

LESSON - 16

NINA AND THE BABY SPARROWS



There was great joy in Nina's house. Nina's aunt was getting married. Nina, her father, mother and little brother were all going to Delhi for a wedding. Everyone was happy, except Nina.

Her mother took her to the market to buy a new dress. "What colour would you like?" Mother asked.

"I don't want a new dress, Mother," said Nina. "*Salwar-kameez* then?"

Nina shook her head.

"What about those lovely white shoes you saw last week?" "I don't want those, either. Thank you, Mother."



Nina's mother was upset, but she said nothing. They went back home and had lunch. After lunch mother came and sat near Nina. "What is it, child?" she asked. "Why did you say 'no' to everything?"

“Mother, I don’t want to go to the wedding.”

“But why?”

Nina said nothing. Instead, two big tears rolled down her cheeks. Mother put her arms around



Nina. Don’t cry, my pet.” she said. “why don’t you tell me what’s bothering you?”

More tears rolled down Nina’s cheeks. “Mother.” she said, “there’s a sparrow’s nest on the bookshelf in my room. And there are two baby sparrows in the nest.”

“I see,” said mother.

“They’re just beginning to get their feathers. And growing up makes them so hungry. All day long they cry ‘cheep-cheep’, asking for food.

“I see! said Mother.

“If we go, the whole place will be locked. And how will papa and mama sparrows feed their babies?”

“Oh Nina“, cried Mother, giving her a big hug. “Is that why you don’t want to go to the wedding? But that’s no problem at all, we’ll leave the window open.”



“Oh, can we, Mother? Can we? Really?”

“Yes, yes. we’ll remove all your things from the room and lock the door on the outside. So the house will be perfectly safe and papa and mama sparrow can come and go freely, too. Just think, Nina while you enjoy yourself at the wedding, the baby sparrows will be getting nice and fat in their nest. Good idea, isn’t it?”

It was a good idea. When Nina came back from the wedding, there were two plump little sparrows flying all over the room, And wasn’t Nina thrilled!

I. New words

joy, bother, marry, upset, feed, remove, wedding, shake, hug, instead, plump, thrilled

II. Read and write

1. Why was there a great joy in Nina's house?
2. Why was Nina worried ?
3. What did mother suggest?
4. What did Nina find when she came back from wedding?
5. Write a few lines about Nina.

III. Say aloud

joy, married, white, either, bothering, hug, problem, remove, perfectly, freely, plump, thrilled

IV. Let's talk

What will you do for the solution of the given problems

If I have this problem	I will do this
(1) If I am ill	I will go to a doctor.
(2) If I don't understand anything in the class	I will
(3) If someone fights with me	
(4) If any unknown person asks me to go with him.	
(5) If anyone touches me how I don't like	

V. Vocabulary

(A) Fill in the blanks with the suitable words from the help box :

dress, bookshelf, window, married, happy, sparrow

Nina's aunt was getting Every one was very
Nina's mother took her to the market to buy a new But
Nina was worried. There was a with two baby
sparrows on the in her room. Mama and papa sparrows
flew into the room through the to feed the baby
sparrows. If the whole house is locked how the baby sparrows
would live.

(B) Match the words with their antonym :

problem	sorrow
bother	add
joy	comfort
remove	solution

(C) Use the following words in your own sentences :
wedding, upset, hug, instead

VI. Structures in context

Contractions: shortening of words

Look at these sentences.

'I'm a student. I'll go to school.'

I @m I (will)

The words I'm and I'll are short forms of I am and I will. They have been shortened to make one word by removing the a and wi and putting an apostrophe (') in its place.

There are many words like these which can be shortened.

Look at this table to understand how some words are shortened.

I am	I'm
we are	we're
I do not	I don't
I have	I've
I will	I'll
She does not	She doesn't
He is	He's
He is not	He isn't
She is	She's
That is	That's

VII. The tenses

Tense means time.

Time is expressed by using the correct form of the verb in a sentence.

Tense	Examples
Present tense - The time now	Suman writes a letter.
Past tense - The time before now	Suman wrote a letter.
Future tense - The time after now	Suman will write a letter.

Complete this table. Write the correct forms of the verbs. One has been done for you.

Today	Yesterday	Tomorrow
I play. I dance. I sing. I read I teach. I go. I cry. I cut.	I played	I will play.

VII. Fun time

- Would you like to have birds visiting you everyday? What would you do for that ?
- Try making a bird-bath and a feeding corner for birds.
- You can place a bowl of water in a quiet corner of the house.
- Leave bread crumbs, grains etc. for your feathered friends.



Look at the pictures and write the name of things you need to make them.



If there are mentally challenged students in your class:

1. Break the lesson into small portions. Explain difficult concepts with examples and in simple language. Try and relate difficult concepts with experiences from daily life.
2. Pay constant attention to these students while teaching so that they do not lose their focus. Encourage them to answer questions in class and reward them when they answer properly.
3. Encourage the other students to be friendly and helpful towards their mentally challenged classmates.