Unit 2 · Asking for Permission

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 29

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Do you mind? No, not at all! [6]

Shreya gets on a crowded bus to Banepa. She asks five people, one after another, "Do you mind if I sit here?" These are their answers.

1. "No, not at all."
2. "Yes, I do. My brother is sitting there."
3. "Sure, go ahead."
4. "I'm afraid this seat is taken."
5. "Not at all. Here, I'll move my bag."

a. After which answers can Shreya sit down?

b. Everyone understands answer 3, and people say it all the time. But if you take its words exactly, it doesn't fit the question. Why not?

c. Later, Pemba asks Shreya, "Do you mind if I open the window?" She would like some fresh air, so she says, "Yes!" What might Pemba do? Why? What should she have said?

d. Shreya wants to know whether people may carry a live goat on the bus. Should she ask the woman beside her, "Do you mind if I bring a goat tomorrow?", or the conductor, "Are passengers allowed to carry goats on this bus?" Explain.

2 A chicken, or chicken? [7]

a. In each pair, the same noun is countable in one sentence and uncountable in the other. Say what it means in each.

1. *There's a chicken in the kitchen.* / *There's chicken in the kitchen.*
2. *My little brother broke a glass.* / *The window is made of glass.*
3. *Do you have experience of office work?* / *The trek to Gosaikunda was an amazing experience.*

b. Anjila wrote these. Correct each so that it counts the noun properly.

three advices · two breads for breakfast · five furnitures · four luggages

c. At a tea shop you can say, "Two coffees, please." Why can't you say "two advices" in the same way?

3 What's in the kitchen? [6]

Before going to the shop, Ujwal checks the kitchen. This is what he finds:

rice: none · eggs: two · cooking oil: a little · onions: none · salt: a full jar

a. Write one sentence about each thing in the kitchen, using *some* or *any*.

b. At the shop, the shopkeeper asks about the rice and the eggs. Write her two questions with *How much* or *How many*. Then explain why *How much rice?* and *How many kilos of rice?* are both right, but *How many rice?* is wrong.

c. At home, Ujwal's mother asks his friend, "Would you like some tea?" His friend whispers, "That's a question, so it should be *any*." Explain why *some* is right here.

4 The phone wrote it wrong [5]

The monitor of Grade 7 spoke this notice into her phone, and the phone typed it. Every word is a real English word, but **nine** of them are the wrong word.

Dear friends, our principle has asked everyone to by a ticket for the science fare on Friday. The bus fair is Rs. 50. If you are sick, please stay at home and let your body heel. Right your name on the list within an our. The hole class will also visit the sight of the old fort.

a. Find the nine wrong words and write the right one for each.

b. The phone's spelling check didn't mark any of them. Why not?

c. Write one sentence of your own that uses both *principal* and *principle* correctly.

5 Asking Didi [5]

Aayush's class is going on a two-day trip to Janakpur. His parents say he may go if his sister agrees. She is studying in Pokhara, and she sends him this message:

Last time you went on a trip, you lost your money. Who will look after you there? And don't you have exams soon?

These are the facts: two teachers go with the class; the trip costs Rs. 2,500, and the school keeps the money for food and the hotel; the exams start three weeks after the trip.

a. Write the middle part (the body) of Aayush's letter to his sister. Answer **each** of her three worries with a fact, and ask for her permission in **two** different ways.

b. Write the greeting and the closing his letter should have. *Yours faithfully* is used to close a formal letter to someone whose name you don't know. Why would it be wrong here?