Unit 17 · Surprise and Dismay

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 25

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Echo it back [6]

Simran's friends tell her their news. She answers each with an **echo question**, then an exclamation that fits the news.

1. "I've lost my school bag."
2. "My little brother can whistle with two fingers."
3. "My aunt works at the airport in Bhairahawa."
4. "We didn't get any homework today."
5. "The school bus was two hours late this morning."
6. "Nuwan and I won the quiz!"

a. Write Simran's answer to each: the echo question, then the exclamation.

b. In 1 and 6 the speaker said *I*, but Simran's echo doesn't. Explain why.

c. A boy answered line 1 with *Do you?* and line 5 with *Is it?* What did he get wrong each time?

2 The verb changes too [3]

Write Simran's echo question for each, and say what changes in it, if anything, besides the subject.

1. "I'm not coming to the picnic."
2. "I was born in a hospital in Butwal."
3. "There's a snake under the bench!"

3 What a, what or how? [5]

a. Turn each sentence into **two** exclamations, one beginning with *What* and one with *How*.

1. It is very bad news.
2. These are lovely shoes.
3. It was an exciting match.
4. The weather is terrible today.

b. Correct these exclamations. Say what was wrong with each.

1. What a good advice!
2. How a tall tree!
3. What an useful book!
4. What beautiful!

4 Tops and bottoms [6]

In *Fair Shares*, Ali divided the cow and the date tree so that he got the part that **paid** and Abraham the part that **cost**. Abraham beat him by doing exactly what the agreement said.

Suppose the two brothers also had a field. Ali said: *"Let's be fair. Everything that grows **above** the ground is mine, and everything **below** the ground is yours."*

a. Why did Ali think this was a good deal for him, if they grew rice or wheat as usual?

b. Abraham agreed. What could he plant so that the agreement works for him and not for Ali? Name two crops, and say what each brother gets at harvest.

c. The next year, Ali said, *"This time, I'll take everything below the ground."* What should Abraham plant now? Why?

d. At the first harvest, Abraham tells Ali, *"I planted potatoes this year."* Write Ali's reply: an echo question, then words of dismay.

5 Over, or still going on? [5]

Each sentence gives something that was true at a moment in the past, and its reason. Use the fact in brackets to choose the verb: *had* + past participle (it was **over** before), or *was / were* + -ing (it was **still going on**). Write the sentence.

1. The road was full of puddles when Aisha left home, because it ..... (rain) all night. (*The rain stopped at dawn.*)
2. Milan couldn't hear the phone, because his brother ..... (play) the drum. (*The drumming went on until lunch.*)
3. Hajurbuwa was tired at two o'clock, because he ..... (work) in the field all morning. (*He came home at noon.*)
4. The kitchen smelled of smoke when Alina came in, because the rice ..... (burn). (*Her mother had already taken the pot off the stove.*)
5. Everyone in the hall was quiet when Siddhanta arrived, because the head teacher ..... (give) a speech. (*The speech ended ten minutes later.*)

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