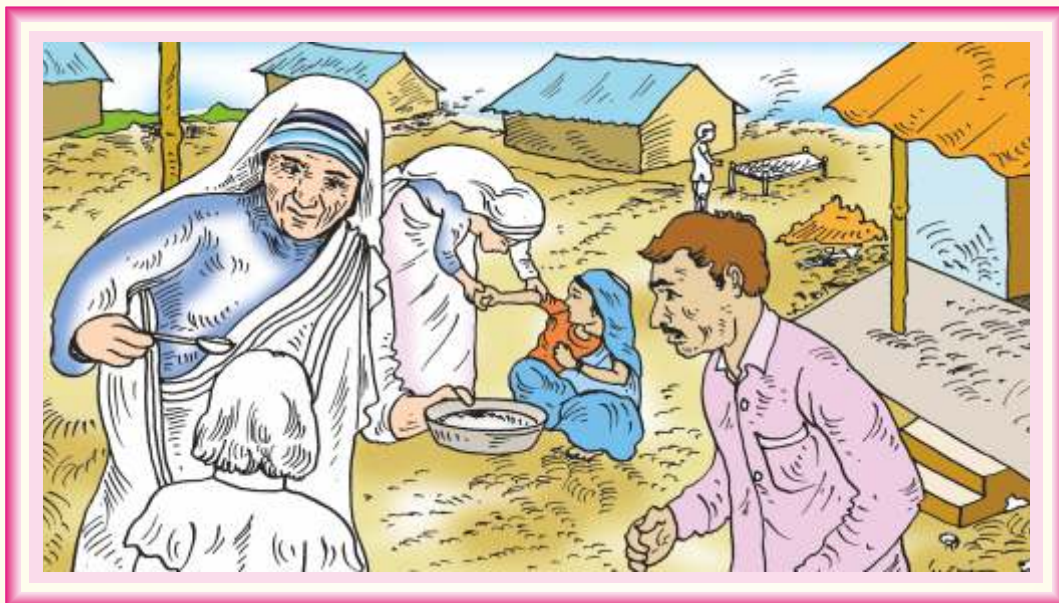


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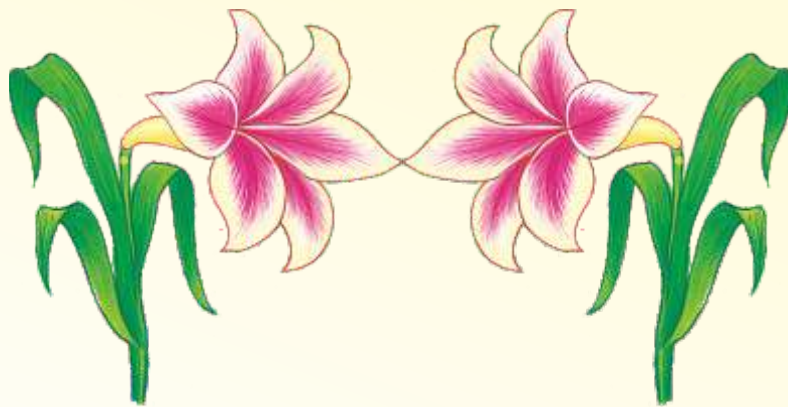
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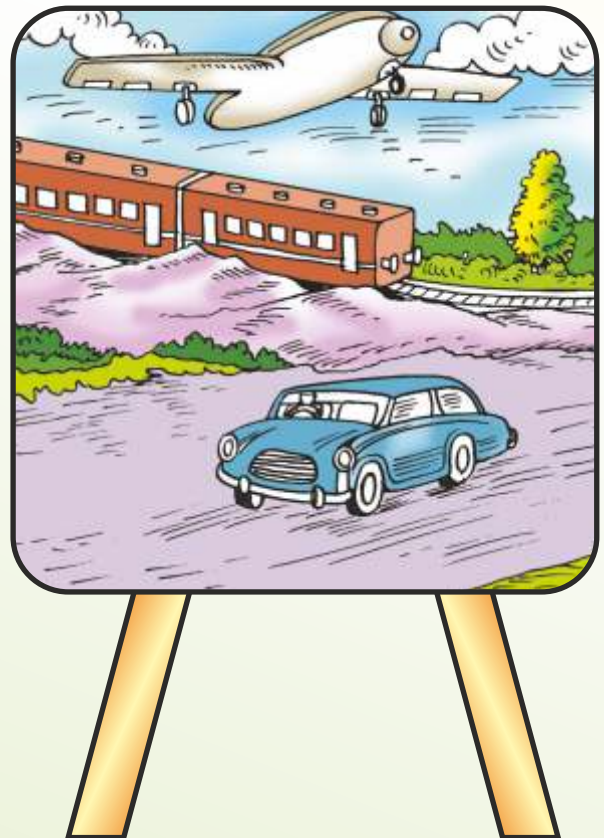
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PREFACE

This book has been prepared primarily to meet the specific language requirements of the students. The entire material has been designed in such a way as to develop linguistic abilities of the students and make them able to acquire sufficient command over the language. The material included in this book deals with a variety of topics which have their educational value. The pieces selected for this purpose and included in this book are short, simple and suited to the age of the learners.

The content of each lesson is interesting and exciting. It is hoped that the lessons will motivate the students to develop a taste of reading. A conscious effort has been made to select lessons in such a way as to develop the feeling of social consciousness, scientific outlook, national integration and truthfulness among the students.

At the end of the text of each lesson the Vocabulary gives meanings of words. Exercises are divided into four categories as — Understanding the Text, Language and Grammar, Comprehension and Writing Skill. 'Understanding the Text' includes different types of questions like 'Wh' – questions, 'Yes/No' questions, 'True/False' questions and 'Who Said' questions. 'Language and Grammar' includes structural items and vocabulary items like antonyms, synonyms, use of words, etc. 'Comprehension' consists of passage from the text and questions based on it. In 'Writing skill' students are expected to write their views in their own language.

We hope that the book will help the students in understanding English and using it effectively for various purposes. We do not claim perfection because no work can be absolutely final. So we will always be ready to welcome your valuable suggestions.

Dr S P Singh



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The work of creating the universe was nearly over when a new idea struck the Creator's mind. He summoned an assistant and said, "Bring me some more materials; I shall make a new species of animal."

The assistant knelt down and replied, "Father, when, under the creative zeal, you made elephants and whales, lions and pythons, you barely thought of the quantity of substance they cost. Little is left of the heavier and harder stuff. But of the lighter there is still enough in store."



The Creator reflected for a moment: "Well, bring me whatever you have."

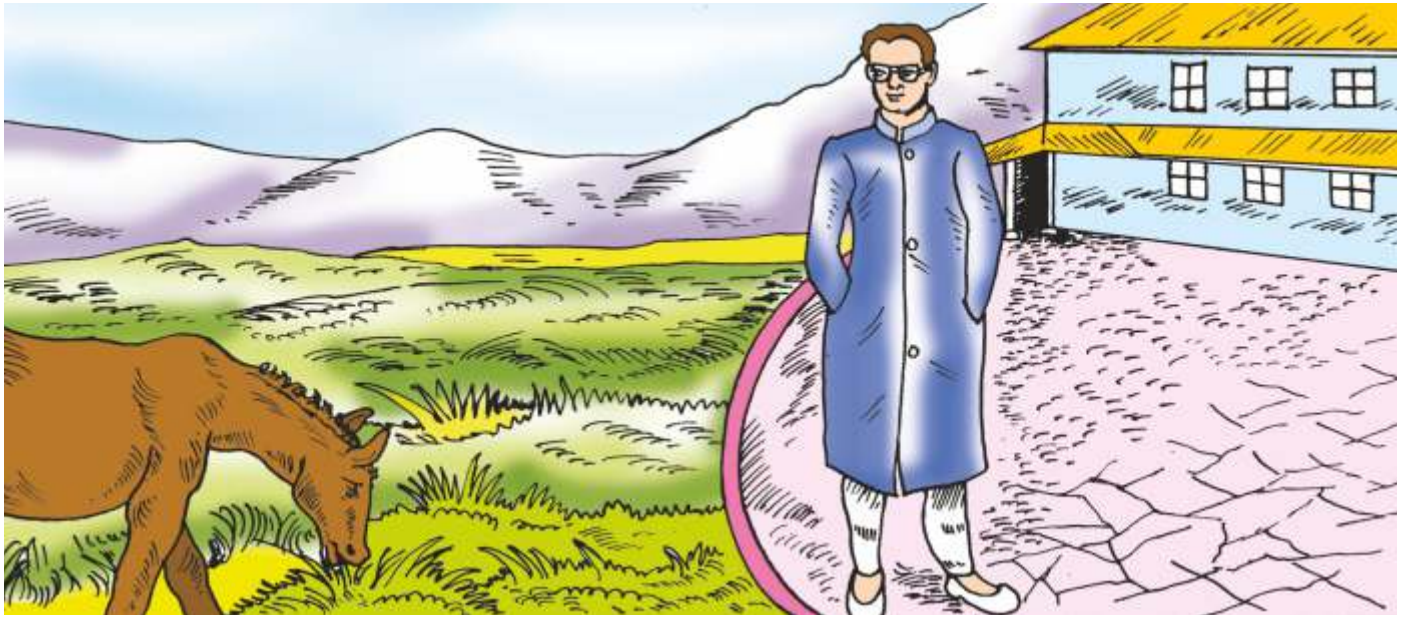
This time the Creator took care to employ only a little of the harder materials. To the new animal He made, He gave neither horns nor claws; He gave it teeth that could chew but not bite. The energy He gave it was enough to make it useful on the battlefield, but He gave it no taste of its own for battles. The animals came to be known as the horse.

The Creator had spent in its making enough of such stuff as the air and the sky are made of. The result was that its mind was full of the desire for freedom. It would run a race with the wind, it would dash to the point where sky touched earth. Other animals ran with a purpose, but the horse raced about for no apparent reason, as though it were eager to fly away from its own self. It did not fight, it did not pounce on a prey, but loved only to run and to run. Wise men say that such a thing happens when you have too much of the wind and sky stuff in you.

The Creator was delighted with His own work. To some animals He gave dens. But as He liked to see the horse running an aimless race, He assigned to it an open field.

Beyond that field lived Man. He was bent under the weight of the burdens he had accumulated. As

he saw the horse, he knew that he would be able to shift his burden on to its back if, somehow, he could capture it.



One day he cast his nets and captured the horse. He put a saddle on its back and a curb in its mouth, and kept it confined in a prison.

The tiger remained in its forest home and the lion in its den; but the horse lost its home, the open field. In spite of its deep love for freedom it could not escape bondage.

When life became unbearable, it kicked wildly at its prison walls. That did less injury to the wall than to horse's hoofs. But after constant kicks, bits of plaster began to fall off. It made Man angry. "This is what I call ingratitude," he said, "I feed it, I have engaged servants to look after it; but the wretched animal does not see my kindness."

Firm measures were taken to tame the horse. At last Man could say proudly that there wasn't a creature more faithful to him.

Claws and horns it had not; nor did it have teeth which could bite. Even kicking it had to give up for fear of the whip. All that was now left to it was to neigh.

One day the Creator heard the distressed neighing. He woke up from His meditation and looked down at the open fields of the earth. The horse was not there.

He summoned Death and said; "This is your doing; you have got hold of My horse."

Death said, "Eternal Father, You always look upon me with suspicion; but be good enough to cast Your eye on the house of Man."

The creator looked down again and saw the horse standing in a narrow walled space, neighing weakly.

His heart was filled with pity, and He said to Man, "Unless you set the horse free, I shall give it teeth and claws like the tiger's."

Man said, "Father, this creature of Yours does not deserve freedom. Look what a nice stable I've built for its comfort and well-being!"

But the Creator insisted that the horse should be set free.

Man said, "I shall obey your will. But I am sure you will change your mind in a week and agree that my stable is the best place for it."

Man then corded together the front legs of the horse and set it free. Thus tied, it could only hop about in the manner of a frog.



From heaven the Creator could see the horse, but not the cord. He grew red with shame. So that was the sort of creature He had made ! He admitted to Himself that it was one of the worst blunders into which He had ever fallen.

Man said, “What is to be done with it ? Are there no fields in Heaven where it might be sent to roam ?”

The Creator answered, “I have had enough of it. Take the creature back to your stable.”

Man said, “But, Father, what a burden it will be to me !”

The Creator answered, “Yes, but by accepting the burden You will show Your greatness of heart.”



VOCABULARY

Words

apparent
zeal
struck
substance
summoned
universe

Meanings

clear
enthusiasm
came
material
called
world

Words

pounce
meditation
insisted
ingratitude
distressed
blunder

Meanings

to attack suddenly
deep thinking
stated strongly
ungratefulness
painful
a great mistake

Words

constant
creator
reflected
assigned

Meanings

continuous
maker, God
thought
gave

EXERCISE



UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

A. Answer the following questions :

1. What idea struck the Creator’s mind ?

2. What special care did the Creator take in making the horse ?
3. Why did Man think of capturing the horse ?
4. What did Man do after capturing the horse ?
5. What did the Creator ask Death ?
6. What did Man do to prove that his stable was the best place for the horse ?
7. Why did the Creator think that the creation of the horse was a blunder ?
8. Was the horse really a burden to Man ? If not, why did Man say so ?

B. Read the following statements and the four choices given to each. Put a tick (✓) mark against the choice you think is right :

1. The horse was made by the Creator

- (a) to kick and bite.
- (b) to fight in a battle-field.
- (c) to pounce on a prey.
- (d) to run an aimless race.

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2. The Creator asked Man to set the horse free because

- (a) his heart was filled with pity at the miserable condition of the horse.
- (b) the horse started kicking and biting the man.
- (c) the horse could not be tamed.
- (d) he saw the horse hopping about like a frog.

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3. The Creator grew red with shame when he

- (a) found the horse to be of no use to Man.
- (b) saw man's cruelty to horse.
- (c) found the horse weak and miserable.
- (d) saw the horse hopping about in the manner of a frog.

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C. Who said the following statements ?

1. "Bring me some more materials, I shall make new species of animal."
2. "Little is left of the heavier and harder stuff."
3. "Eternal Father, you always look upon me with suspicion; but be good enough to cast your eye on the house of Man."
4. "I am sure you will change your mind in a week and agree that my stable is the best place for it."
5. "Yes, but by accepting the burden, you will show your greatness of heart."



LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR

A. Look at the sentences given below :

- (i) The Creator did not give horns to the horse.
- (ii) The Creator did not give claws to the horse.

We can join this pair of sentences into one sentence using 'neither nor', as —

The Creator gave neither horns nor claws to the horse.

Now combine each of the following pairs of sentences into one sentence using 'neither nor' :

1. This boy is not intelligent.
He is not hardworking.

2. He does not lend money.
He does not borrow money.

3. I shall not go to cinema today.
I shall not go to club today.

4. They have not accepted my proposal.
They have not refused my proposal.

5. Sonu is not a poet.
He is not a story-writer.

B. Fill in the blanks with the words given below :

aimless, measures, delighted, corded, apparent

1. The Creator was _____ with his work.
2. The Creator liked to see the horse running an _____ race.
3. The horse raced about for no _____ reason.
4. Firm _____ were taken to tame the horse.
5. Man _____ together the front legs of the horse.

C. Write one word for each of the expressions given below. The first letter of each has been given as clue :

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|--|---------|
| 1. Leather seat placed on the back of the horse | s _____ |
| 2. Iron strap chain passing between the horse's jaws | c _____ |
| 3. The cry of a horse | n _____ |
| 4. A great mistake | b _____ |
| 5. To attack suddenly | p _____ |



COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions given under it :

The Creator had spent in its making enough of such stuff as the air and the sky are made of . The result was that its mind was full of the desire for freedom. It would run a race with the wind, it would dash to the point where sky touched earth. Other animals ran with a purpose, but the horse raced about for no apparent reason, as though it were eager to fly away from its own self. It did not fight, it did not pounce on a prey, but loved only to run and to run. Wise men say that such a thing happens when you have too much of the wind and sky stuff in you.

“The Creator was delighted with His own work. To some animals He gave dens. But as He liked to see the horse running an aimless race, He assigned to it an open field.

Questions :

1. Which type of materials did the Creator use in making the horse ?

2. What was its result ?

3. What were special characteristics of the horse described here ?

4. What happens when you have too much of the wind and sky stuff in you?

5. Was the Creator delighted with this own work?

6. Why did the Creator assign an open field to the horse?



WRITING SKILL

What does the story teach you ? Write your views in your own words.

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