

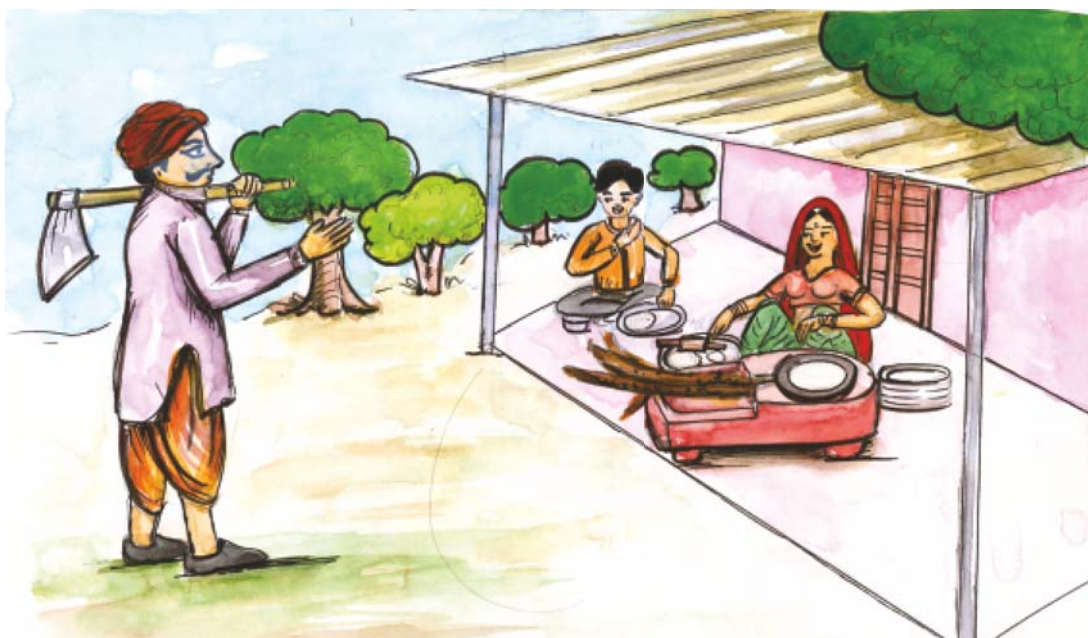
- Name some children from your locality who do not go to school.
- What is the reason for it?
- What is our duty towards such children?

[Janki Lal is a mason. Being poor it is difficult for him to manage his household within his wages. He has a son and a daughter. He keeps his son to assist him in his work.]

Scene I

[Janki Lal and his son Manghu are getting ready to go for work.]

Janki Lal : Are you ready, Manghu ?



Manghu : Yes, bapu. I am coming, only this last chapati is left.

Janki Lal : Don't forget to bring your lunch box.

[Manghu comes out of the house. His mother Gauri, comes out with him.]

Gauri : (to Janki Lal) Listen, Manghu's bapu. Our Vidya is asking me to send her to school.

Janki Lal : No, Gauri. No. We can't do that. We have limited earnings.

Sending Vidya to school needs high expenses.

Manghu : Yes, Maa I too didn't go to any school. Only rich man can afford schooling.

Gauri : But Vidya's other friends are going to school. So she also has a desire to go to school.

Janki Lal : I don't know how to manage all this. You know, nobody from our family has ever attended a school. I can't bear with this new expense.

Gauri :But; if you could

Janki Lal : Ok. I'll consider if we can afford.

Scene – II

(Janki Lal is relaxing with a co-labourer, Sugan during the lunch hour.)

Sugan : Janki, you seem worried today. Is everything all right?

Janki Lal : This morning my daughter expressed her desire to go to school.

Sugan : Then.... What is there to worry? Send her to the village school.

Janki Lal : You are aware of my limited resources and the big sum of fees that the school charges.

Sugan : Let's go to Jagdish ji, master *sahab* of our village school. He can help us solve our problems. He is quite cooperative.

(After the day's work, Sugan and Janki Lal went to meet Mr Jagdish Sharma, the village school master)

Sugan : (Knocking at the door) Masterji, are you there?

Mr Sharma : Yes, who's there?

Sugan : Sir, I am Sugan. My son Monu is your student. (Pointing to Janki Lal) He is my friend, Janki Lal. He wants to ask you something.

Mr Sharma : Yes, Janki Lal, how can I help you?



Janki Lal : Master sahab, I'm a poor mason. I want to get my daughter admitted to a school... but.....

Mr. Sharma : Yes, speak out everything frankly.

Janki Lal : My daughter, Vidya, wants to go to school but I don't know how I can fulfil her wish. I don't have sufficient means to pay her fee.

Mr. Sharma : Is that all? It's not a big issue these days. You can get Vidya admitted to any government school. You have to pay no fee at all. It's the duty of the government to provide free education to every child up to class VIII. The only criterion is the age of the child which should be from 6 to 14 years. Have you ever heard of *RTE?

Sugan : Yes, It is some law book on education.

Mr. Sharma: Yes, you're absolutely right, Sugan. It insists on free education for children from 6-14 years of age all over the country. They get free education, free books and mid-day meal also. Vidya may get a free uniform owing to your low financial status.

It is the private schools that charge huge amount of fee from students. Even the RTE has included a clause under which 25% of the poor and the deprived students must be given admission to private schools. The government pays their fee and other expenses. Even there are **KGBV residential schools setup by the government for the education of the girls to enhance rural female literacy. Anything else that you want to know?

Janki Lal : Thank you very much, Master ji ! What have I to do now?



Mr. Sharma : You simply bring Vidya with her birth certificate to me.

Janki Lal : Master ji, you mean my Ration Card?

Mr Sharma : No. The one that you got on Vidya's birth from Panchayat.

Janki Lal : (With tears in his eyes Janki Lal touches Mr Sharma's feet)
Master sahib ! You have fulfilled my Vidya's dream.

Scene III

(Vidya gets ready for school in great excitement. Her parents are equally happy. They see her off to school.)



Vidya : Bye maa, bye bapu !

(The parents wave their hands in her response)

Vidya : Oh ! How nice ! So many friends ! It's my Dream school !

*RTE : Right to Education

**KGBV : Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya

Glossary:

mason	:	skilled worker
wages	:	a payment earned for work or service
assist	:	to help
expenses	:	cost
afford	:	have enough money to pay for
desire	:	strong wish
bear	:	carry
resources	:	a supply of money
cooperative	:	helpful (here)
sufficient	:	plenty/enough
criterion	:	a factor on which to judge or decide
owing	:	due to
financial	:	related to money
ensure	:	make sure
literacy	:	ability to read and write
excitement	:	restlessness/impatience
see off	:	bid a good bye

Activity I**1. Answer these questions briefly:**

- I. Who is Janki Lal?
- ii. How many members are there in his family?
- iii. What is the name of Janki Lal's wife?
- iv. Where do Janki Lal and Sukan go?
- v. What does Vidya want?

2. Answer these questions in 10-15 words:

- i. What does Gauri say to Janki Lal?

- ii. What was Janki Lal's reply?
- iii. What did Manghu say to it?
- iv. Why was Janki Lal worried?
- v. Why did Sugan take Janki Lal to Jagdishji?

3. Answer these questions in 20-30 words each:

- i. What information was given by Mr. Jagdish Sharma about RTE?
- ii. How was Vidya's dream fulfilled?

Activity II

1. Fill in the blanks of the given sentences choosing words from the brackets:

(afford, desire, sufficient, relaxed, wages)

- i. The carpenter did not continue his work because he was not paid his regularly.
- ii. The poor couple could not a new set of books for their daughter.
- iii. Swami Vivekananda had a strong to regain the past glory of Bharat.
- iv. Janki Lal and Gauri felt to send Vidya to school.
- v. There waspetrol in my car to cover a distance of 22 kms.

2. Complete the following cross-word puzzle:

1. W		2.G	3.E	
		4.		D
5.	R			
6.S				

Across:

1. A payment earned for work or service
4. Ram Laxman were brothers.
5. Weapons
6. Hari worked hard he became rich.

Down:

1. Put on clothes
2.and sports keep us fit
3. make sure

Activity III**1. Study the following sentences:**

- They see her off to school. (विदा करना)
 - The two friends set out on a long journey. (स्वाना होना)
 - The flight took off at the right time. (उड़ान भरना)
 - This table is made of wood. (निर्मित होना)
 - The teacher pointed out many mistakes in my poem. (इंगित करना)
- [The underlined words are called '*Phrasal Verbs*'. With the addition of an extra word, (preposition) the first word (verb) gets its meaning changed.]

With the help of a dictionary find out the 'phrasal verbs' that begin with the words given below:

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| I. call | ii. put | iii. look | iv. get |
| v. take | vi. break | | |

[Also write the meaning of the phrasal verbs that you have found.]

2. Study these sentences:

The clerk said to Kapil, "The school has not received your scholarship."
The clerk told Kapil that the school had not received his scholarship.

Vimla said to Kamla, “Are you taking part in the poster making contest?”
Vimla asked Kamla if she was taking part in the poster making contest.

Change into Indirect Speech :

- i. Bhanu said to his brother, “Your friend is calling you.”
- ii. Prakash said to Priya, “Are you willing to go on the picnic trip?”
- iii. The conductor said to me, “I can't give you a new ticket.”
- iv. They said to the watchman, “You were absent yesterday.”
- v. She said to her son, “Do you go to market with Harsh?”

Activity IV

Vidya could fulfil her desire to go to a school.

Work in pairs. Discuss it with your partner how Vidya would have felt there.

Write her experiences in a paragraph form.

Activity V

- Divide the class into four groups. Ask each group to prepare a list of the children from their locality who do not go to school. Also, they should mention the reasons of their not going to school.
- Share the rules of RTE and KGBV with the parents of such children with the help of your teachers.

*Do not go where the path may lead,
go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*