

Exercises

A. Which sentences in the text tells you that-

1. The kitten really liked the papaya she was eating.

Ans. She had eaten up nearly half of it before she found by Nira and Niren.

2. Niren was proud of the cat's name.

Ans. Let's call her papaya, said Niren feeling happy with himself that's better name for her than kitty.

3. Mother was worried about leaving the kitten behind.

Ans. " But where shall we leave papaya?" mother asked.

4. The journey in the basket was uncomfortable.

Ans. All Papaya saw of the journey was the dark inside of a big, closely woven basket which was bumped, jolted, set down roughly and carried to and fro.

5. Nira had never seen a houseboat before.

Ans. "Look , look at the funny little boats with cushions and curtains!" said Nira, excitedly.

B. Read these lines from the text and answer the questions.

1. That was not the only odd thing about their cat.

a. What is the 'odd' thing spoken about their cat?

Ans. The cat was fond of eating papayas.

b. What were her other special qualities ?

Ans. She loved to travel. She was well-behaved and adventurous cat. She liked to find things out on her own.

2. " Those are shikaras - little water taxis."

a. Who said these words to whom?

Ans. Father said to Nira.

b. Where did they find the shikaras'? Describe how the shikaras looked.

Ans. They found shikaras in the lake of Kashmir. The shikaras were with cushions and curtains. They were used as taxis.

c. What did they do afterwards?

Ans. Nira was spotting their houseboat and Niren was admiring water lilies.

3. " She wants to look around

a. Who is 'she'?

Ans. 'She' refers to Papaya, the cat.

b. How did the speaker know what 'she' wanted?

Ans. Papaya sprang out of the basket with an angry miaow.

c. What does this tell you about the speaker?

Ans. Mother is very observant, caring and considerate.

C. Answer in detail.

1. Why do you think papaya felt that she had been tricked?

Ans. She was carried inside a big, dark basket and when they finally let her out, she had mistaken the houseboat for a real house.

2. Do you think papaya was a good travelling cat? Explain why/ why not in your own words.

Ans. Papaya was a good traveling cat. Though she was uncomfortable inside the basket, she fell asleep. She wanted to take part in the fun.

GRAMMER

A. Complete these sentences with the correct adverbs of degree from the box.

[almost, enough, hardly, quite, completely, too]

1. Latha is almost as tall as Aarthi.
2. We could hardly hear the speaker.
3. The soup was too hot to be drunk.
4. Anil did not work hard enough.
5. Sejal was driving quite fast.
6. Rachel went to bed as soon as we reached the hotel. She was completely exhausted after walking up the hill.

B. Circle the adverb of degree.

1. It is very warm today.
2. Bea was entirely sure that her sister had hidden her socks.
3. The theatre was almost empty.
4. The scenery was absolutely astounding.
5. It was fairly late when Joe returned home.
6. The theft of Cornrow House really shocked the police.

C. Tick the adverbs of frequency.

1. Reza (normally ✓) finished his homework before the evening.
2. I (usually ✓) took bus to return home from school.
3. Arjun cleaned his room (every✓) week.
4. I (hardly ✓) spoke to our new neighbors.
5. Zahir (never ✓) ate his lunch at home on Saturdays.
6. We (regularly ✓) went to swim in the river.

D. Ratan has shown us how often he does something by putting a tick(✓) for always, a cross(X) for never and a question mark(?) for sometimes.

Write down how often Ratan does these things.

1. wake up early in the morning(√)- Ratan always wakes up early in the morning.
2. go to the park to exercise(X)- Ratan never goes to the park to exercise.
3. eat breakfast with my grandfather(?)- Ratan sometimes eats breakfast with his grandfather.
4. drop biscuit crumbs on the balcony for the pigeons(√)- Ratan always drops biscuit crumbs on the balcony for the pigeons.
5. clean my room(?)- Ratan sometimes cleans his room.
6. cycle to school(?)- Ratan sometimes cycles to school.
7. copy homework from a friend(X)- Ratan never copies homework from any friend.

VOCABULARY

Complete these sentences with the correct fixed expressions.

1. The queen's fame spread far and wide.
2. Kirti was relieved to find her rabbits safe and sound in the garden.
3. I followed the recipe step by step to make the custard.
4. By and by Meira learnt how to play the flute.
5. Mother stored the odds and end in the attic.
6. Neetu has more or less finished reading the book.

PUNCTUATIONS

A. Put commas in the correct places.

Swathi loves feeding Bunny, for Bunny is her sweet, fluffy pet rabbit. Every day, swathi goes to the park nearby. She gathers some fresh grass in a bag for Bunny. Bunny loves grass and carrots. When mother goes out to the market, she buys cabbages, carrots, spinach, apples and lettuce leaves for Bunny. Swathi also helps feed Bunny. She holds carrot in one hand and watches Bunny finish it bite by bite.

B. Tick(√)the sentences in which single quotation marks are used correctly. Correct the incorrect ones.

1. I am looking for a book called 'Nine o'clock Tales'.
2. Avinash has finished watching 'The Age of Dinosaurs'. (√)
3. Have you heard of the poem 'The Land of Storybooks' by R L Stevenson?
4. Our teacher told us to read 'Just So Stories'. (√)