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These Simple Things

A. Warmer

What things around you make you feel happy? list them.

The simplest things in life
are best-

A patch of green,

A small bird's nest,

A drink of water, fresh and
cold,

The taste of bread,

A song of old;

These are the things that
matter most.

The laughter of a child,

A favourite book,

Flowers growing wild,



A cricket singing in a shady nook.

A ball that bounces high!

A summer shower,

A rainbow in the sky,

The touch of a loving hand,

And time to rest —

These simple things in life are best.

Glossary and notes

patch (n)	a small area of land, भूमि का टुकड़ा
matter (n)	importance, अहमियत
favourite (adj)	most liked, मनपसंद
cricket (n)	a hopping insect, the male of which produces a sharp chirping sound, झिंगूर
bounces (v)	moves or jumps up and down quickly after hitting a surface, उछलता है
shower (n)	a short period of rain, बौछार
rainbow (n)	an arch of seven colours in the sky, इन्द्रधनुष
nook (n)	a corner or place that is sheltered or hidden from the other people, एक कोना

**B. Let's Comprehend****B.1. Think and Tell****B.1.1 Answer the following questions orally:**

- (a) Name five things which are mentioned in the poem.
- (b) When do you see a rainbow in the sky?
- (c) Name one thing, mentioned in the poem, that you eat.

B.2. Think and Write**B.2.1 Tick (✓) the correct option for each of the following :****1. What does 'a patch of green' refer to?**

- (a) a green coloured saree
- (b) a small piece of land with plants, trees and grass
- (c) a green patch on a shirt

2. 'The touch of a loving hand' refers to

- (a) someone who cares for you
- (b) someone touching you
- (c) a broken hand

3. 'A song of old' refers to

- (a) a new song
- (b) an old song

4. 'A summer shower' refers to

- (a) taking a bath on a hot day
- (b) rainfall during summer
- (c) a hot water bath during summer

5. According to the poem the simple things in life are :

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| (a) good | (c) better |
| (b) bad | (d) best |

B.2.2 Answer each of the following questions in not more than 50 words:

1. Where do the birds make nest ?
2. What type of water do you like to drink ?
3. Name the things that are important in your life.

C. Word study**C.1. Spellings**

Correct the misspelt words and write them in the space provided.

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| 1. patche | _____ |
| 2. mater | _____ |
| 3. lafter | _____ |
| 4. favourit | _____ |
| 5. flovers | _____ |
| 6. criket | _____ |

C.2. Opposites**Match the following words with their opposites:**

words	opposite
1. small	cry
2. life	stale
3. high	new
4. laugh	low
5. fresh	hot
6. cold	big
7. old	death

Use these words in sentences of your own as shown in the example:

A rat is small but an elephant is big.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

C.3. Rhyming words

Say aloud the following sets of rhyming words:

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| 1. best | nest | rest |
| 2. cold | old | fold |
| 3. high | sky | fly |

Add one word more to the above sets of rhyming words.

D. Grammar

D.1. Making comparisons

Read the following sentences from the poem:

The simplest things in life are best.

In the above sentence the words 'simplest' and 'best' are in superlative degree. Usually we add 'est' to make superlative forms and 'er' to make comparative forms of adjective, as can be seen below:

<u>Positive</u>	<u>Comparative</u>	<u>Superlative</u>
small	smaller	smallest
tall	taller	tallest
great	greater	greatest
near	nearer	nearest

Write the comparative and superlative forms of the following adjectives:

rich	_____	_____
poor	_____	_____
dark	_____	_____
bright	_____	_____
old	_____	_____
young	_____	_____
simple	_____	_____

Now look at the comparative and superlative forms of the following words:

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
little	less	least
much	more	most

As you can see, the comparative and superlative forms of adjectives are not formed by adding - er and - est.

Words of more than one syllable take 'more' before them in their comparative and 'most' in superlative form.

Examples :

beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
intelligent	more intelligent	most intelligent
laborious	more laborious	most laborious
useful	more useful	most useful

Write down the comparative and superlative forms of the words given below:

difficult	_____	_____
favourite	_____	_____
dangerous	_____	_____
careful	_____	_____
learned	_____	_____

Complete the following sentences using a comparative or superlative form of the underlined words:

1. This building is very old. It is the building in town.
2. I run fast. My brother runs..... than I.
3. It was a very happy day. It was the.....day of my life.
4. It is a very good film. It is the.....film I have ever seen.
5. She has a small house. My house is than her house.
6. It was a very bad mistake. It was the..... mistake I have ever made.
7. She is pretty. But I am than her.
8. It was a very cold day. It was the day of the year.

E. Let's Talk and Write

Work in pairs

Discuss things that you like or dislike about your school.

Write dos and don'ts to make your school better:

Dos	Don'ts

F. Translate the following into English:

1. मैं सुबह में टहलना पसंद करता हूँ ।
2. बच्चों को इन्द्रधनुष देखना अच्छा लगता है ।
3. वह झूठ बोलना पसंद नहीं करती है ।
4. हॉकी मेरा प्रिय खेल है ।
5. झगड़ा करना मुझे अच्छा नहीं लगता ।

G. Activity**Work in groups****Language game.**

One student writes the word 'SUPERLATIVE' on the blackboard. Every member of the group suggests a word made from the letters in the word. This activity continues as long as new words continue to be suggested. One word has been written as an example:

Pearl

