Unit 19 · Reporting

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 46

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Two meanings [3]

Say what the word in italics means in each sentence.

i. a. My uncle works for a shipping *company*. b. A bird learns from the *company* it keeps.
ii. a. We passed a *milestone* marked 12 km. b. The new airport was a *milestone* for the city.
iii. a. Put the *harness* on the horse. b. Nepal can *harness* the power of its rivers.

2 Reading: an unseen news report [9]

Health Post Opens in Hill Ward (a made-up news report)

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A new health post was inaugurated on Sunday in a hill ward of Gorkha, ending a four-hour walk to the nearest nurse for about 900 people.

The building was paid for by the ward and by villagers working abroad. Work had begun two years ago.

Speaking at the ceremony, the ward chair said that the long wait had finally ended. "This is a milestone for our ward," she said. "No mother should have to walk four hours with a sick child."

The nurse in charge, Srijana, told reporters that the post would open six days a week. She asked the villagers to come early and not to wait until they were very ill. She said that medicines for common illnesses had arrived, but that the fridge for vaccines had not.

A farmer at the ceremony asked the chair when the road would reach the village. She replied that it would take another year.

Villagers said that they were hopeful.

a. What does the health post still not have? [1]

b. Write these as the actual words the speakers used. [2]
i. She asked the villagers to come early.
ii. A farmer asked the chair when the road would reach the village.

c. Report the chair's words: "No mother should have to walk four hours with a sick child." Then say what in it doesn't change, and why. [2]

d. Why does the reporter give the chair's words exactly, but only report what the nurse said? [2]

e. Which statement describes how this report is built? [1]
a. The biggest news is in the first sentence, and how people felt comes last.
b. The reporter tells what happened in the order it happened.
c. The reporter's own opinion comes at the end.
d. The story saves its best fact for the last line.

f. What does *inaugurated* mean in the report? [1]

3 Report them [6]

Change these into indirect speech. The talk was on another day, in another place.

i. "Where did you leave my bag?" Sanjeev asked me.
ii. "Do you know the way to the station?" the old woman asked us.
iii. "Don't touch my phone," Sneha said to me.
iv. "We will come here tomorrow," the workers said.
v. "Ice floats on water," the teacher said.
vi. "You must wear a helmet," the policeman said to Prashant.

4 Back to the exact words [3]

Write what each person really said.

i. Karishma asked me why I had been late the day before.
ii. Kiran told his sister not to wait for him there.
iii. The guide said that he would show us the lake the next day.

5 Find and fix the errors [7]

This paragraph has **seven** errors. Find each one and write the correction.

Yesterday, the teacher said me that the test will be the next day. Anil asked her where was the room. Then she told us don't be late. I asked her that if we could bring a dictionary. She inquired me why did I need one.

6 Writing: a news report from clues [6]

Write a news report of about 90 words from these made-up clues. Add a byline and dateline.
Headline: Students Clean Trail to Lake. Grade 8 students, 60 of them; a community school in Kaski; Saturday; 40 sacks of rubbish; 3 km of trail; rubbish taken away by the ward's tractor; teacher Mr. Rabin: "proud of them"; students: hope to clean it again next year.

7 Writing: a story from a first line [6]

Write a story of about 100 words that begins, *Nobody in the village believed what the parrot said.* Give it an opening, a problem, a turning point and an ending, and let your people speak in direct speech at the exciting moment.

8 Make your own [3]

Write a short talk of three lines between two people, with one question and one command in it. Then report it as a third person who heard it the next day.

9 Think [3]

In "A Tale of Two Birds", two nestlings from the same nest grow up to be called wicked and kind. Was it fair to call the first bird wicked? What does your answer say about people who grow up in bad company?