Unit 5 · Persuading

STUDY NOTES

WHAT THE BLE ASKS

- **CDC's grid tests skills, not units:** Reading 25 · Writing 20 · Grammar 5
- **Reading 1–2 (seen texts, 5 marks each):** the lime tree story; "Free Birds"
  - word meanings
  - order of events
  - answers from the text
- **Reading 3–4 (new texts, 5 + 10 marks):** one can be a story
- **Writing**
  - ten punctuation errors (5 marks)
  - free writing, 10 marks: such as a letter
  - guided writing, 5 marks: a **story from clues**
- **Grammar (5 marks):** *Change into indirect speech*: **reported commands and requests**; blanks

Reading I: The Old Woman and the Lime Tree

- **Kind: folk tale** told in **Ukraine**:
  - told aloud for years, no known maker
  - *Once upon a time*
  - no names
  - **repetition** (a new wish, the walk, the tree's calm reply)
- **lime tree** = **linden**, a big forest tree, not the sour fruit (कागती)
- **Start:** a very poor old couple; he goes to **chop** the tree for firewood; it speaks in a human voice, asks to be spared, promises to **do him a good turn**; **frightened**, he drops his axe and goes home
- wife calls him a **fool**, sends him back

	Wish	Result
1	horse and cart	cart by the hut, horse **harnessed**
2	new hut (old one might **cave in**)	new hut
3	**livestock** and **fowls**	yard full; he is **overjoyed**
4	money	she **stacks** gold coins
5	to be feared	policemen and soldiers guard the house
6	the whole village to work for them	tree silent, then "**one last thing**": all gone

- from wish 5 she wants **power**, not things; the man no longer asks but **begs**
- nothing **satisfies** her; more than once she says it is enough
- **End:** the old hut, his wife beside it
- **Meaning: greed**; having more doesn't bring contentment; the old man never once says no

Reading II: Free Birds

- **Kind: poem**, four **stanzas** of four lines; lines 2 and 4 rhyme or nearly (*fly / sky, caution / nation*); speaks to "you", the students: **persuasion**
- **metaphor:** students **are** free birds (no *like* or *as*): you have the power to rise
- **Stanza 1: flap** your wings, go on with your **expedition** till you touch the sky (studies = a long journey up)
- **Stanza 2:** *Come on*: you can reach your **destination**; **overcome hindrances** with **determination**
- **Stanza 3:** nothing is easy, nothing impossible; find your **courage**; you have **incredible** strength
- **Stanza 4:** *Time and tide wait for no one*: don't delay; follow time with **caution**; a true **patriot** can make the nation **a piece of heaven**
- **Pattern:** a command, then a reason to believe it

Key words

chop: cut with strong blows.
do someone a good turn: do something helpful.
fool: a silly person.
harnessed: tied to a cart with straps.
cave in: fall down or inward.
livestock / fowls: farm animals / birds kept for eggs or meat.
overjoyed: extremely happy.
stack: put in a neat pile.
beg: ask very strongly, almost desperately.
satisfy: give enough, so no more is wanted.
flap: (a bird) move its wings up and down.
expedition: a journey for a special purpose.
destination: the place you are going to.
hindrance: something that makes a thing harder.
overcome: succeed in dealing with a difficulty.
determination: a firm decision to go on.
courage: the ability to do something frightening.
incredible: very hard to believe.
caution: care to avoid danger or mistakes.
patriot: someone who loves and supports their country.

Grammar: reporting commands and requests

- **imperatives:** no subject, base form:
  - *Sit down.*
  - *Please wait.*
  - *Don't run.*

1. **reporting verb** (*said to* changes)
2. **listener** right after: *told him*
3. **to + base**; negative: **not to**
4. **drop** *please*, quotation marks, exclamation mark
5. **pronouns**; *this* → *that, here* → *there*

- *"Put out the light."* → *Pragya told him **to put** out the light.*
- *"Please go to the market."* → *My brother requested me **to go**...*
- *"Don't touch the hot water."* → *She warned him **not to touch**...*
- *"Get me a cup of tea."* → *Shreya told me to get **her** a cup of tea.*
- a second verb moves back: *He asked me to wait there till he **returned**.*

Speaker	Verb
plain order, instruction	**told**
strong order, from above	**ordered**
polite, often *please*	**asked, requested**
desperate	**begged**
good for you	**advised**
danger	**warned**
not allowed	**forbade**

- **forbade** is already negative: *Neha forbade Dipa **to touch** her things.*
- *suggest*: *suggested **that we should**...*, or *advised us to...*

Persuading

- two moves: **what you want done + a reason**; a reason turns an order into persuasion
- *Try it. It suits you.*
- *Give it a try. It's really nice.*
- *Come on! You can do this easily.*
- *Watch the film. It's interesting.*
- *Go on, open your present.*
- *Come on! Go on*: friends, family; teacher, stranger: *Why don't you...? You should really try...*

Writing: punctuate a paragraph

- read it **aloud**: where your voice stops, a sentence probably ends
- **capitals:** first word; names of people and places
- **full stops:** every sentence, the last too
- **commas:**
  - before *but, so* joining sentences
  - after *In fact,*
  - in lists
- **apostrophes:** *didn't, I'm*
- **question marks:** any direct question

Writing: a story from clues

- keep **every clue**
- all in the **past tense**
- join notes:
  - *and*
  - *so*
  - *but*
  - *when*
- add a feeling or a few spoken words
- a fable ends with its **moral**

Prefixes and suffixes

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
de-	opposite, undo	*decode, defame*
dis-	not, reverse	*disagree, dishonest*
mis-	bad, wrong	*mislead, misplace*
pre-	before	*prehistoric, prepaid*
re-	again, back	*rewrite, rethink*
un-	not, reverse	*undo, unusual*

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
-able	able to be	*portable, readable*
-er	more; a person	*faster; teacher*
-ful	full of	*grateful, painful*
-ly	makes an adverb	*happily, calmly*
-ness	a state	*kindness, brightness*
-y	full of	*healthy, messy*

- final *y* after a consonant → **i**: *happiness, lazily, easier*
- not every *re-*, *un-* is a prefix: *ready, uncle*

Counting syllables

- **syllable** = one beat = one **vowel sound**: *ex-cept* 2
- clap, or feel your chin drop, or count vowel **sounds**: *police* 2
- *-ed* adds a beat only after /t/, /d/: *frightened*, *harnessed* = 2

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ He said me to go.
✓ He **told** me to go.

✗ She told me to not do it.
✓ She told me **not to** do it.

✗ Neha forbade Dipa not to touch her things.
✓ Neha forbade Dipa **to** touch her things.

✗ He suggested us to speak the truth.
✓ He **advised** us to speak the truth.

✗ beautifull
✓ **beautiful**

✗ The lime tree is a fruit tree.
✓ a big forest tree, the **linden**