

About the story : The story 'GOOSE CHASE' is a fiction story written by PADMINI BANNERJEE.

This is the story of four girls- Bina, Vinita, Valerie and Nishi. They wanted to save four geese-- Columbus, Marco Polo, Captain Cook and Amundsen. The four geese were named after famous explorers.

Bina one of the girls loved and patted the four geese. The four geese were in the school campus. One day when Bina came to school she heard one of the cooks threatened to the geese as 'if you demanding more food we will fatten you up for the Christmas feast.' Bina was so sad to hear those words. To rescue them Bina sought the helps of her friends Vinita, Valerie and Nishi. But two friends Nishi and Valerie were not so serious at first, they said killed and eaten no way, we can't do anything those are their geese. But Vinita was about to cry. Then Bina had an idea, a secret plan to be followed by all three friends. That they could steal the four geese and hide them somewhere. Then there would be no geese for cooks to fatten and to eat. For next few days the four girls discussed plans in secret.

Mid December time, children in school dressed with heavy blazers. Only one day is left to put the plan into action. All four girls were ready. The next day all four girls were coming to school, wearing very large blue overcoats instead of their school blazers. Sister Steele their school warden noticed them and asked why were they coming with overcoats? Where were your school blazers? First to Bina then to others. Bina answered that the lady upstairs threw some water over the balcony and wet the blazer. Sister found the same answer from four of them. Sister knowingly smiled and told them not to happen coincidences like that. After class they started to search the four geese to catch and hide them. Nishi ran after Columbus, Valerie ran after Amundsen, Vinita ran after Captain Cook. Bina caught Marco Polo and tossed him inside her overcoat. But he was larger than she thought. The goose struggled to free himself.

The four girls tried to catch the four geese so they ran after the geese. The geese producing noisy sounds. Sister saw everything what they did. She shouted to stop. Everyone was in silence. Only the geese gave squawk. Sister asked what they were trying to do. Bina explained nicely to sister that they were rescuing the geese, they loved them and trying to hide them otherwise the hostel cooks would kill them. Sister smiled and said we wouldn't kill them they are yours to play with and look after. The four girls were happy and said 'Thank You, Sister Steele!'

Read to Understand

A. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

'The next few days, the four of them discussed plans in secret.'

1. Who does ' the four of them' refer to?

Ans: The four of them refers to the four girls- Bina,Vinita,Valerie and Nishi.

2. What plans did they discuss?

Ans: They discussed about to steal the four geese and hide them somewhere.

3. Why did they discuss the plans in secret?

Ans: They discussed the plans in secret because they wanted the plan to put into action without informing to others. So as to make their plans success.

B. Answer these questions briefly.

1. What were the names of the geese and who were they named after?

Ans: The names of the geese were Columbus, Marco Polo, Captain Cook and Amundsen. They were named after famous explorers.

2. Why did the girls want to hide the geese?

Ans: The girls wanted to hide the geese because they thought that the geese were going to die, the hostel cooks would kill them for Christmas feast.

3. What excuse did Bina give for wearing an oversized blazer to school?

Ans: Bina gave excuse as the lady upstairs threw some water over the balcony and wet her blazer. Her mother told her to wear that oversized blazer.

4. What happened when the girls tried to capture the geese?

Ans: When the girls tried to capture the geese Sister Steele lashed out with a sharp authoritarian voice from the doorway.

5. What did Sister Steele tell the girls about the geese to comfort them?

Ans: Sister Steele told the girls about the geese to comfort them that whatever gave you girls the idea we were going to kill and eat them! Certainly not! they were yours to play with and look after.

Discuss and Write

1. Do you think the girls were right in their plan to steal the geese?

Ans: No, the girls were not right in their plan to steal the geese. It is better to search other ways to save them.

2. Imagine that your neighbour does not give his or her dog food and water on time and locks the dog out when he leaves home. What would you do?

Ans: I would ask the owner to take care of the dog. They would give some food and water on time.

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A. Match the words in column A with the words in column B to find some collocations. Refer to a dictionary to find the meanings of any words that are new to you.

- Ans:
1. sharp----- d) voice
 2. pin- drop----f) silence
 3. ruffled-----b) feathers
 4. roaring-----e) laughter
 5. secret-----c) plan
 6. safer-----a) pastures

B. In each group of words, circle the word that is not a synonym of the other words in the group.

1. workable practical impossible useful

2. notice	observe	see	ignore
3. affirmative	negative	positive	favourable
4. pause	continue	stop	halt
5. scurry	hurry	dawdle	rush
6. dread	horror	fright	courage
7. sternly	strictly	seriously	mildly
8. indignant	pleased	angry	annoyed

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Write the number of syllables in each word.

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| 1. attention-- 3 | 2. beginning---3 | 3. disintegrate---4 |
| 4. ecstatic---3 | 5. forgotten---3 | 6. illustrate-----3 |
| 7. joirney-----2 | 8. solace-----2 | 9. student-----2 |
| 10. treehouse---2. | 11. intensity---4 | 12. oblige-----2 |

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A. Read the instructions and change thaae affirmative sentences to negative sentences.

1. She sings. (Use **do not** or **does not** before the **main verb**)

Ans: She does not sing.

2. They are my friends. (Use **not** after the verbs **is/am/are**)

Ans: They are not my friends.

3. She has beautiful hair. (Use **do not** or **does not** before **has/have**)

Ans: She does not have beautiful hair.

Now tick (✓) the correct statement about the sentences you wrote.

- The sentences become opposite in meaning. (✓)
- The sentences have the same meaning. (x)

Pair work

Change into a negative sentence by using a negative word and the opposite of the underlined word.

1. Whatever you have said so far is false.

Ans: Whatever you have said so far is not true.

2. Finding your way out of here will be difficult.

Ans: Finding your way out of here will not be easy.

3. You can see that the point of this pencil is blunt.

Ans: You can see that the point of this pencil is not sharp.

4. They will be angry to see that your room is still dirty.

Ans: They will be angry to see that your room is still not clean.

5. The children were disobedient, so they were scolded.

Ans: The children were disobedient, so they were not praised.

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B. Underline the correct **question tag** for each statement.

1. She hasn't seen that movie, hasn't she/ has she ?
2. This house does look very old, does it/ doesn't it ?
3. They will have to buy the tickets, won't they/will they?
4. Everybody is coming for the picnic, don't they/ aren't they?
5. Let's check if your answers are correct, should we/ shall we?

Transformation of sentences

C. Change these sentences as directed.

1. There is a park and a market close by.(change to a question)

Ans: Is there a park and a market close by?

2. Is that a goldfish in the fish bowl? (change to a negative sentence)

Ans: That is not a goldfish in the fish bowl.

3. Please don't go there without my permission. (change to a command)

Ans: Don't go there without my permission.

4. That is very pretty bunch of flowers.(change to an exclamatory sentence)

Ans: What a very pretty bunch of flowers that is!

5. They are tall for their age. (change to a negative sentence with the same meaning)

Ans: They are not short for their age.

6. Are there any sweets in the packet? (change to an affirmative statement)

Ans: There are sweets in the packet.

Notice

Q. Imagine you are the secretary of the cultural club of your school. Sister Steele announces that there will be a New Year Charity Fair on January 2. There will be many food stalls, games, fun rides, and competitions with prizes. You have to write a notice two weeks before the fair.

Ans: The Shining Star School
NOTICE
27th December

New Year Charity Fair

It is hereby given to all the students and parents of our school that a New Year

Charity Fair is going to be held on 2nd January 2020. There will be many food stalls, games, fun rides and competitions with prizes. So interested students are requested to submit your name and class to the cultural secretary on or before 29th December 2019.

XYZ(your name)

Secretary,
Cultural Club

