

## 2.4 Please listen!

### Warming up!

#### Chit - chat

- What makes you laugh?

Ans. Example:- a funny joke

- What makes you angry?

Ans. Example:- When I don't get money for shopping

- What makes you sad?

Ans. Example:- having trouble at home

- What makes you happy?

Ans. Example:- when I go for a trip for a week

### Twenty Questions

Form groups of 6-8. One person (leader) chooses one item - a picture, a paragraph or a lesson from any one of the 9th standard textbooks and writes the reference on a slip of paper and folds it. Others ask him/her questions and try to guess what it is, from his/her answers. Follow the rules given below.

- The maximum number of questions the rest of the group can ask is 20.
- You cannot ask a direct question like "What do you have in mind?"
- You can ask "Wh-" questions or 'Yes/no' questions. The leader has to give truthful answers.

Ans.

Questions	Answer
Are there birds with white feathers around?	Yes.
The environment looks cool, is it daytime that the author is referring to?	No.
Is everything in the surrounding all quiet and calm?	Yes.
Does something appear to be silvery and shining?	Yes.
Is the writer referring to a ghost that is trying to haunt him?	No.

If it's not daytime and it is night time, can we hear dogs barking?	No.
Is someone staring at the tree and birds at the time the night?	Yes.
Is the writer referring to a living being?	Yes.
Is the poet referring to something on earth?	No.
Is the writer talking about some unknown person walking the path, during night time?	No.
If he not, a person, then is some object that he speaks of?	Yes.
Does the writer experience some change around, every night?	Yes, absolutely!
What are some of those changes that he talks about?	The writer observes everything around him sparkling at night.
Is the writer talking of some shining insect, like fireflies at night?	No.
Which creatures does he speak of?	He observes various creatures like the doves along with dogs, mice, and fish.
Does the poet happen to be by any water body, during the night?	Yes.
How does the water look?	The brightness of the water seems to increase at night.
Is there an influence of that object on all our surroundings?	Yes.
From the picture of the landscape, is there some kind of "Reflection" that is affecting the area?	Yes.
Well, then, what is the poet talking about when he compares it to 'Silver'?	It's the moon that the poet is referring to, from the "silver".

### Agreements and Disagreements

**Form pairs. List the things on which you have the same opinion and also the ones on which you have different opinions. Prepare a list of ten things in all and see how far you agree or disagree with your friend. Some useful phrases are given alongside, You could talk about:**

**Ans.** Activity

### English Workshop

**1. Complete the following with the help of the lines of the poem.**

**When I ask you to listen to me, you start doing -**

**Ans.** Activity

**2. Write the opposites (antonyms) of the following.**

**(1) cheap**

**Ans.** costly

**(2) discouraged**

**Ans.** encouraged

**(3) inadequacy**

**Ans.** Adequacy

**(4) accept**

**Ans.** reject

**(5) simple**

**Ans.** hard

**(6) irrational**

**Ans.** Rational

**(7) understanding**

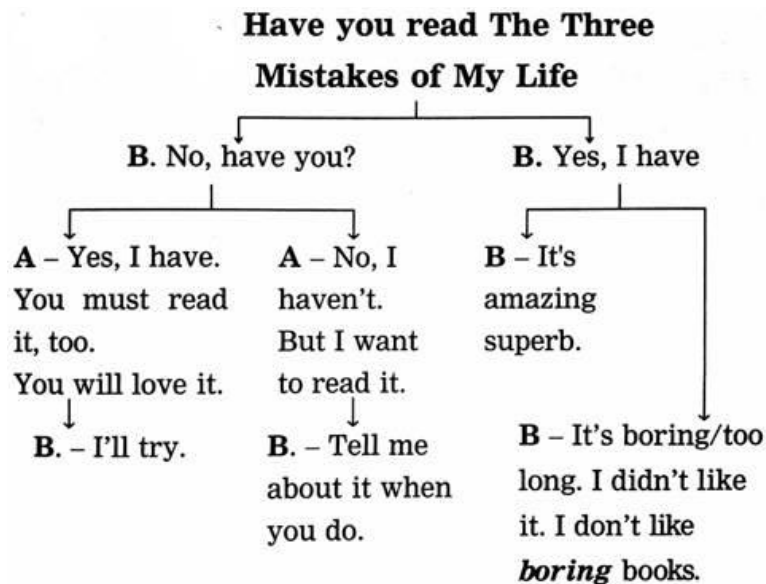
**Ans.** misunderstanding

**(8) clear**

**Ans.** unclear

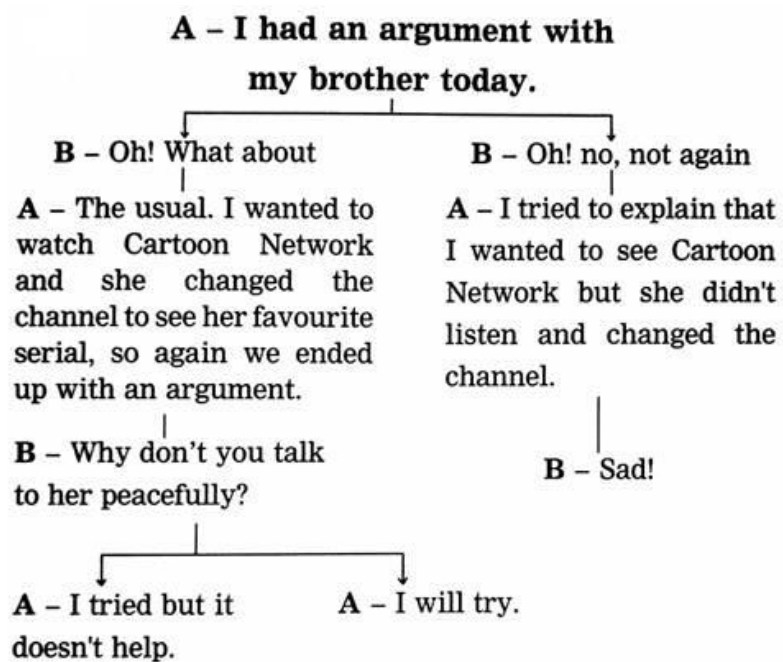
**3. Use the following charts to prepare meaningful dialogues. Use your ideas to fill in the blanks.**

**Ans.**



Prepare a similar conversation about a film.

Ans.



**4. Maintain a diary at least for a week. Write about your interactions with other people in your surroundings in 3-4 lines. Also write whether you find the interactions happy unhappy, satisfactory-unsatisfactory, enjoyable-stressful, etc.**

**Ans. Jan. 1:** Today is New Year's day. Holiday for everyone. Mummy baked a yummy cake. I helped her. Papa and I went for a long walk in the park. Have made heaps of resolutions. Intend to keep every one of them. Am full of determination. Have decided to ask Seema didi

for help. A wonderful day!

**Jan. 2:** Not such a good day. Broke my first resolution. Overslept and had to rush to school with my shoes in my hand! Luckily my homework was all done. Kept my resolution of doing my studies before going out to play football. Had an argument with Sahil on the ground. But it ended well.

**9. Write an informal letter from a teenager to his/her parent, expressing a few thoughts from the poem.**

**(My dear ...../Dearest...../Hi!..... Are you surprised to see this letter? I wanted to talk to you about this, but then I thought I will be able to express myself better in a letter.... Love,/Yours lovingly/Yours)**

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Dearest Mom,

Hi! Sorry, sorry, dear Mom. Are you surprised to see this letter? I wanted to talk to you about this, but then I thought I will be able to express myself better in a letter.

Mom, when I told you about the problems I was having with my roommate here at the hostel, I only wanted you to listen. I knew I was being irrational at times. and I was trying to understand this feeling. It would have taken me some time, but I would have finally got things sorted out on my own. I'm sorry, but I did not need advice, or any solutions. Now I've solved my problem and I am at peace.

I'm sorry, Mom, if I've hurt you by snapping at your good intentions. But I'm learning. I still need your support, but I have to make my own way in this world, and this is the first step. Please try to understand this.

Love you always.  
Your loving daughter,  
Ananya