Unit 1 · Introducing Others

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 28

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Am, is or are: which word decides? [6]

Prapti wrote these sentences about her family for a new pen friend.

1. My grandmother and my aunt ..... teachers.
2. The people in our village ..... very friendly.
3. Our family ..... not very big.
4. The children of my uncle ..... twins.
5. Everyone in the two buses ..... singing.
6. The goats in my grandfather's shed ..... hungry.
7. I ..... the youngest of all my cousins.

a. Copy each sentence with *am*, *is* or *are*.
b. Prapti says, "I look at the word just before the gap. If it is one thing, I write *is*. If it is more than one, I write *are*. And after *I*, I always write *am*." Which of the seven sentences does her rule get wrong?
c. Write a better way to find the word that decides, and show how it works for sentence 4.
d. Prapti asks, "Why do we say *Our family is* but *The people are*? Both words mean a lot of persons." Answer her.

2 Whose name first? [5]

Use this rule. In a polite introduction, speak first to the person you want to honor (the older or more important one), and tell him or her the other person's name. Between two friends, any order is fine.

a. Mijash brings his friend Rehan home. His grandmother is in the garden. Mijash says, "Rehan, this is my grandmother. Grandmother, Rehan." His grandmother smiles and says, "How do you do?" Rehan answers, "I'm very well, thank you."
i. Write what Mijash should have said. Name the two things he did badly.
ii. What should Rehan have answered? Why is his answer wrong? (*How do you do?* is a formal greeting for a first meeting.)
b. At a football match, Mijash introduces his cousin Nirjala to his classmate Swastika. Does it matter whose name he says first? Write his introduction and what the two girls say.

3 A runner's life from her notes [7]

Here are notes for a short biography of a runner, Smriti Limbu, written in no order. (Smriti and her races are made up.)

A. Now: trains young runners at the school in her village
B. 2068 BS: first race, the district cross-country race; came fourth
C. Born: Asar 12, 2054 BS, in Terhathum
D. 2081 BS: hurt her knee; stopped racing
E. School days: ran 5 km to school and 5 km back every day
F. 2076 BS: first in the women's 10,000 m at a national race

a. Write the letters in time order. One note has no year: how did you decide where it goes?
b. Write her biography in five to seven sentences. Use the past simple for her past and the present only for what is still true. Join two of the notes in one sentence.
c. Yugin wrote two sentences for the same biography: *She is born in Terhathum.* and *Now she trained young runners.* What is wrong with each?

d. Smriti was born on Asar 12, 2054 BS. The year 2054 BS began in the middle of April 1997, and Asar begins in the middle of June. Write her date of birth as a biography gives it, with the AD month and year in brackets. Two of her teammates were born in Poush 2054 BS, one on Poush 8 and one on Poush 20. Poush begins in the middle of December. In which AD year was each one born? Why can the same BS year give two AD years?

4 Capital letter or small letter? [5]

a. In each pair, the same word has a capital letter in one sentence and a small letter in the other. Say why. (In each pair, it is a name in one sentence and an ordinary word in the other.)

i. *The Earth goes round the Sun.* / *Fill the pot with earth and leave it in the sun.*

ii. *My sister studies at Shree Bhawani Secondary School.* / *My brother goes to a secondary school in Ilam.*

iii. *My cousin was born in March.* / *Watch the soldiers march past.*

b. Write these two titles of books with capital letters. Then say which words stayed small, and why the first word of each has a capital.

i. a journey to the top of the world

ii. the river and the hill

5 A message for the notice board [5]

The Youth Club of Gaighat wrote this for the notice board at the bus park. (The club, the contest and the people are made up.)

Gaighat, Udayapur
5 Mangsir 2082
Dear Sadikshya,
Congratulation on your success! We are very proud of you.
Yours sincerely,
Chiring

What really happened: Sadikshya, a Grade 6 student of Shree Janata Secondary School, came first in the Udayapur District Spelling Contest. She won a trophy and Rs. 3,000. Chiring is the president of the club.

a. Name **three** things in it that belong in a letter, but not in a message that everyone will read.

b. Name **two** important things it doesn't tell the reader.

c. Write the message as it should be, with all its parts. Correct the spelling mistake too.

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