



Kindly Note : This E-lesson covers two chapters.

SUPPLEMENTARY READER: FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET

Chapter One

Topic :

*A TRIUMPH OF
SURGERY*

By : James Herriot

Objectives :

- *Develop habits of reading*
- *Encourage the learners express their own ideas in a creative & coherent way.*
- *Critically analyse the emotions of people.*

Before we start

- *Name a few animals that can be kept as pets?*
- *Why do we keep pet?*
- *What kind of people keep pets at home?*
- *What all does it require to keep pets?*

Important Guidelines:

- *Read the text carefully.*
- *Make a list of new vocabulary words.*
- *First try to deduce their meaning in the given context.*
 - *Verify the meanings from the dictionary.*
- *Vocabulary exercise is to be done in the fair notebook.*

SUMMARY

The story starts when Mrs. Pumphrey, a rich lady who takes her dog out for a walk. A nearby veterinary doctor who knows the lady sees the dog and is shocked to see that the dog looks like a bloated sausage with a leg at each end. He advises her to stop giving him unhealthy food but Mrs. Pumphrey is not able to refrain from pampering him. Soon he falls sick and the doctor is called. The doctor, Mr. Herriot tells Mrs. Pumphrey that the dog can be treated only if he's taken to the hospital. Even though he knows that Mrs. Pumphrey is not ready to leave her dog and nearly faints just on hearing these words, he takes the dog to the hospital. Then he puts a bed for him in his surgery. The dog doesn't move much nor eats anything for the first two days. On the second day he looks around and whimpers a bit. On the third day he starts playing with the bigger dogs when he is taken out. He also licks the bowls of other dogs clean on the third day.

Then his condition starts improving very fast. He starts fighting for his meals with other dogs. When this news reaches Mrs. Pumphrey, she starts sending him eggs as she thinks that Tricki was recovering from an illness and needed energy foods. Mr. Herriot and his partners start eating those eggs for morning breakfast. Then for improving Tricki's blood, Mrs. Pumphrey starts sending bottles of wine which is again consumed by Mr. Herriot who even feels tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest in the surgery. He relished having two extra eggs every morning, a few glasses of wine in the afternoon and closing the day by having brandy at night.

But then he takes a wise decision and calls up Mrs. Pumphrey as she was really worried and Tricki was ready to be taken back home. Tricki is really happy to see his mistress and jumps into the car. Mrs. Pumphrey thanks him for what he had done and also, that his surgery had been successful as Tricki was now cured.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Short Answer Questions :

- a) *What kind of a person do you think the narrator, a veterinary surgeon, is?*
- b) *Do you think this is a real-life episode, or a mere fiction?*
- c) *Why is he tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?*
- d) *Why does Mrs Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"?*
- e) *Draw a pen portrait of Mrs. Pumphrey.*

Discursive questions :

- a) *Do you think Mrs. Pumphrey shows a negligent behaviour and was responsible for the poor health of her dog? Give reasons for your answers.*
- b) *Give a brief account of any such incident witnessed by you.*
- c) *Do you think Dr. Herriot was a duty-bound doctor who valued others' emotions more than his personal interest? Comment .*

Vocabulary Exercise: (to be done in the fair notebook)

Match the words given below in column A with their most suitable substitute from the words given in column B:

| Column A | Column B |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. <i>Very small</i> | : <i>exceptional</i> |
| 2. <i>Very fierce</i> | : <i>petite</i> |
| 3. <i>Very lively</i> | : <i>freezing</i> |
| 4. <i>Very special</i> | : <i>ferocious</i> |
| 5. <i>Very easy</i> | : <i>simple, effortless</i> |
| 6. <i>Very hot</i> | : <i>awful</i> |
| 7. <i>Very cold</i> | : <i>animated</i> |
| 8. <i>Very clean</i> | : <i>comprehensive</i> |
| 9. <i>Very bad</i> | : <i>scorching</i> |
| 10. <i>Very complete</i> | : <i>spotless</i> |
| 11. <i>Very large</i> | : <i>hushed</i> |
| 12. <i>Very angry</i> | : <i>crucial</i> |
| 13. <i>Very important</i> | : <i>furious</i> |
| 14. <i>Very quiet</i> | : <i>colossal</i> |

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FIRST FLIGHT

TWO STORIES ABOUT FLYING (PART I)

Read the text carefully. Underline the new vocabulary words and find their meanings using the dictionary. You may use the following link to refer to the text in case you do not have the text book.

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TOPIC : HIS FIRST FLIGHT BY LIAM O' FLAHERTY



SUMMARY

The story “His First Flight” by “Liam O’ Flaherty” is about a young seagull who is afraid to fly. All his younger siblings despite their much shorter wings flew fearlessly while he could not gather the courage to trust his own wings. The young

seagull became sad when he saw his parents perfecting his younger siblings in the art of flying. His parents scold and taunt him for not even trying. They even call him a “coward”. They tell him to at least try and also threaten him to leave him alone and hungry if he does not. The following day, he is left in isolation and upon feeling hungry; he tries to seek the attention of his family members. Only his mother, who is withering a fish in an attempt to eat it, notices her son. The young seagull cries out of starvation hoping his mother would help. On seeing his mother come to him with the fish, he gets excited. But on noticing that his mother stopped mid-way, he gets maddened with hunger. It is out of hunger that he takes a dive at the fish, forgetting for a moment that he is afraid to fly. Finally, he takes his first flight. All the family members celebrate his victory by cheering and dancing around him. He also attempts at floating in the sea that he was once afraid of. Thus, he overcomes his fear and realises that it is all in the mind.

Link for video:

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THEME : The story highlights the importance of courage and right motivation in life. It also talks about the fact that one needs to overcome fear in order to move ahead in life. Had the seagull not forgotten that it was scared to fly, it would never have taken the leap. It was fear that had been holding it back. At the same time the story also conveys the importance of self-confidence and trust in one's own abilities.

Note :All the questions given below are to be done in the fair notebook,



ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

Activity : Draw a graphic organiser depicting the sequence of events in the chronological order.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- a) *Cite examples from the text to support that the young seagull was afraid to fly.*
- b) *How do the young seagull's parents motivate him to fly?*
- c) *'The sight of food maddened him', yet his mother refrained from giving him the fish she had. Explain why?*
- d) *Finally, what motivated the seagull to fly?*
- e) *Bring out the message conveyed by the story.*

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

- a) *'Parental acts are for the betterment of children. It is true.' Justify this statement with reference to 'The First Flight'.*
- b) *Analyse the relevance of the story in the present scenario and comment.*

WRITING SKILLS :

Write a letter in about 150 words to the President of your RWA complaining about some neighbours who are getting outsiders in the colony despite the orders of lockdown / sealing where nobody is permitted to enter unless he is a resident.

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