

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er **vales** and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A **host**, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a **bay**:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in **sprightly** dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Outdid the sparkling waves in **glee**:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a **jocund** company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought.

For **oft**, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in **pensive** mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the **bliss of solitude**;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

- vale** valley
- host** a large number
- bay** the part of a coast where the land curves inwards
- sprightly** full of life and energy
- outdid** did better than someone else
- glee** delight, joy
- jocund** cheerful
- oft** often
- pensive** thoughtful
- bliss of solitude** the joy of being by oneself



Warm Up

Listen to the riddles. Tick (✓) the correct solutions.

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| 1. a video game ☐ | a map ☐ | a board game ☐ |
| 2. left ☐ | right ☐ | Roosters don't lay eggs. ☐ |
| 3. a chair ☐ | a clock ☐ | a mountain ☐ |
| 4. a lake ☐ | an ocean ☐ | a river ☐ |



It was awfully hot. There I was lying quietly in the shade of a tree, hot, bothered and sweaty. Next to me on the grass was my handkerchief. Just as I was about to pick it up to wipe my face, it went 'Miaow!' How utterly weird! Why on earth would my hanky say 'Miaow'?

I turned my head. My hanky wasn't a hanky any more. No, in its place there sat a bright red roly-poly cat, twirling its whiskers and staring at me with big blinky eyes.

"How annoying!" I exclaimed. "A hanky one minute, a cat the next!"

Without batting an eyelid, the Cat retorted, "What's annoying about that? One minute an egg, the next minute a lovely quacky-whacky duck! It happens all the time."

I thought a bit. Then I said, "In that case what shall I call you now? You look like a cat but you're not; in actual fact you're a hanky."

The Cat said, "You can call me Cat, you can call me Hanky, you can even call me Emperor."

I said, "Why Emperor?"

The Cat **sniggered**, "You mean you don't even know that?" and closing one eye he began laughing in a nasty, **knowing way**.

To **snigger** is to laugh quietly in a disrespectful way.

knowing way a way that suggests one has secret knowledge



The boy's aunt laughed when she read the draft and rewrote the body of the letter. She reminded the boy that formal letters need to be written in formal language. They should be brief and to the point.

Dear TreeCat,

I am writing to make a complaint about Cat's rude behaviour and appeal to you to punish him accordingly.

He appeared in our garden yesterday and suggested I go to Tibet if I was feeling hot. He claimed one could get there in an hour and fifteen minutes via Calcutta, Diamond Harbour and Ranaghat. However, he refused to show me the way and said that only you could do it but that it was impossible to meet you.

He then wasted a lot of time pretending to lead me to you. Then he made me shut my eyes so he could pose riddles for me. However, this was a trick so that he could run away.

Please punish Cat suitably for this behaviour.

Yours truly,

The Boy

I. Read this formal letter. Notice the use of formal language and how it is brief and to the point.

B-49, Sector 5
Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

6 May 2021

Anil Book Depot
Sector 6, Bhilai
Chhattisgarh

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to make a complaint about the missing pages in the book *Worshipping Waghoba* I bought from you on 3 May 2021. The receipt number is DCB 2153. I paid ₹ 275 for it.

Twelve pages (45–56) are missing from the book. It seems to be a printing error, as the pages have not been torn out of the book. I have enclosed the book and a copy of the receipt.

Please send me a replacement or refund the money. To refund, please write a cheque to my father, Mr Prabin Sen, and send it to me by courier.

Yours faithfully,



Rabindra Sen

J. Write a formal letter of complaint on either of the following topics.

1. Write to the librarian complaining about the delay in issuing your library cards, even though you have submitted the required documents and made the payment on time. Include details of the payment receipt and list of documents submitted.
2. Write to the principal about the lack of proper sports equipment in the school gymnasium. Specifically mention which equipment you believe is required for the particular sport you play.

6. If you are _____, you are so shocked that you are unable to react.
7. To _____ something is to pull or twist it suddenly and violently.
8. A _____ is an unlucky accident.
9. To _____ is to eat (food or prey) hungrily or quickly.
10. When you _____ with another person, you try to persuade someone to give you something you want, such as a better price.

E. Match the phrasal verbs with their meanings. Use the dictionary if required.

1. set sail	to attack violently
2. set by	to carry out successfully
3. make good	to move apart or ahead
4. set upon	to set apart for future use
5. draw off	to embark on a voyage by ship



Grammar in Use

► **Active and passive voice**

Active voice	Passive voice
The birds hurled huge rocks at the ship.	Huge rocks were hurled at the ship by the birds.
Someone has cleaned the streets.	The streets have been cleaned.
Harry must have eaten the burgers.	The burgers must have been eaten by Harry.

The sentences in the active voice have transitive verbs, that is, verbs with objects. In the active voice, the subject performs the action. In the passive voice, the subject does not perform the action, but is affected by it.

Sentences in the passive voice have a 'to be' verb, followed by the past participle.

Subject	'To be' verb	Past participle	Complement
Football	is	played	all over the world.
The house	was	painted	last year.
The toys	will be	given	to a child.



Let's Talk

- I. Let's play a game. Put a few pieces of coloured paper in a bowl. Each student picks up a piece and speaks according to the colour.

Red

A typical day in my life

Green

A day I got into trouble

Blue

Something I'm good at

Pink

A childhood memory

Yellow

Something I can't do without

Orange

Things I want to change around me



Let's Write

- J. Imagine that you are Sindbad. Complete your diary entry describing the encounter with the rocs and how you survived the shipwreck.

Dear Diary,

25 June

I cannot believe that I am _____. I cannot describe how I survived the shock and turmoil of that sudden _____ yesterday. Our ship had reached a large uninhabited _____. While I got busy with the ship, the _____ landed on the island. Later I came to know that they had found a huge egg, that of a _____. The men threw stones at it, breaking the _____ and letting out a young _____. Fools! They didn't stop at this. They went on and killed the baby bird, and carried its _____ back to the ship. When I came to know of this, I was furious. I scolded them and warned them about the revenge that the _____ would surely take. Soon enough, the gigantic bird was upon us. At the sight of the broken egg, it started _____ in rage and was soon joined by its _____. We tried to sail away from the _____, but the rocs came after us with heavy _____ in their claws. They hurled these rocks at our _____, making it sink. Oh, the fear and despair! I lost everything!

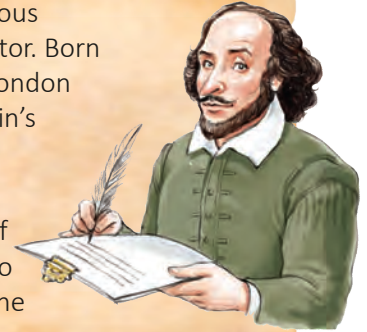
I don't remember what happened after this. I must have clung to a piece of _____. When I regained my senses, I found myself on an _____ sitting on a plank. I walked to a sheltered spot, where I _____. When I woke up later in the day, I found _____ and _____ on the island, which I ate and drank. This refreshed me and my _____ returned.

Now I do not know how long I will remain on this island and what adventures await me.

Sindbad

Macbeth is one of the shortest plays of William Shakespeare (1564–1616), the famous English playwright who wrote at least 37 plays. Shakespeare was also a poet and actor. Born in Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire, England, he began a successful career in London as an actor, writer and part-owner of a playing company called the Lord Chamberlain's Men, later known as the King's Men, which owned the famous Globe Theatre.

A play in five acts, *Macbeth* is set in the eleventh century in Scotland. It is about a Scottish general who is told by three witches that he would one day be the king of Scotland. Egged on by his ambitious and ruthless wife, Macbeth murders the king to get the throne. Then, haunted by fear and guilt, Macbeth kills more people before he is defeated and killed in a battle.



Cast of characters



Macbeth was a general in the army of Duncan the Meek, King of Scotland. At the beginning of the play, he is on his way back from a battle with his friend and fellow general, Banquo. Macbeth had displayed great valour in the battle.

Lady Macbeth, the ambitious wife of Macbeth, made sure he realised his ambitions and dreams. She encouraged and supported him in all his endeavours.



The witches appear in the first scene of the play. Macbeth and Banquo stumble upon them in a heath (an area of open land covered with rough grass). Macbeth calls them the Weird Sisters in a letter to his wife. Later in the play, Macbeth meets them again. On both occasions, the witches make predictions that change the course of the play.

Macduff was the thane, or lord, of Fife. Macbeth was jealous of him. Macduff decided to support Malcolm, the son of Duncan, in his claim to the throne against Macbeth.



Banquo was the thane of Lochaber. To begin with, he was Macbeth's friend, but their relationship changes as the play progresses.

Duncan the Meek reigned as the king of Scotland, and his kinsman (relative) Macbeth was one of his generals. King Duncan's army was engaged in battle with those who had rebelled against him. He was told that Macbeth had defeated the thane of Cawdor and made him prisoner. Macbeth had also saved the life of Prince Malcolm. Meanwhile, Macbeth and the other general, Banquo, were passing through a heath on their way back from the great battle to the royal burgh (town) of Forres. They stopped at the sight of three figures who looked like women but had beards.

(Enter Macbeth and Banquo)

Macbeth So foul and fair a day I have not seen.

Banquo How far is't call'd to Forres?—What are these,
So wither'd, and so wild in their attire,
That look not like the inhabitants o' th' earth,
And yet are on't?—Live you? Or are you aught that man
may question? You seem to understand me,
By each at once her choppy finger laying upon her
skinny lips. You should be women, and yet your beards
forbid me to interpret that you are so. ¹

Macbeth Speak, if you can—what are you?

First witch All hail, Macbeth! Hail to thee,
Thane of Glamis!

Second witch All hail, Macbeth! Hail to thee,
Thane of Cawdor!

Third witch All hail, Macbeth! That shalt be
king hereafter!

Banquo Good sir, why do you start and seem to fear
Things that do sound so fair?—In th' name of truth,
Are ye fantastical, or that indeed
Which outwardly ye show? My noble partner
You greet with present grace and great prediction
Of noble having and of royal hope,
That he seems rapt withal. To me you speak not.
If you can look into the seeds of time,
And say which grain will grow, and which will not,
Speak then to me, who neither beg nor fear
Your favours nor your hate. ²



Ulysses (or Odysseus) was a legendary hero in Greek mythology. He was king of the island of Ithaca and the main character of Homer's epic poem *Odyssey*. The *Odyssey* is one of the two great works of ancient Greece (the other being the *Iliad*). Believed to have been written by Homer in the 8th century BC, these are among the oldest works of literature still being read.

Ulysses is depicted as a man of outstanding wisdom, cunning, valour and endurance. In the *Iliad*, he played an important role in the long-drawn and bloody Trojan War, one of the best-known tales of Greek mythology. It was Ulysses the warrior and strategist who enabled the Greeks to capture Troy by means of the wooden horse, famously known as the Trojan horse. The *Odyssey* begins after the Trojan War, and narrates Ulysses' ten-year struggle to recover his kingdom and his home after the war. During this period, he encounters mystical creatures and faces the wrath of gods. In this story, Ulysses finds himself and his men on the shores of an unknown island after his ship is surrounded by fog. He takes a few of his men with him to explore the island, where he encounters Polyphemus, the most famous of the **Cyclopes**.



Homer

The mainland on the shore where they landed was a wild rocky place, and there was a broad road winding away up to the higher pasture lands. The road was made of great rocks beaten into smoothness, and fresh **spoor** of cattle showed that not long since a great herd had passed to the **upland** feeding grounds.

Directly in front of them as they landed was a high cave. It was **fringed** with **laurel** bushes. Before the cave a great wall had been built in a square, forming a courtyard. The wall was built with enormous masses of rock, and fenced with pine trunks and massive **boles** of oak. There was no sign of any living thing. Slowly and cautiously, the party crept up to the wall. Their weapons were in readiness as they stole through the gateway. Within the square formed by the wall they could see that it was a vast cattle **pen**.

"This must be the dwelling of some giant," said Elpenor; "men do not build like this. On what strange place have we chanced?" He looked inquiringly at Ulysses.

"I think, **comrades**," said Ulysses, "that we have been driven to the shores of the Cyclopes. They are mighty giants. This cave must be the dwelling of one of them,

Cyclopes giant one-eyed creatures in Greek mythology (singular: Cyclops)

spoor the track or scent of an animal

upland an area of high or hilly land

If a place is **fringed** with something, that thing forms a border around it.

laurel an evergreen shrub with dark green glossy leaves

bole trunk of a tree

pen an enclosure in which cattle or other domestic animals are kept

comrade a companion who shares one's activities



Listen and Learn

K. Listen to the audio about the Trojan War and write true (T) or false (F).

1. The Trojan War was fought between the Greeks and the people of Troy. ☐
2. The war began after Paris, a Trojan prince, abducted the beautiful Helen of Greece. ☐
3. Hector of Troy and Achilles of Greece were gods involved in the Trojan War. ☐
4. Ulysses emerged as the finest warrior among the Trojans. ☐
5. Greek soldiers entered Troy by hiding inside the wooden horse. ☐
6. The term 'Trojan horse' is used to refer to a large and expensive gift. ☐



Let's Talk

L. Imagine that you are Ulysses. Tell the class how you escaped from the clutches of Polyphemus. Alternatively, you could speak from the giant's point of view and recount how you were fooled by a cunning man who gave his name as Noman.

Ulysses I will never forget that dreadful day, when our ship landed on an unknown island ...

Polyphemus I had never imagined in my wildest dreams that I would be deceived and defeated by a mere human. But on that terrible day ...



Let's Write

Aman's school is celebrating its golden jubilee with a host of events. The students would like the local police chief to be the chief guest at the grand finale. Read this formal letter in which Aman, a member of the Drama Society, requests the officer to grace the occasion. (This is mainly the body of the letter.)

Dear Madam,

Bal Bharati Senior Secondary School is celebrating its golden jubilee this year with a host of events. The grand finale will be a gala event, in which the middle school will stage the epic play titled 'The Trojan War' on Saturday, 26 August, from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. It will be a great pleasure and honour if you could spare time from your busy schedule and grace the occasion as the chief guest.

We the students are looking forward to a positive response from you.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Aman Gokhale



Spotlight 1

► Easily confused words

Some words appear quite similar and are easily confused. Here are a few examples.

Noun	Verb
The doctor gave me some good advice .	He advised me to walk daily.
Practice makes you perfect.	Do you practise yoga?
His bleak prophecy of war came true. (prediction)	The experts prophesy a poor monsoon this year. (predict)
The new device helps people count their calories. (gadget)	We need to devise a scheme to reach the flood victims. (plan, work out)
I got my driving licence today. (permit from an authority to own or use something)	The authorities will soon license this drug for humans. (grant a licence)
Grandpa put the money in an envelope .	A dense fog is expected to envelop the city.

Here are some more examples of easily confused words.

Your clothes are so **loose**! Did you **lose** a lot of weight recently?

Meet the **principal** (head) of this school. He is a man of **principle**. (morally correct behaviour)

The guard was the **principal** witness in this case. (main)

Smoking has a damaging **effect** on the lungs. (result, consequence)

Floods could **affect** thousands of people this year. (have an effect on)

We had dinner and **then** we had ice cream and cake.

The ice cream was sweeter **than** the cake.

A. Fill in words from the examples above. Remember to use the correct tense.

1. We need more _____ before the final. Maybe we can _____ after school.
2. Scientists have _____ many ways to save time. The microwave is a cooking _____ that saves time.
3. I need some _____ on which vehicle to buy. Father has _____ me to buy a scooty.
4. I would _____ you not to cut this tree. You need a _____ to do so in this forest.
5. Dr Kurien is the _____ author of this study. He has worked harder _____ anybody else.
6. I put the letter in an _____ and dropped it in the letter box.
7. The coach's _____ is that we will _____ the match. But let's not _____ hope.
8. Rising prices have badly _____ the poor. The _____ is clearly visible now.
9. His only goal is to earn profits. He is a man without any _____.
10. While climbing up the hill, I stepped on a _____ stone and tumbled down.