

Lesson



The Kabuliwala



Pre-reading

Dictionary Reference: Learning New Words

Activity 1

Look up the following words in a dictionary. You should seek the following information about the words.

1. Meaning of the word as used in the lesson (adjective/noun/verb, etc.).
2. Pronunciation (The teacher may refer to the dictionary or the mobile phone for correct pronunciation.)
3. Spellings

worried	quieten	conversation	lively	clouds
crime	recognise	ceremonies	terror	chatterbox
sack	tenderly	chatter	expenses	afford

Reading

Let us read the story

Little Mini was five years old and a great chatterbox. She simply could not live without chatting all the time. Her mother was often worried about this non-stop chatter of Mini and tried to quieten her. But no one could think of Mini being quiet. Her conversation with her father was always very lively.

One day, Mini came bursting into her father's study. She put her arm around him and said, "What do you think, Father? Bhola says there is an elephant in the clouds, blowing water out of its trunk and that is why it rains!" Before he could reply, she ran to the window crying, "A Kabuliwala! A Kabuliwala!"

Mini called out to the Kabuliwala but when he looked at her, she was in terror and ran to her father. She had heard that Kabuliwalas caught children, put them in their sacks and took them away. The Kabuliwala came to Mini's house and her father made sure that Mini came out and met him. Soon, Mini lost her fear of him and it was a joy to watch the big bearded Pathan talking tenderly to the little-five-year-old. The Kabuliwala was now a daily visitor to Mini's house. They would sit and chat for hours and crack jokes with each other.

"Kabuliwala, O Kabuliwala! What have you got in your bag?" Mini would ask.



"An elephant," answered the Kabuliwala and then the two of them would laugh aloud. Once a year, Rehman, for that was the Kabuliwala's name, would go back to his own country. He would first collect all the money that people owed him before he left. But although he was busy, Rehman always found time to visit little Mini.

One day, there was a lot of noise in the street. Rehman had stabbed a man who owed him money. For the crime, he was sent to prison!

Time passed and Mini soon forgot her old friend, the Kabuliwala. She had grown up into a very pretty woman. Her father made arrangements for Mini's wedding.

Mini was getting married that night. As her father sat in his study, a man came up and saluted him respectfully. At first, he did not recognize him. Soon, he realised it was old Rehman, the Kabuliwala. Mini's father told him there were ceremonies going on and that he should come some other day.

He was about to leave when he turned around and said, "May I see the little one, sir?" He still thought of Mini as a little girl running to him and calling, "Kabuliwala, O Kabuliwala!" He thought they would talk and laugh as they had done long ago.

Mini's father told him once more that there were ceremonies. The Kabuliwala then gave him a small packet of dried raisins, nuts and almonds for Mini and said, "Give these to the little one. I too have a little one like her and I think of her and bring her this fruit."

Mini's father could not control his tears. He realised that the poor Kabuliwala was also a father. He called Mini who came out dressed as a bride. The Kabuliwala was shocked to see that Mini, the little girl he had known, had grown up into a beautiful woman. He suddenly realised that his own daughter would have grown up too and broke into tears. Mini's father took out some money and gave it to Rehman and said, "Go and see your daughter and may you have all the happiness."

Mini's father had to cut down the expenses on the wedding. He could not afford the military band and the electric lights but he was happy that with that money, a long-lost father will be able to meet his only child once again.

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Activity 2

In the following table, you will see some words with their meanings. Make one sentence of each word.

S.No.	Word	Meaning	Sentence
1	chatting(v)	talking in a friendly way	<hr/> <hr/>
2	conversation (n)	talk between people	<hr/> <hr/>
3	lively (adj)	full of life	<hr/> <hr/>
4	crime (n)	an act for which you can be punished by law	<hr/> <hr/>
5	ceremony(n)	an important religious or social event- wedding, birthdays, etc.	<hr/> <hr/>
6	afford (v)	to have enough money to pay for something	<hr/> <hr/>

Learning to Read and Comprehend

Activity 3

Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

1. Why was Mini afraid of the Kabuliwala?
(a) Kabuliwallah looked very horrible.
(b) She had heard that Kabuliwala's caught the children.
2. What was Kabuliwala's name?
(a) Rehman
(b) Armaan
3. Why was the Kabuliwala arrested?
(a) He had stolen money from Mini's house.
(b) He had stabbed a man.
4. What did Mini's father give to the Kabuliwala?
(a) some clothes and food
(b) some money
5. Mini's father could not afford the military band on her marriage. Why ?
(a) because he had given some money to the Kabuliwala.
(b) because he had suffered a huge loss in his business.

Activity 4

Put a tick (✓) or a cross (X) against each sentence.

1. Little Mini was three years old.
2. Rehman was a big bearded pathan.
3. The Kabuliwallah was hanged to death.
4. Mini could not forget the Kabuliwala.
5. Mini's father helped Rehman with some money.

Activity 5

Complete the following sentences.

1. Mini could not live _____.
2. The Kabuliwala and Mini would sit and _____.
3. There was a terrible _____.
4. Mini had grown _____.
5. Mini's father had to cut down _____.

Learning Language

Conjunction

A conjunction is a word which joins two words, phrases or sentences.

Some common conjunctions are : and, but, so, because.

Let us see how they are used.

1. I missed the train.
I was late.
We can combine these two sentences by using 'because'.
I missed the train because I was late.
2. She wants coffee.
I want tea.
We can combine these two sentences by using 'but'.
She wants coffee but I want tea.

Activity 6

Underline the conjunctions in the following sentences.

1. Slow and steady wins the race.
2. Caesar and Pebble are friendly dogs.
3. I went out and had ice-cream.
4. I missed my flight because I was late.
5. Yesterday, it rained but today it is sunny.
6. I remember his name but not his mobile number.
7. He bought a book because he loves reading.
8. They went to the restaurant and had dinner.

Activity 7

Fill in the blanks with **but/and/so**.

1. I can read _____ write English.
2. Nisha can swim _____ Rani can't.
3. Tom _____ Lucy came to my house.
4. He didn't work hard _____ he failed.
5. I have a bat _____ I don't have a ball.
6. It was a holiday _____ we did not go to school.

Activity 8

Match the columns to make meaningful sentences.

Column A

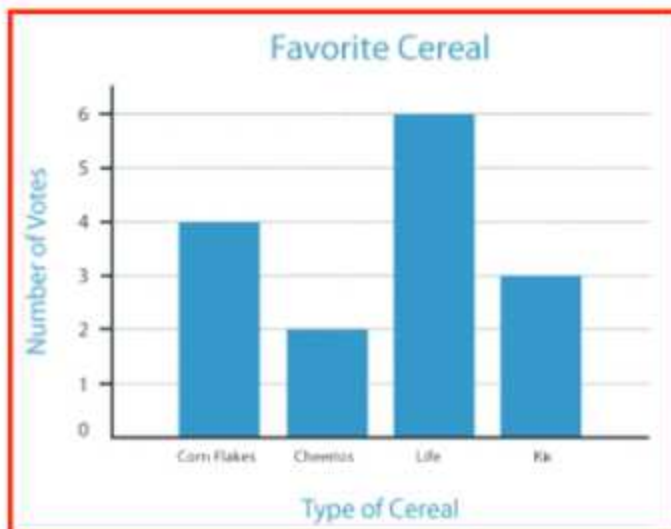
1. He worked hard
2. Amrit likes coffee
3. I went to see my mother
4. Run fast
5. Tanu and Manu came home

Column B

- but not tea.
so he passed.
because she was ill.
and rested for a while.
or you will miss the bus.

Activity 9

Look at the bar graph chart below. It is about 4 cereals that children like. Read and understand the number of votes each cereal has got.



1. What are the names of 4 cereals that children like?

2. Which cereal is the most favourite of children?

3. How many votes has it got?

4. How many votes have Corn flakes got?

5. How many votes has Kix got?

6. Which cereal has got the least number of votes?

Learning to Listen

Activity 10

Your teacher will tell you a story. Listen to the story carefully and put the sentences given below in the correct order i.e. as they happen in the story. Write the numbers in the given brackets. The first one is done for you. (Refer to Appendix 1 at page no. 122)

1. One day, he told them to bring him a bundle of sticks. [____]
2. The father gave the bundle to each one of his sons. [____]
3. The sons tried to break the bundle of sticks. [____]
4. He failed to make them understand. [____]
5. The sons always fought with one another. [____]
6. The father advised them to live in peace. [____]
7. He thought of using another way. [____]
8. The sons could not break the bundle. [____]
9. He opened the bundle and separated the sticks. [____]
10. Within no time the sons broke the separated sticks. [____]
11. One by one, he gave single sticks to his sons. [____]
12. The father then told his sons the importance of standing
with one another. [____]
13. A father had three sons. [1]

Learning to Speak

Activity 11

Get into pairs and tell each other a joke or a short story in English. After listening to the story, you must ask each other some questions. The questions will be on something that you do not understand in the story.

You must write those questions in the space given below for your teacher to check. You will also write the answers your partner gives you.

My Questions

1.

2.

My Partner's answers

1.

2.

Activity 12

Look at the following words. Learn to pronounce them by repeating after the teacher.

1. quieten

2. conversation

3. lively

4. clouds

5. crime

6. recognise

7. ceremonies

8. terror

9. chatterbox

10. tenderly