Eagerness

#### Answer:

5 Es for Success

**a. Enthusiasm:** a strong desire to do something

The players were full of enthusiasm before the match began.

**b. Efficiency:** the state or quality of functioning effectively and with minimal efforts

The company uses latest technology to increase its efficiency in production.

**c. Education:** the formal process of educating people in schools, colleges, etc.

I went to USA to complete my education.

**d. Experience:** active participation in events or activities, leading to the accumulation of knowledge or skill Soham is a carpenter with experience in roof repair.

**e. Eagerness:** enthusiasm to do or to have something, keenness

If you look upon a challenge with eagerness, it will be more fun.

#### Question 8:

##### Compose a Poem

Given below is a poem titled 'Stars'. Compose one more stanza of your own so as to complete the poem.

I watched the stars in my dream  
Twinkling together they happen to seem  
I watched the stars in films and movies  
Performing their arts like angels and fairies

#### Answer:

I watched the stars in the sky at night Lying on the green grass Oh, what a pretty sight!