

2.3 There is Another Sky

ICE BREAKERS

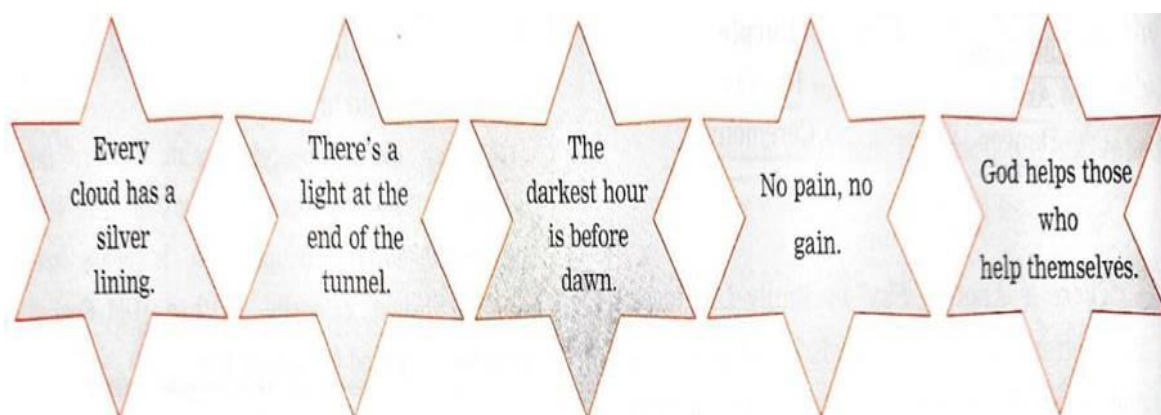
- (i) Life is an amalgam of happy and sad moments. Think of such moments in your life, pair with your classmate and share both the aspects of life.

Ans.

Happy Moments	Sad Moments
1. Winning the first prize in a competition	Losing your mobile, bicycle or wallet.
2. Being selected for the school basketball team.	Getting a lower grade for not submitting the Physics project by the deadline.
3. Your class team's project being chosen for display at National School - Science Fair.	A close friend debarred from exams for cheating.
4. Getting a scholarship for higher studies.	Your sibling falling ill during important exams.

- (ii) Discuss with your partner and find proverbs, idioms or phrases of a similar meaning to the one given and fill them in the stars given below: (Rotate your phone)

Ans.



- (i) When we look at the sky, we find several objects. They stand for something or the other. Complete the following table by finding the significance of the given objects. One example is given to you.

Ans.

The sun	Power, Heat, Energy, Commitment, etc.
The moon	Beauty, Coolness, Calmness, Ups and downs
The rainbow	Colour, Freshness, Cheerfulness
The stars	Hope amid darkness, Direction, Friendship
The milky sky	Infinity, Humility.

(ii) Colours mentioned in the hexagons given below, are associated with something or the other. Discuss with your partner and fill in the blanks.

Ans.



BRAINSTORMING

(A1) (i) Imagine your younger sister is not paying attention to her studies and is seen wasting time playing games on her cell-phone. Suggest some ways that will help her to concentrate on her studies and overcome her bad habit.

Ans. The cellphone has become a menace. Just like many teenagers this device for communication has become a tool for entertainment. You too have become a victim of this craze.

You have to realize that the phone has a primary use that is, to communicate. The secondary use is as an entertainment. Recreation only after one's duties are done. A student's primary duty is to complete all daily studies. Everyone can have only limited time for recreation or leisure, which is not more than thirty to forty minutes every day for leisure. You can have two or three breaks in a day.

Do you have a plan or timetable? I think you are playing games on the mobile to escape from work. Please draw up a time, table for home work, revision, self-study, recreation and so on. Then you will know the amount of work to be covered and how precious time is. So make a weekly work plan and follow it so that you don't lag behind in your assignments. I see you are malways rushing

with last minute work.

Is any part of your studies difficult? Is that why you cannot concentrate on your studies? I could help you to solve your difficulties. Just inform me. Or you could find a study buddy to help you. You could work together, help each other and learn in a fun way.

Playing indoor or outdoor games is more healthy.

Reading is also beneficial. You will expand your imagination, get better ideas and experience many thrilling things through reading. You can carry on intelligent conversation when you read widely. Most of all the reading may even help your school work and studies.

Please stop wasting your precious time in playing games on the mobile phone. Use your time more fruitfully. I hope you will heed this suggestion before it is too late.

(ii) You have noticed that many of your classmates are not interested in outdoor games or participating in co-curricular activities. Discuss some ways in which they will be encouraged to participate in activities.

Ans. Attending an educational institution is not only for studies or obtaining good marks. The institution also offers many ways to develop all-round personalities in students.

The college has excellent teams and coaches for basketball, kho-kho, and table-tennis. Our college has been able to win the State Championships in one or the other games, over the years. Sports will develop physical fitness and mental alertness. Playing in teams also builds team-spirit, cooperation and leadership qualities. Developing these traits will help in real life.

There is an Arts and Music Club for those of us who like fine arts. Students can discover their hidden talents. College Annual Days could be your step for a career in music. The atmosphere is friendly, your classmates will encourage the gifted and even shy students.

The Debating-Club is famous for the powerful speakers. Our Professors in the English Department coach and groom our teams so well. Many of us would love to learn how to express ourselves clearly before an audience. Our faculty members will support and encourage you.

The latest activity club since last year is The Happy Hikers' Club. The members are keen outdoors-people who enjoy themselves trekking beautiful, scenic areas nearby especially in the monsoon. They also work for environment protection and participate in Tree-Planting Drives. Those who love being outdoors would enjoy these trips.

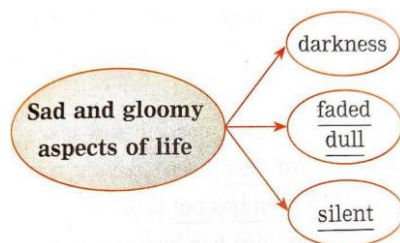
We have a wonderful 'Us for Society Club' which is focusing on working with the underprivileged. We can contribute our time and efforts to the elderly, the children, or anyone who requires it. We have tie-up with NGO's who guide us on how to help.

All participation in extra-curricular activities will fetch certificates for students. Thus it comes of use when we are looking for admission for higher

learning/studies. So the additional certificates should be a motivator for everyone to join at least one extra-curricular activity.

(A2) (i) Discuss with your partner and complete the web, highlighting the sad and gloomy aspects of life mentioned in the first part of the poem.

Ans.



(ii) The poet encourages her brother in the second part of the poem by telling him about the brighter side of life. Discuss with your partner and make a list of the expressions in the poem that mean encouragement.

Ans. 1. Brighter garden

2. Unfading flowers

3. Hum of bright bees

(iii) The poet has described two different shades of human feelings by using imagery of various forces of Nature in the poem. Pick out the terms or phrases that describe them. Complete the table given below. One is done for you.

Ans.

Nature	Feelings
Faded forests	Sad/gloomy
Silent fields	loneliness/sadness/death
Darkness	Hopelessness / depression
Sunshine	Hope/Energetic
Brighter garden	Cheer/Optimistic
Unfading flowers	lively
Bee hum	Cheerful, light-hearted.

(iv) The poem expresses feelings of serenity. Pick out expressions from the above poem that express the same.

Ans. There is another sky
Ever serene and fair

(v) Compare and contrast the two opposing human feelings as expressed by the poet.

Ans. The poet describes that the garden 'there' -wherever her brother is to be in darkness. The garden may be the situation or circumstances he may be in. So the 'darkness' may be despair or a lonely, hopeless situation. That garden is also called 'faded forests' and 'silent fields'.

The poet speaks of a place that has another sunshine', is 'serene and fair', 'ever green', 'a brighter garden', has 'unfading flowers', and a place where she can hear the bright bee hum'. In all, the other place is colourful and lively, where one can feel cheerful and hopeful. She pleads with her brother to come to her garden 'here', probably come back home.

(A3) 'Never mind faded forests, Austin'. The word 'faded' means dim or faint. The word describes the forests that have become faint or dim in appearance. Now go through the poem again and complete the table.

Ans.

Describing word	Object	Explanation
1. faded	Forests	The forests have become faint or dim in appearance
2. silent	Fields	The place is still lonely
3. unfading	Flowers	The flowers are fresh and colourful in a little evergreen garden.
4. bright	Bee	The bees hum among the scented flowers represent life, hope, joy.

(A4) 'I hear the bright bee hum.' The poet has used the word 'hum' that indicates the sound made by the bee. This is an example of Onomatopoeia. The poet has used different figures of speech like alliteration, inversion and hyperbole in the poem. Identify them and pick out the lines accordingly.

1. Hyperbole

Ans. 'Another Sky', is an example of Hyperbole. There cannot be another sky, but the poet means to convey that here is a better place to be than at the other place. To convey the marked difference, the poet exaggerates by using the phrase 'another sky'.

No place can 'ever', or always, be serene, or green and no flowers can always remain unfaded. She may be referring to Heaven so the poet uses Hyperbole to mark the difference between 'here' and 'there'.

2. Alliteration

Ans. The poet calls the forests 'faded forests'. She also says the bright bee 'hums in her garden. The adjacent words beginning with 'f' and 'b' are examples of alliteration.

3. Inversion

Ans. Emily Dickinson describes a place 'Where not a frost has been' which would read 'Where a frost has not been.'

She also invites her brother Austin to 'Into my garden come!' which would otherwise read as, 'Come into my garden.'

(A5) Imagine your friend is a table tennis champion who has won the semi-final in the inter-collegiate championship. Due to overconfidence, she neither practises nor does she take her opponent seriously. This may result in her losing the final. Suggest some ways to make her aware of the importance of hard work and regular practice.

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Dear Kshama,

Congratulations on winning the latest round to reach the Inter-collegiate semifinals! We are all praying and waiting for you to bring the Maharashtra Table Tennis Championship Cup back home to our college. This is where champions are made and the cup must remain here!

Are you preparing full steam for the finals next week? The opponent you are playing in the Finals is a very talented player. Her finesse is exemplary and she is training under a master.

Your coach is a legend and you are admired for elegance and speed too. This is just to gently remind you that till the Finals one must not be lax in practice. For any championship game, one must also respect one's opponent, for their journey would have been as difficult as yours. Your opponent is also famous for her consistent quality of playing. We are all there to encourage and support you if you feel tired or discouraged. But we would also like to caution you not to underestimate the other semi-finalist. Do keep up rigorous practice and follow the practice schedule given by your Coach. Best wishes.

Your loving friend,

Aakash

(A6) (i) Use the following points and write an appreciation of the poem:

- About the poem, poet and title
- Theme

- Poetic style, language, poetic devices used in the poem
- Special features
- Message/values/morals in the poem
- Your opinion about the poem

Ans. "There's Another Sky" is by Emily Dickinson, who wrote many philosophical poems. The title makes us wonder how can there be 'another' sky. The poem is one that brings hope to her brother who has left home and is troubled. The lines give hope that home is a better place and there's 'another sky'.

The theme is a comparison of two places. The gloomy, hopeless place where her brother is and the poet's own garden, bright, evergreen, full with flowers and humming bees. This Petrarchan sonnet has a rhyme scheme of abba, abba, cdecde or cdcded. Dickinson uses slant-rhyme, or approximate rhyme. There is imagery and metaphor too.

'Another sunshine' could be a reference to Heaven but it is for the reader to interpret, as the poet does not say it. It is a poem that could bring hope and revive someone who is in deep despair. The language is simple for the reader to enjoy but the one could interpret layers of deeper meaning.

(ii) Write a summary of the poem with the help of the points given below:

- Title
- Introductory paragraph (about the poem/ type/nature/tone)
- Main body (the central idea/gist of the poem)
- Conclusion/ opinions/views/appeal

Ans. Though the title is puzzling as to how there could be 'another sky', the reader can infer that the poet is comparing two sets of surroundings. The poet's brother seems to be far from home in a sorrowful state of mind. Emily Dickinson's poem "There's Another Sky" gently tries to persuade him to come back. She says though he may be (mentally) in a hopeless, dark place, her garden is humming with the buzzing bees and evergreen, blooming and cheerful. She tells Austin to come home to her bright garden under another sky.

(iii) Let's compose a poem. Two lines are given. Add two of your own.

There is another sky,
Ever serene and fair

Ans. The setting sun has coloured a dye,
As he sinks into his lair.

(iv) Given below is the poem 'Blue Sky' by Mark Hastings. Imagine a poem of a similar kind by replacing the word blue. You can add any colour or object of your choice and write a poem of four lines.

Ans. Students have to do it your own

(A7) Write a letter to your younger sibling making him/her aware of various man-made and natural disasters and encourage him/her to join all the programmes, campaigns, drives etc. in school or in your locality.

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Dear Renu,
Congratulations on your topping the Physics paper in your class. I am so proud of you that you are focused on your work and are working hard. When do the school holidays for the festival-season begin? Hope you will be home for the festivals.

Renu, I was wondering if you knew about the various natural and manmade disasters taking place around the world.

A forest-fire is raging in California due to prolonged dry weather. In India, states like Assam, Bihar and Punjab are submerged under flood waters. The forest fire has killed hundreds of creatures in the wild. Lakhs of people have been rendered homeless by the floods. On the other hand, monsoon is delayed in some places and several regions in our country are facing water problems.

Your role as a responsible young citizen is important. Do get information about the events happening around you. You must try and participate in programmes of any kind to help out wherever it is needed. Though one person cannot solve all the problems, all helpful people can resolve many problems together.

Participate actively in volunteering groups to spread awareness, set up groups to collect donations and find sponsors and donors. Use social media for such philanthropic activities.

I am sure the school will encourage such spirit. You must discuss such urgent social issues and take the initiative. No doubt the teachers and elders will help and guide you. Bring an awakening and begin a movement or campaign to create awareness. Call upon your friends for ideas and motivate them too. Then you can all find the enthusiasm to fire things up into action.

I am hoping to see you join or launch something worthy soon.
Love and best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
Palash

(A8) The poem describes the beauty of Nature. Make a list of careers that are related to Nature, environment and forest. One is done for you.

Ans.

(a) Forest Department	(Forest officer, Ranger, etc.)
(b) Botanist/ Zoologist	Flora Conservationist,/ Safari/ Zoo - guide
(c) Veterinary doctor	caring for all kinds of animals.
(d) Marine Research	Protecting endangered marine species
(e) Environmental Law	Advocate for protecting environment against encroachers, industries, and other dangers.

(A9) Project

'The Road Not Taken' (Robert Frost) and 'O Captain My Captain' (Walt Whitman) are inspirational poems. Search these poems on the internet and write down your opinion about the poems in your notebook.

Ans. (Student Do it your own)