



Worksheet 1



Reading

A. Read this passage.

The Song of the Sirens

While returning home after the Trojan war, the Greek hero Odysseus is warned by the witch Circe about the dangers he might face on his journey home. She warns him of the Sirens. Sirens are women of the sea, who sing beautifully.

They use the songs to trick men into following them into the sea. Circe advises the sailors to stuff their ears with wax, and tie Odysseus to the mast of the ship so that he can listen to the siren song without being in danger.

Odysseus instructs his crew to tie him to the mast, telling them to ignore anything he says while under the spell of the Sirens' song. The sailors stuff their ears with wax and then tie Odysseus tightly to the **mast**. Odysseus is the only one who hears the sweet siren song. He begs his crew to let him go, but they only tighten his ropes. They manage to keep Odysseus from following the song.

The crew rows till the song of the Sirens is **but an echo** and Odysseus comes back to his senses.

mast: a long pole that supports the sails of a ship

but an echo: so far away that they can barely hear it



B. Answer these questions.

1. Where were Odysseus and his crew?

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2. What are the Sirens known for?

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3. What advice did Circe give to the sailors to avoid the danger of the Sirens?

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4. What did Odysseus instruct his crew to do when they encountered the Sirens?

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5. How did Odysseus react when he heard the Sirens' song?

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6. How did Odysseus and his crew stay safe on the journey?

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C. Choose words from the passage that mean the same as these words.

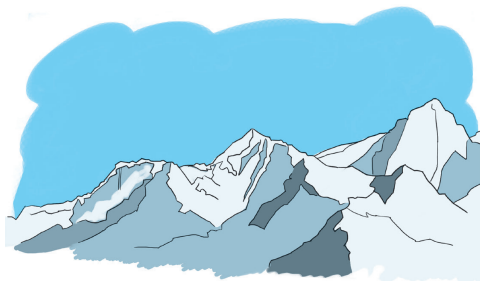
1. fool:
2. orders:
3. requests:



Grammar

A. Complete these sentences with common nouns for the underlined proper nouns.

1. Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
2. Science is interesting, but my favourite is English.
3. With a loud meow, Smokey the grey jumped off the roof.
4. January is the coldest of the year.
5. Meghna is the tallest in the class.
6. My grandparents live in India. It is a beautiful



B. Complete these sentences with the correct collective nouns from the box.

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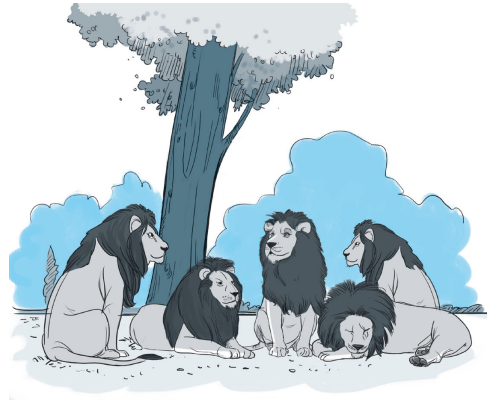
bunch

audience

pride

troupe

1. A herd of elephants ran across the field.
2. We found a of ants under the rock.
3. The clapped loudly when the actor appeared on stage.
4. Aisha had a of daffodils in her hand.
5. One of the members of the dance is not feeling well.
6. We saw a of lions resting in the shade of a tree.



C. Circle the abstract nouns in these sentences.

1. Amaira had a lot of fun at the party.
2. Nithin thanked Mr Mohan for his kindness.
3. Anjana was in great pain when she broke her arm.
4. You need a lot of strength to climb Mount Everest.
5. Christy was filled with excitement when she heard the news.
6. Two of my friends got medals for bravery.





Vocabulary

Some adjectives usually go with certain nouns. When describing physical objects, you can use adjectives such as **large**, **big**, **tiny** and so on.

When describing nouns that are not physical (like **joy**, **anger**, **wealth**), you need to pay careful attention to the choice of adjectives.

Remember:

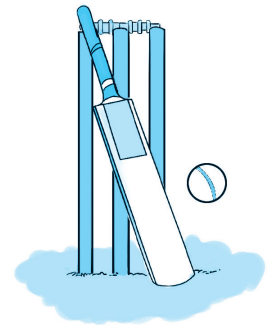
big usually describes an event

great usually describes feelings or qualities

large is often used with numbers and measurements

A. Complete these sentences using **big**, **great** or **large**.

1. A number of people came for the cricket match.
2. Albert Einstein was a physicist.
3. The flood caused a deal of damage to the houses.
4. He is making a mistake.
5. He has a collection of rare books.
6. The class party was a success.
7. "Have a day!" said Mother, as she waved to Shalini.



B. Read these sentences. Circle all the words that are similar in meaning and can be used to complete these sentences.

1. The prisoner (pleaded with / convinced / begged / requested) the king to release him.
2. Maya has beautiful hair. It is black and (shiny / glittery / glossy / jazzy).
3. After the robbery, Brinda was so (shocked / disturbed / angry / hurt) that she could not speak for some time.
4. Six of us were (selected / special / chosen / removed) for the dance performance.
5. We were (eager / curious / lucky / keen) to watch the race.



Spelling

Look at these words. Notice how some of their spellings change when we add *-ly*.

- ▶ special – specially
- ▶ wise – wisely
- ▶ clumsy – clumsily
- ▶ simple – simply
- ▶ cool – coolly

Add *-ly* to these words. Change the spelling where needed.

1. happy
2. final
3. rude
4. merry
5. fierce
6. quick





Writing

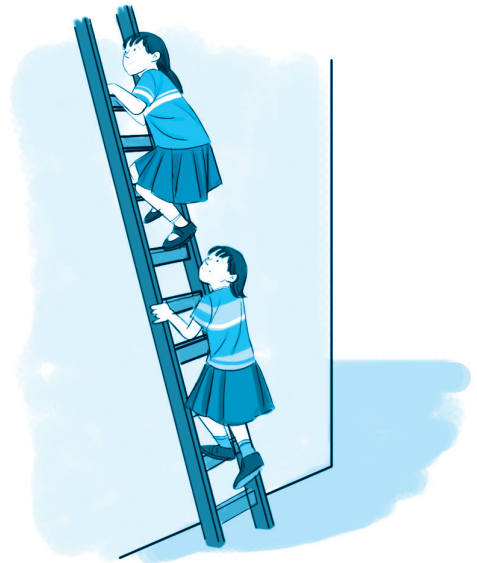
Read this story.

Neha and Meghna were two naughty, eight-year-old twins. They loved to play cricket. One day, as they were playing in the garden, Neha hit a wild shot and the ball went flying over the compound wall. Meghna was very annoyed. Now, they would have to go all the way to the main road to reach their neighbour, Mrs Gupta's garden.

Neha said she was sorry but she had an idea. She pointed to the old ladder leaning against the wall. She suggested that they climb up the ladder and jump down to the other side! In less than a minute, they were in Mrs Gupta's garden.

As they went near the window to pick up the ball, Meghna sniffed the air. She could smell something delicious. Neha realised that it was the smell of cakes. But how could they ask Mrs Gupta for the cakes? That would be rude.

This time, Meghna had an idea. She knocked on the door. When Mrs Gupta opened the door, Meghna asked her if she would like to play with them. Their neighbour smiled and asked what the girls would like to play. Meghna replied that they could play 'Zoos'— the twins would be the animals and Mrs Gupta would be the zoo-keeper who would feed them.



Now, complete this script for a play based on the passage.
Give suitable stage directions.

A PIECE OF CAKE

(Two young girls are playing cricket in the garden.)

Meghna: Oh no! Look what you've done, Neha.

Neha: I'm sorry, Meghna, I didn't mean to hit the ball so hard.

Meghna: Now, we have to go all the way around

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Neha: Wait! Look

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(They enter Mrs Gupta's garden.)

Neha: Here we are!

Meghna (*sniffs the air*):

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Neha: It must be the smell of cakes! But

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Meghna: I have an idea!

(She knocks on the door.)

Meghna: Hello, Mrs Gupta!

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