

Topic  
LiteraryClass  
10Approach  
Read, Understand, Try, Check

## 1.2 An Encounter of a Special Kind

### Lesson Summary

Tapan, a little boy heard loud barking of street dogs. He saw a big monkey trying to kill a baby monkey. Mother monkey was not able to help the baby. Tapan wanted to save the baby monkey. He started throwing stones at the big monkey. The big monkey got scared. At last, he dropped the baby and ran away. The mother of the baby monkey was very happy. Tapan felt that she was thanking him for saving her baby.

**Read the passage given below and do the activities:**

### 1. Write whether the following sentences are True or False:

1. The leader of the group was a female langur.
2. The mother of the baby langur was not helpless.
3. Tapan threw a stick at the big langur.
4. The terrible custom in the animal clan is that a male leader of the group usually does not allow another male baby or adult to survive within its group.
5. The dogs started barking furiously.

I glanced towards the roof of the club house and saw something horrible. A big male langur, apparently the leader of its group, was holding a baby langur in his hands and mercilessly biting it all over with a definite intent to kill. The helpless mother of the baby and other lesser members of the langur group were scattered on the roofs of the buildings nearby watching the baby being killed. I recalled the terrible custom in the animal clan according to which a dominant male usually does not allow another male baby or adult to survive within its group.

Without losing any time, I gathered a stout stick in one hand and hurled a piece of stone at the marauding langur. The langur was so infuriated that it hardly took any notice of my assault. But then I started throwing more stones. The dogs on their part raised their pitch of cry.

**2. Arrange the following sentences as per their sequence occurred in the passage:**

1. The dogs raised their pitch of cry.
2. The helpless mother was watching the baby being killed.
3. The langur did not notice the attack on him.
4. Tapan started throwing stones at the langur.
5. Tapan saw a male langur biting a baby langur.

**3. Match the synonyms:**

	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>
<b>1</b>	dominant	<b>a</b>	Hit
<b>2</b>	horrible	<b>b</b>	Commanding
<b>3</b>	infuriated	<b>c</b>	shocking
<b>4</b>	assault	<b>d</b>	anger

**4. Personal Response:**

**I. What would you do, if you see people hurting animals?**

**Key :**

1. State True or False

1. False
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. True

**2. Arrange the following sentences as per their sequence occurred in the passage:**

5. Tapan saw a male langur biting a baby langur.
2. The helpless mother was watching the baby being killed.
4. Tapan started throwing stones at the langur.
3. The langur did not notice the attack on him.
1. The dogs raised their pitch of cry.

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<b>2</b>	horrible	<b>c</b>	shocking
<b>3</b>	infuriated	<b>d</b>	anger
<b>4</b>	assault	<b>a</b>	Hit

**4. Personal Response:**

Hint: Awareness, informing authorities, given them food, care, taken them home.

## 1.5 His First Flight

### Lesson summary

A young seagull was afraid to fly. His parents tried hard to make him fly. But the seagull was not ready to learn to fly. One day he was very hungry. His mother decided to take this opportunity and make him fly.

Mother seagull got a fish in her beak. But she did not give it to the young baby. She made the baby seagull fly and reach the fish. The baby seagull was very hungry. So it tried to reach the fish. But it fell down. He kept trying again and again. Finally he was able to fly.

**Read the passage given below and do the activities:**

### 1. Write whether the following sentences are True or False:

1. The seagull was very brave.
2. The seagull knew that his wings would support him.
3. The seagull was standing on his ledge.
4. His parents encouraged him to fly.
5. The seagull was afraid to fly with his brothers and sisters.

The young seagull was alone on his ledge. His two brothers and his sister had already flown away the day before. He had been afraid to fly with them. Somehow when he had taken a little run forward to the brink of the ledge and attempted to flap his wings he became afraid. The great expanse of sea stretched down beneath, and it was such a long way down - miles down. He felt certain that his wings would never support him; so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night. Even when each of his brothers and his little sister, whose wings were far shorter than his own, ran to the brink, flapped their wings, and flew away, he failed to muster up courage to take that plunge which appeared to him so desperate. His father and mother had come around calling to him shrilly, upbraiding him, threatening to let him starve on his ledge unless he flew away. But for the life of him he could not move.

**2. Arrange the following sentences as per their sequence occurred in the passage:**

1. The seagull ran back to the little hole.
2. His parents threatened to let him starve unless he flew away.
3. The seagull attempted to fly but was afraid.
4. The seagull was alone on his ledge

**3. Match the synonyms:**

	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>
<b>1</b>	brink	<b>a</b>	scold
<b>2</b>	upbraid	<b>b</b>	projection
<b>3</b>	shrill	<b>c</b>	edge
<b>4</b>	ledge	<b>d</b>	piercing

**Personal Response:**

**1. What was one thing that you were scared / afraid of doing and how you overcame the fear? Happy Learning!**

**KEY:**

Write whether the following sentences are True or False:

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
6. True

**2. Arrange the following sentences as per their sequence occurred in the passage:**

4. The seagull was alone on his ledge
1. The seagull ran back to the little hole.
3. The seagull attempted to fly but was afraid.
2. His parents threatened to let him starve unless he flew away.

**3. Match the synonyms:**

	A		B
1	brink	c	edge
2	upbraid	a	scold
3	shrill	d	piercing
4	ledge	b	projection

**Personal Response:**

Hint : Strong willpower, confidence, believe in oneself.

## 2.2 The Boy Who Broke The Bank

-Ruskin Bond

### Lesson summary

Nathu was a sweeper in a bank. Sitaram, a washerman was his friend. Once, Nathu did not get his salary. Sitaram said he would find a job for his friend. He went to deliver clothes to Mrs. Srivastava. She wanted a sweeper. Sitaram said, “Madam, my friend is a sweeper in a bank. The bank is not giving him his salary. So he wants to leave. He can work for you.” Mrs. Srivastava agreed.

Soon the news that the bank doesn't have money, spread in the whole area. People thought the bank was closing. So, they went to the bank to get their money. The bank manager said, “The bank doesn't have much money now, come tomorrow.” People got angry. Someone threw a stone and broke the glass door.

Next day, Nathu saw the broken glass. Sitaram said, “Now, you have to find a new job. The bank is going to close soon.” Nathu kept thinking, why was the bank closing? How did it happen?

**Read the passage given below and do the activities:**

**1. Write whether the following sentences are True or False:**

1. Nathu owned a bank.
2. Tamarind tree was in the middle of the bazaar.
3. Mrs Srivastave wanted to visit cloth shops.
4. Mrs Bhushan gave instructions to the ayah about looking after the baby.

Mrs. Srivastava had to do some shopping. She gave instructions to the ayah about looking after the baby, and told the cook not to be late with the midday meal. Then she set out for the Pipalnagar market place, to make her customary tour of the cloth shops.

A large shady tamarind tree grew at one end of the bazaar, and it was here that Mrs. Srivastava found her friend Mrs. Bhushan sheltering from the heat. Mrs. Bhushan was fanning herself with a large handkerchief. She complained of the summer, which she affirmed, was definitely the hottest in the history of Pipalnagar. She then showed Mrs. Srivastava a sample of the cloth she was going to buy, and for five minutes they discussed its shade, texture and design. Having exhausted this topic, Mrs. Srivastava said, ‘Do you know, my dear, that Seth Govind Ram’s bank can’t even pay its employees? Only this morning I heard a complaint from their sweeper, who hasn’t received his wages for over a month!’

**2. Arrange the following sentences as per their sequence occurred in the passage:**

1. Mrs Bhushan showed a sample of cloth that she was going to buy.
2. Mrs Srivastava wanted to do some shopping.
3. Mrs Srivastava was complaining about Seth Govind Ram.
4. Mrs Bhushan was fanning herself with a large handkerchief.

**3. Match the synonyms:**

	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>
<b>1</b>	customary	<b>a</b>	declare
<b>2</b>	affirm	<b>b</b>	Finished
<b>3</b>	exhausted	<b>c</b>	salary
<b>4</b>	wage	<b>d</b>	habitual

**4. Personal Response:**

Do we believe in “Rumours” ? Why?



**KEY:**

Write whether the following sentences are True or False:

1. False
2. False
3. True
- 4.
5. False

**2. Arrange the following sentences as per their sequence occurred in the passage:**

2. Mrs Srivastava wanted to do some shopping.
4. Mrs Bhushan was fanning herself with a large handkerchief.
1. Mrs Bhushan showed a sample of cloth that she was going to buy.
3. Mrs Srivastava was complaining about Seth Govind Ram.

**3. Match the synonyms:**

	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>
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<b>2</b>	affirm	<b>a</b>	declare
<b>3</b>	exhausted	<b>b</b>	Finished
<b>4</b>	wage	<b>c</b>	salary

4. Personal Responses:

Hint : opinion, Not facts,, not true, fake news

## 3.2 A Lesson in Life from A Beggar

- Sudha Murthy

### Lesson summary

Meena was always unhappy. She did not speak well about anyone. So no one liked to talk to her. Meena came to live in Bombay.

A beggar and his granddaughter stayed in front of Meena's house. She gave them leftover food every day.

One day, it was raining. Meena was very angry and unhappy. Then she saw the beggar and his granddaughter playing and enjoying in the rain. They were happy.

Meena started thinking. The beggars had nothing but still they were happy. Meena had everything but she was always unhappy.

Meena realized her mistake. After that day, she was always happy. She found happiness in everything. Poor beggars had taught her a lesson in life.

### Read the following passage and do the activities:

#### 1. Write whether the following sentences are True or False:

1. Meena chose beggar as her role model.
2. There was traffic on the road.
3. The beggar and the young girl taught Meena how to be happy with life as it was.
4. The beggar and the young girl were playing on the terrace.

‘However, what I saw from my window surprised me. The beggar and the young girl were playing on the road because there was no traffic. They were laughing, clapping and screaming joyously, as if they were in paradise. Hunger and rain did not matter. They were totally drenched and totally happy. I envied their zest for life.

‘That scene forced me to look at my own life. I realized I had so many comforts, none of which they had. But they had the most important of all assets, one which I lacked. They knew how to be happy with life as it was. I felt ashamed of myself. I even started to make a list of what I had and what I did not have. I found I had more to be grateful for than most people could imagine. That day, I decided to change my attitude towards life, using the beggar as my role model.’

**2. Arrange the following sentences as per their sequence occurred in the passage:**

- i. Meena changed her attitude towards life.
- ii. Meena felt ashamed of herself.
- iii. The beggar and the young girl were playing on the road.
- iv. The beggar and the young girl were totally drenched and totally happy.

**3. Match the synonyms:**

	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>
<b>1</b>	Paradise	<b>a</b>	enthusiasm
<b>2</b>	zest	<b>b</b>	Valuable thing
<b>3</b>	asset	<b>c</b>	wet
<b>4</b>	drenched	<b>d</b>	heaven

**4. Personal Response:**

**What will you do to be happy in life?**

**KEY:**

Write whether the following sentences are True or False:

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False

**2. Arrange the following sentences as per their sequence occurred in the passage:**

- iii. The beggar and the young girl were playing on the road.
- iv. The beggar and the young girl were totally drenched and totally happy.
- ii. Meena felt ashamed of herself.
- i. Meena changed her attitude towards life.

**3. Match the synonyms:**

	<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>
<b>1</b>	Paradise	<b>d</b>	heaven
<b>2</b>	zest	<b>a</b>	enthusiasm
<b>3</b>	asset	<b>b</b>	Valuable thing
<b>4</b>	drenched	<b>c</b>	wet

4. Personal Responses:

Hint : Believe in oneself, good deeds, no expectation, enjoy

*Reference: Pratham Content*

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*ASK: If you are still in doubt, please reach out to your teacher and get your doubt cleared for better understanding.*

**Happy Learning!**