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CHAPTER 1

SEQUENCING THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

- 1) One summer day a Grasshopper was hopping about chirping.
- 2) An Ant passed by, taking along an ear of corn
- 3) The Grasshopper asked the ant to come and chat with him
- 4) But the ant said, "I am helping to lay up food for the winter,"
- 5) "Why bother about winter?" said the Grasshopper
- 6) The Ant went on its way and continued its toil
- 7) When the winter came the Grasshopper had no food and was hungry
- 8) He saw the ants distributing corn and grain they had collected.
- 9) Then the Grasshopper realised he should have prepared for the winter.

SEQUENCING THE LION, THE FOX AND THE BEAST

- 1) The Lion sent out the news that he was dying.
- 2) He called all the animals to come and hear his last wishes.
- 3) The Goat came first to the Lion's cave, and listening for a long time
- 4) Then a Sheep went in, and before she came out a Calf went in.
- 5) The Lion seemed to recover. He came out and saw the Fox.
- 6) The Lion asked the Fox "Why do you not come to pay your respects to me?"
- 7) Then the Fox said, "I see many hoof-marks going in and I see none coming out.
- 8) When the animals that have entered your cave come out again I prefer to remain outside the cave.

SEQUENCING THE FOX AND THE CROW

- 1) The Fox walked up to the foot of the tree.
- 2) A Fox once saw a Crow fly off with a piece of cheese
- 3) He settled on a branch of a tree.
- 4) The Fox said, "How well you are looking today".
- 5) The Fox said, "Let me hear but one song from you".
- 6) "That will do," he said. "
- 7) A piece of advice for the future.
- 8) "Do not trust flatterers."
- 9) The Fox snapped up the piece of cheese.
- 10) She opened her mouth the piece of cheese fell to the ground.

PASSAGE 1

- 1) Smoke jumpers are men who fight forest fires.
- 2) The men have to jump down by parachutes.
- 3) These are chainsaws, shovels, hoes and axes.
- 4) Smoke stings their eyes. Trees blow up like big fire crackers which could harm them
- 5) Risky/ hazardous
- 6) The jumpers wear clothes that can't burn easily. They wear helmets and face masks.
- 7) When the fire comes to a cleared place, it may stop.
- 8) They do not want animals to lose their homes. They do not want the forest to become black stumps.

PASSAGE 2

- 1) Sugar is the ingredient that gives food a sweet taste
- 2) Cakes, cookies and candies
- 3) Mangoes, pineapples and pawpaw
- 4) So the food would be tasty
- 5) sugar workers first burn the fields
- 6) sugar-cane, grass
- 7) To make it sweet because medicine is bitter
- 8) Dense
- 9) How sugar cane is harvested?
- 10) The importance of cane/The use of sugar

PASSAGE 3

- 1) tasty crabs and dumplings
- 2) Joe's mother taught him to cook when he was very young.
- 3) He did a course in food nutrition and preparation.
- 4) He treats his customers very well and his food is not very expensive.
- 5) Enjoyed, savoured, liked
- 6) that hard work brought him success
- 7) twenty years as a cook at this hotel
- 8) 20 years
- 9) A lot of people came to his food hut to buy.
- 10) To open his own business

PASSAGE 4

- 1) The Polar region is around the North Pole
- 2) He has a thick covering of fur.
- 3) He looks for a place where the ice is melted
- 4) Wanders, strays
- 5) His footsteps are very soft; you cannot hear it.
- 6) In search of food
- 7) It will be too hot for him. He likes to swim in the cold water where he will find food.
- 8) eats
- 9) The soles of his feet are covered with long hair so he cannot slip on the ice
- 10) He drags it out of the water, tears it to pieces and devours it.

PASSAGE 5

- 1) because it breathes air as we do
- 2) The whale feeds on small creatures that it finds swimming in the sea. It swallows them whole.
- 3) it is toothless.
- 4) They use iron spears called harpoons.
- 5) A whale can upset a boat with a blow of its tail.
- 6) blubber
- 7) This fat is made into oil.
- 8) If the whale hit the boat with its tail, it can capsize/ overturn the boat
- 9) handles for knives and other tools
- 10) is put into large casks.

PASSAGE 6

- 1) in a village
- 2) The farmer bought the goose thinking that the goose will lay eggs which he can eat and sell the remaining.
- 3) It laid an egg everyday
- 4) The farmer went to the town and sold the golden egg for a good price.
- 5) The farmer sold the egg and became very rich.
- 6) Amazed, shocked
- 7) he became greedy.
- 8) They thought they will get all the eggs that were inside the goose's belly and they would become richer faster.
- 9) The Goose that laid the Golden egg.
- 10) when you are too greedy you end up losing everything. patience is virtue.

PASSAGE 7

- 1) cars and factories
- 2) produce carbon dioxide
- 3) to make
- 4) the atmosphere becomes very weak
- 5) When the radiation enters the atmosphere and it is trapped
- 6) When the earth becomes hotter than usual, this is called global warming.
- 7) Hazardous, perilous
- 8) It can cause the ice in the North and South Pole to melt.
- 9) To stop forest fire/ polluting
- 10) trees and plants are important to man plants breathe in carbon dioxide and they give off oxygen that human and animals need

PASSAGE 8

- 1) Roy is a student who goes to primary school
- 2) Hurt
- 3) two of his friends tried to bully him
- 4) He likes to make friends and share things with his friends
- 5) He believes it is a blessing to have or to make friends. Friends can help you in times of need.
- 6) He said that it is a sin to bully others.
- 7) He speaks seriously to them about the value of friendship.
- 8) It is better to be friends than to have enemies/You should try making friendship than being bullies

PASSAGE 9

- 1) A Saturday night
- 2) four kilometres from Maracas beach
- 3) two
- 4) the beach
- 5) the road was wet and slippery.
- 6) The vehicles made a loud crash
- 7) The lads were lying motionless with blood streaming down from the cuts on their bodies.
- 8) Not moving
- 9) They called the police
- 10) The ambulance, fire truck, the police

PASSAGE 10

- 1) They have wings, but they cannot fly.
- 2) they spend most of their time gliding and soaring underwater
- 3) gliding and soaring
- 4) fish, shrimp, and krill
- 5) a colony
- 6) killers
- 7) seals, sea lions, and orcas (killer whales)
- 8) Antarctica, the coasts of South America, Africa, Australia

PASSAGE 11

- 1) A chicken
- 2) The Fox removed the feathers and then put the chicken into his big pot. Then he put onions, potatoes and other vegetables into the pot together with the chicken to made a stew.
- 3) Tasty
- 4) What he was cooking?
- 5) No, He did not want to share it with the stork/ he thought of an unkind idea
- 6) He knew the stork won't be able to lap up most of the food.
- 7) He knew the Fox won't be able to eat the stew in the vase.
- 8) We should do to others as we would like them to do to us.

PASSAGE 12

- 1) Fishing in Blue Hole
- 2) Every Saturday morning
- 3) A place called Blue Hole
- 4) It is a special spot where they like to fish. It is called Blue Hole because the water is so deep it looks blue.
- 5) they could see the bottom of the river/Many small crayfish lived under the rocks in the river/ The boys caught the crayfish to use as bait to catch the big fish
- 6) crayfish was used as bait
- 7) deep/shallow
- 8) under a big tree on the bank at the Blue Hole
- 9) vine to string the fish
- 10) They took the fish home and cooked them for lunch

PASSAGE 13

- 1) A person who installs or fixes pipes
- 2) Riverside Technical School
- 3) Happy Hill Primary
- 4) he obtained three subjects
- 5) very good, brilliant
- 6) screwdriver, a pair of pliers, a basin wrench
- 7) having the proper tools is the key to doing an excellent job
- 8) has become a very skilled worker. He has a lot of experience
- 9) fixing
- 10) Charlie's Home Construction Company from Arima

PASSAGE 14

- 1) Jesse lives on the foothills of Aripo
- 2) To earn money to live
- 3) He has proper drains
- 4) cucumbers, tomatoes, string beans, sweet peppers and cabbages.
- 5) Rich
- 6) Ten acres
- 7) Fully grown
- 8) Eight to Nine weeks
- 9) He gets to reap and sell faster and makes money faster
- 10) He weeds, moulds and sprays the plants regularly to ensure healthy growth.

PASSAGE 15

- 1) He said he was sick and wanted the animals to hear his last wishes. (last Will and Testament)
- 2) The goat
- 3) Called
- 4) The lion looked like if he had recovered from his sickness.
- 5) Why he didn't come to visit him
- 6) He told him he noticed the track of the animals' hoof-marks going in, but he didn't see any coming out.
- 7) Yes, He told the lion he won't enter the cave until the other animals that entered come out. He prefers to remain in the open air.
- 8) It is easier to get into the enemy's trap than out again.

POEM 1

- 1) He adores/loves his dog
- 2) Love, like, worship
- 3) Runs and jumps, when he comes home
- 4) Sad/ unhappy
- 5) He loves when the poet pets him, and gently combs him
- 6) When they watch TV
- 7) Free Response/ adore, four/crazy, lazy
- 8) Love/happiness
- 9) My playful pet/ My loving pet/My best friend my pet
- 10) Because they are going to the park. He knows he is going to have fun

POEM 2

- 1) In the sun
- 2) Happiness
- 3) Singing little fairy tunes
dancing in the air
- 4) Spreading out their little wings to dry them in the sun
- 5) Free Response/ sun, fun/ air, hair/
- 6) Dancing in the air/ Spreading out their little wings
- 7) To neaten
- 8) Singing little fairy tunes
- 9) dashing off behind the star /To tidy up their hair/ themselves after the rain
- 10) The happy fairies

POEM 3

- 1) The cupcake
- 2) Deprived and miserable
- 3) The cupcake started to cook or bake when it felt the heat
- 4) It started when it came out the oven.
- 5) Frosting was put on the cake with a silver knife.
And was decorated with candy jewels.
- 6) The others weren't decorated
- 7) I wanted to slap her.
- 8) A) She was going to eat the cake.
B) He died when he was eaten
- 9) Funny
- 10) The funny cupcake

POEM 4

- 1) Small, furry
- 2) His companion
- 3) Friend, buddy
- 4) Petting my cat, feels like silk,
- 5) Free Response/chill, spill/silk, milk/
- 6) Looks at everything carefully
- 7) Loves it when they rub her tummy/ And feed her something very yummy
- 8) Love/Kindness
- 9) My perfect companion/ My great buddy
- 10) If you a rat you better hide or he will eat you

POEM 5

- 1) A kid pinched him on his knee.
- 2) On his knee, ear and rear/butt.
- 3) It was St. Patrick's Day.
- 4) Because he was not wearing green.
- 5) Shock
- 6) Free response/Surprise, eyes/ me, knee
- 7) He didn't understand why they were laughing
- 8) Because they were pinching him repeatedly.
- 9) Rude, hurtful
- 10) Don't pinch.

POEM 6

- 1) The most important meal of the day is breakfast.
- 2) We need energy to work and for play.
- 3) Delicious
- 4) One should stay away from coffee or cola.
- 5) We get protein from soy.
- 6) Two tasty foods are oatmeal and blueberries with almonds.
- 7) Free response/day, play/start, heart
- 8) Eating Healthy/ A healthy breakfast/ The importance of breakfast

POEM 7

- 1) Five
- 2) squeaked, squawked, howl
- 3) fiddle
- 4) If he practised hard he will be able to play well one day
- 5) His playing was terrible/ He was not playing the tune/ notes correctly
- 6) A) The sound was irritating her/she couldn't stand the sound
B) It got scared with the noise
- 7) To bribe him not to play
- 8) One
- 9) His father made him promise not to play the violin again
- 10) funny

POEM 8

- 1) Hurried, dashed
- 2) The munching and crunching of the mouse
- 3) Because he wasn't expecting to see the mouse
- 4) The mouse got surprised so he squealed and ran away like a frightened person not wanting to get into a fight.
- 5) Like a thief/ Like a hunter
- 6) Hearing/ His munching and crunching made so much noise,
- 7) set up
- 8) To catch the rat
- 9) He will die
- 10) Frightful/ Which gave him a terrible fright! The mouse squealed in surprise and ran away

POEM 9

- 1) Play tricks and kids around
- 2) It is an example of an April Fool's Day trick.
- 3) Deceit
- 4) To describe how the poet feels about April Fool's Day.
- 5) She screamed, "Eek!"
- 6) The poet is speaking to the reader. She uses the word "you" to address the reader throughout the poem.
For example, the poet asks, "Do you like to play tricks?" [stanza 2].
- 7) He is playful.
- 8) It can be fun to play jokes on others.
- 9) Free response

10) APRIL FOOL'S DAY

POEM 10

- 1) The circus
- 2) Sight
Have you seen the dappled horse gallop round the ring?
- 3) For emphasis
- 4) group
- 5) Horse and elephants
- 6) When you look at the acrobats swinging up and down you tend to feel dizzy
- 7) Acrobat - swing on the swings
Dog- jumping through hoop
- 8) Jugglar elephants, the tumbling men, Dog umping through hoop
- 9) The exciting Circus in Town
- 10) Excitement/ happiness/ joy

POEM 11

POEM 12
