Unit 2 · Asking for Permission

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 48

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Too casual, too formal [4]

Each speaker has chosen the wrong words for the listener. Say what is wrong, and rewrite the sentence so that it suits the listener.

i. To the bank manager: "Any chance of taking a photo in here?"
ii. To your best friend: "May I have your permission to borrow your eraser?"
iii. To a guest who asks to sit on a broken chair: "No way."
iv. To your friend's grandmother, who asks to use your phone: "Sure."

2 Reading: an unseen story [8]

The Jacket

"Ama, would it be all right if I went to the Scout camp on Saturday?"
Diya had practiced that sentence for two days. Her mother did not look up from the sewing machine.
"And who will bring the water on Sunday morning?"
"I was wondering if Bhai could do it. It's only for one day."
Her brother, who was nine and had never carried anything heavier than his school bag, looked up in alarm. Their mother said nothing at all, and Diya went to bed angry.
That night, she heard the machine running long after the kitchen lamp had gone out.
In the morning, there was a parcel beside her bag. Inside was a thick brown jacket, cut from her father's old coat, with two deep pockets.
"The hill is cold at night," her mother said, and went out to feed the goat.
Nobody said yes. Nobody needed to.
At the camp that evening, Diya put her hands in the pockets and found a small piece of paper. Her mother, who wrote slowly and seldom, had made the letters very large.
Your brother has already practiced with the small bucket. He spilled half.
Diya laughed so loudly that the girl beside her asked what the joke was. She found that she couldn't explain.

a. What did Diya's mother make during the night? [1]

a. a bag for the camp
b. a coat for Diya's father
c. a jacket out of an old coat
d. a small bucket for her son

b. Put these in the order they happened: (a) Diya found the note; (b) Diya heard the machine at night; (c) Diya's brother looked up in alarm; (d) the mother fed the goat. [1]

c. What does "in alarm" tell you about how her brother felt? Which words before it help you to guess why? [1]

d. Why had Diya practiced her question for two days? [1]

e. "Nobody said yes. Nobody needed to." How did Diya know that she was allowed to go? Give **two** things from the story. [2]

f. Why do you think Diya couldn't explain the joke? What does the note show about her mother? [2]

3 Make the question [5]

Change each statement into a yes/no question, and give a short answer that is true for the sentence.

i. Abdul has a return ticket.
ii. Abdul has bought a return ticket.
iii. There were two empty berths.
iv. The announcement frightened the children.
v. Karishma should see the doctor.

4 What was the question? [4]

Here are only the answers. Write a yes/no question that fits each one.

i. No, she doesn't. She lives in Dharan.
ii. Yes, they did. They left at six.
iii. No, I haven't. I've lost it.
iv. Yes, it was. The whole train was full.

5 Mind the verb [4]

Choose the right form and give a reason. Then answer the last question.

i. Do you mind if I ..... (open / opened) the door?
ii. Would it be all right if we ..... (leave / left) at four?
iii. I was wondering if I could ..... (bring / brought) my sister.
iv. "Would you mind if I used your phone?" Rojina wants to say that he **can** use it. What should she say: "Yes, I would" or "No, not at all"? Why?

6 How does -ed sound? [4]

Copy the table, and write each word in the right column.
insisted, asked, settled, vanished, handed, refused, stopped, departed

/t/	/d/	/ɪd/

7 Punctuation [5]

This paragraph has **ten** errors in punctuation and capital letters. Write it out correctly.

last friday my cousin sonam asked me Can I use your camera I said yes, but he dropped it in the river at chitwan. He hasnt told his mother yet

8 Writing: two emails [7]

Your class wants to use the ward office's meeting hall for a science fair on one Saturday. Write **two short emails** (about 60 words each): your request to the ward secretary, with the day and the time, and the secretary's reply, which refuses but offers another way. Use the parts of an email from your textbook, and set out the subject of the reply correctly.

9 For and against [4]

"A student of Grade 8 should be allowed to travel alone on a long-distance bus." Do you agree? Give your view and one good reason (about 70 words). Then state the best argument **against** your view, and reply to it.

10 Think [3]

"A Father's Letter to his Son" and "Changing World" in your textbook both end with a discovery. What does each person discover? Which discovery would you rather make at your age, and why?