

Read to Understand:

A. Answer the following questions with reference to the context.

1. 'Neither able to sit up nor move, I could only look upwards; the sun began to grow hot, and the light hurt my eyes. I heard a confused noise about me...'

a) Who said these lines?

Ans: Lemuel Gulliver said these lines.

b) Where was the speaker and how had he reached there?

Ans: The speaker was on a desolate island. He had reached there as he was shipwrecked.

c) Why was the speaker unable to move?

Ans: The speaker was unable to move because his arms were strongly fastened on each side to the ground and his hair was tied down in the same manner.

d) What was the confused noise he heard?

Ans: The confused noise he heard was the sound produced by the littlemen.

2. 'I felt at least fifty more of the same kind (as I imagined) following the first.'

a) What does 'the first' refer to?

Ans: The first refer to the littleman who was moving on Gulliver's left leg.

b) Where did the 'fifty more' follow 'the first'?

Ans: The fifty more followed the first onto the body of Gulliver.

c) In what way were they 'of the same kind'?

Ans: They were of same kind as they all looked like human creatures but were less than six inches high.

d) Why does Gulliver say 'as I imagined'?

Ans: Gulliver says 'as I imagined' because he could not count the exact number as he was tied down by littlemen . Moreover they were in huge number so he assumed they were fifty.

B. Answer these questions briefly.

1. What does Gulliver mean when he says 'our voyage was at first very fine'?

Ans: From this, Gulliver meant that when they started their journey the sea was calm and they were sailing smoothly. But due to violent storm their ship got wrecked.

2. What was the rescue arrangement aboard the *Antelope* in case of a shipwrecked?

Did it prove to be helpful?

Ans: The rescue arrangement aboard the *Antelope* in case of a shipwreck was to use lifeboats. No, it did not prove to be helpful because the winds were so strong that it overturned the lifeboats.

3. What happened to Gulliver after being he shipwreck?

Ans: After the shipwreck Gulliver swam as his fortune directed him and was pushed forward by wind and tide to a desolate island.

4. Who said 'Tolgo phonic'? What happened after these words were spoken?

Ans: One of the littlemen cried aloud these words 'Tolgo phonic'. After these words they started showering arrows into the air which hurt the Gulliver's left leg.

5. What protected Gulliver from the arrows and spears?

Ans: Gulliver's leather jacket protected him from the arrows and spears.

6. What do you think the phrase 'Tolgo Phonic' means? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans: I think the word 'Tolgo Phonic' means 'attack' because after this phrase was spoken by one of the littlemen, they all started showering arrows at Gulliver.

Discuss and write:

1. Gulliver was the first human to visit to the island. Give reasons for this statement.

Ans: Yes, I agree with the statement that Gulliver was the first human to visit the island because for the first time littlemen saw such a huge creature who looked quite similar to them.

2. The passage ends with this sentence: '... what was in store for me next, I never could have imagined!' Write down three sentences about what you think might have happened to Gulliver.

Ans: i) They searched him thoroughly for any possible weapon he might be carrying.

ii) They might chain him and allowed him to move about at the end of his chain.

iii) The people brought him food.

Expand words:

A. Use the linkers from the help box to fill in the blanks.

Ans: 1. therefore 2. moreover 3. however 4. eventually 5. consequently

B. Use the appropriate collective nouns from the help box to fill in the blanks.

1. tribe 2. flock 3. patrol 4. crowd 5. galaxy 6. panel 7. troupe
8. brigade 9. council 10. choir

Say it right:

Now choose the correct options.

1. a) first 2. c) third

Grammar:

Direct and indirect speech

A. Use reporting verbs from the help box to complete these sentences.

1. complained 2. shouted (old book) warned (new book) 3. assured 4. requested 5. informed 6. advised

B. Rewrite these sentences in indirect speech.

1. Ravi asked if I had seen the mobile library near the market.
2. Mother said that she wanted to go to Ooty in the summer holidays.
3. Mrs Kumar said that there would be a book exhibition the following week.
4. They said that they might visit their cousins the following day.
5. Our teacher said that bats are blind.
6. Mother said that she had to go to the bank that day.
7. The boy asked the man if that brown bag was his.
8. Jai said that he had seen parakeets at zoo the previous day.

