

Tails
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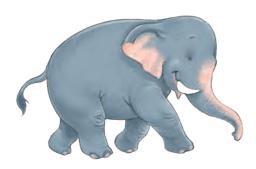
A lion has a tail and a very fine tail,

And so has an elephant, and so has a whale,

And so has a crocodile, and so has a quail—

They've all got tails but me.

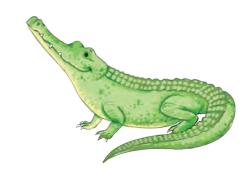


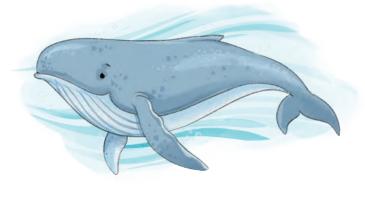


If I had money I would buy one;
I'd say to the shopman, "Let me try one."
I'd say to the elephant, "This is my one."
They'd all come round to see.



Then I'd say to the lion, "Why, you've got a tail!
"And so has the elephant, and so has the whale!
"And, look! There's a crocodile! He's got a tail!
"You've all got tails like me!"









Shravan Kumar was the son of Gyanvanti and Shantanu. Both of them were blind. Shravan was a devoted son who looked after his parents day and night. As they got older, it became more difficult for them to move around on their own. But they wanted to go on a pilgrimage to Ayodhya. Shravan was a dutiful son who tried to fulfil every wish they had. He decided to take them around. He came up with a plan to make his parents' dream come true.

He bought two large baskets. He tied a sturdy bamboo pole between the two to make a yoke. Then, he helped his mother into a basket. When she was sitting comfortably, he helped his father into the other. He made sure his father was comfortable. "When you are with us, how can we not be comfortable?" smiled his father.

Shravan picked up the pole with the baskets. He balanced the pole on his young shoulders. The family started on the pilgrimage. On the way, they are only the fruit and berries that Shravan picked from the forest.





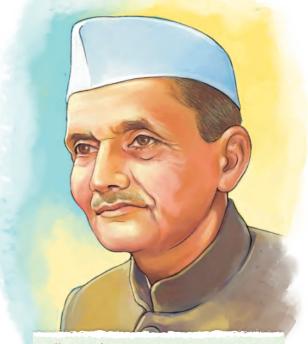
Many years ago, a young boy from a humble family had to cross the Ganga River every day to reach school. While the others took a boat ride, he swam with books tied on top of his head, in order to save money. This boy grew up to be a freedom fighter. Later, he became the second prime minister of India. We know him as Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Lal Bahadur Shastri was known for his simplicity and honesty. As a patriotic young boy, he was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi to join the freedom struggle at the young age of 16. In 1921, while studying in class 10, he attended a public meeting in Benares (now Varanasi), where Gandhiji called on students to withdraw from government schools and colleges. The next day, Lal Bahadur left school. He started taking part in protests against the British government and was even arrested. As a freedom fighter, he went to jail several times, but that did not deter him from taking part in the Satyagraha and the Quit India Movement.

Lal Bahadur attended Kashi Vidyapith, a college in Benares set up by freedom fighters in order to educate the young people of India. He passed out in 1925 with the title of 'Shastri' (scholar). The title referred to his degree, but it became part of his name.

After India's independence, Lal Bahadur held several powerful positions. He became a minister and later, the prime minister of India, after the death of Jawaharlal Nehru in 1964. But he never used his position for personal gain. There are many examples from his life to show how honest and humble he was.

Once he visited a textile mill, where the owner showed him around and offered him the best and most expensive sari for his wife. Lal Bahadur refused to take it, saying, "I cannot



call on ask

Satyagraha a peaceful struggle started by Mahatma Gandhi to fight injustice

Quit India Movement a movement started on 8 August 1942, demanding an end to British rule in India expensive costing a lot of money

J. Look at the pictures and name the things you would see at a fun fair.



K. Write a paragraph (5–10 sentences) about a visit to a fair.



I. Look at the picture and clues and write the story. You may begin like this.

Two travellers were walking down the road. One of them found a



Two travellers. Walking down the road.

Shouting. "Stop, thief!"

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One finds a bag of gold beside the road. Wants to keep the bag himself. Owner of the bag with the police running towards them.

Second man: "Travellers should share the good and bad with each other."

First man: "What if they catch us with the bag?"



First man: "No, I found it, so I keep it. It's mine!"

Second man: "They will catch you, not me! You found it. It is yours."

F. Look at the table and fill in the verbs has, have or had in the sentences below.

Pronoun	Present tense	Past tense
he, she, it	He <mark>has</mark> a pen. It <mark>has</mark> a blue cap.	She <mark>had</mark> a pencil. It <mark>had</mark> an eraser at the tip.
I, you, we, they	I have a red cap. We have fever.	You <mark>had</mark> a red cap. They <mark>had</mark> no shoes.

1.	Rani	has	two sisters. She and her sisters have	a l	pet do	g

- 2. Ravi ______ fever yesterday. But he _____ no fever now.
- 3. We _____ a big house when we were young. It ____ a nice garden.
- 4. Zebras ______ stripes, while leopards _____ spots.
- 5. Our school _____ a playground. It _____ a swimming pool too.
- 6. I two puppies. My friend a furry cat.

Some verbs tell us what someone or something has.

G. 'Jai Jawan! Jai Kisan!' Write a paragraph each on why we should respect our soldiers and farmers. You may use the hints below.

SOLDIERS



- fight for the country
- protect the people of the country
- stay away from home and family
- lead a disciplined and hard life
- sacrifice their lives for the country

- work very hard in the fields
- grow crops and provide us food
- grow cereals, vegetables and fruits
- produce milk, eggs, meat and fish
- cannot live without farmers

FARMERS

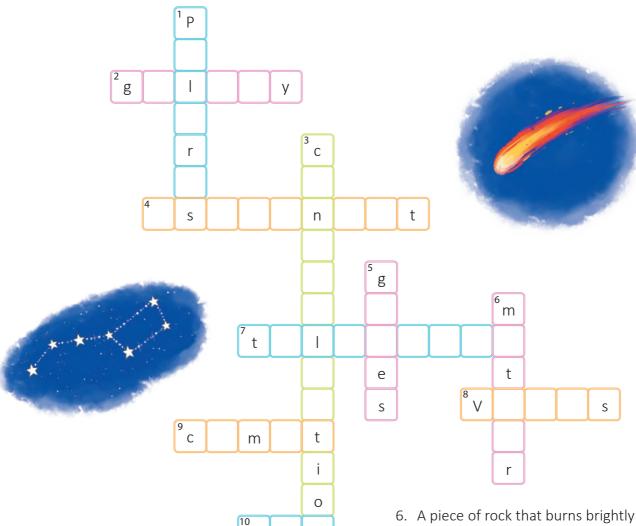


H. Letters to family and friends are called informal letters. Complete this letter from Amit to his friend Nikhil, who is in Shimla, telling him how he helped the sparrow.

C15, Block 5	
East Laxmi Bai Nagar	—— Sender's address
Ranchi	
	Date
Dear,	— Greeting
How are you? I was	to learn that your
is ill. I hope she gets	soon. I am missing you a lot, as I
have no one to play with.	I must tell you what happened soon after you left.
When	and I sat in the to watch birds,
we saw an unhappy sight.	The in your house was shut. The
was de	esperately pecking at the from
outside. In his beak, he ha	ad The little sparrow
was inside the	.
	ow enter the window. With the help of the
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Solve the starry puzzle. Fill in the right names with the help of the clues.



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- 1. A star that is also called the Pole Star or the North Star
- 2. An extremely large group of stars and planets
- 3. A group of stars that form a particular pattern in the sky
- 4. Someone who travels and works in space
- 5. Stars are made of very hot _____.

- 6. A piece of rock that burns brightly when it enters the earth's atmosphere from space; also called a shooting star
- 7. A long tube-shaped instrument that makes distant objects look closer and larger
- 8. A planet that is often called the morning star or evening star
- 9. A bright object with a long tail that travels around the sun
- 10. The star around which the earth revolves



Let's learn the importance of washing our hands to protect us from germs and diseases.

Washing our hands is one of the best ways to protect ourselves from germs and diseases. Germs spread from person to person through little droplets when we cough, sneeze or talk. Germs also spread when we:

- touch our eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- eat or drink with unwashed hands
- touch surfaces or objects that have germs
- cough, sneeze or blow the nose into our hands and then touch other people's hands or things





How to wash hands

- Wet your hands with water (warm or cold), turn off the tap and apply soap.
- Rub the palms together, and also lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and around your nails.
- Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. (Singing or humming the song 'Happy Birthday' from beginning to end twice takes about 20 seconds.)
- Rinse your hands with water.



It is very important to wash your hands at these times.

before, during and after preparing food before eating
after using the toilet after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
after touching a pet or any other animal after touching garbage



Make a poster on the importance of washing your hands and put it up in class.



Here are some birds that cannot fly. Look at the pictures and clues, and write the names.

I am the world's largest bird. I live in Africa. I can be more than 8 feet tall and can weigh more than 150 kg! I can run as fast as a car!





I am a big bird. I live in icy cold places like Antarctica. My wings are called flippers. They help me swim.

I am a small bird with tiny wings. I am the national bird of New Zealand. I can live up to 50 years. I have nostrils at the end of my long beak. I can smell worms below the ground! A fruit shares my name.





I am the second largest bird in the world. I'm the national bird of Australia. I can be more than 6 feet tall. My strong legs help me run really fast.

I am the dodo. I lived on an island more than 300 years ago. Now, there are no more dodos anywhere.

Draw or paste a picture of me.

