

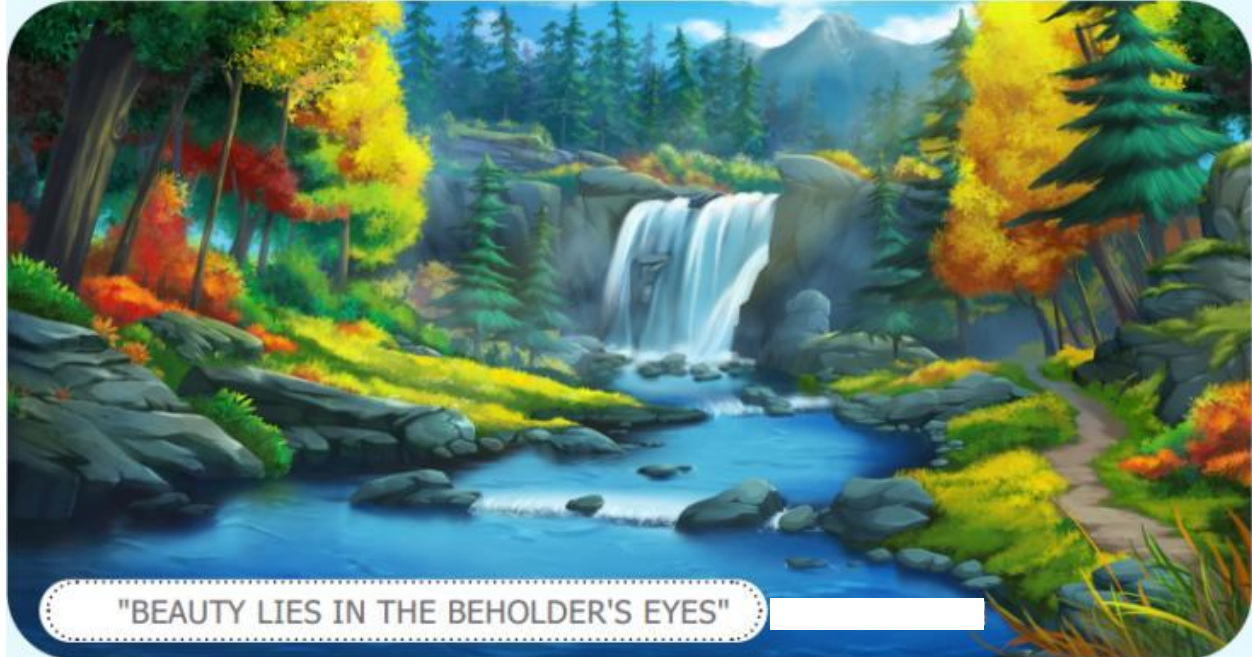
## Unit - 4

### My Reminiscence

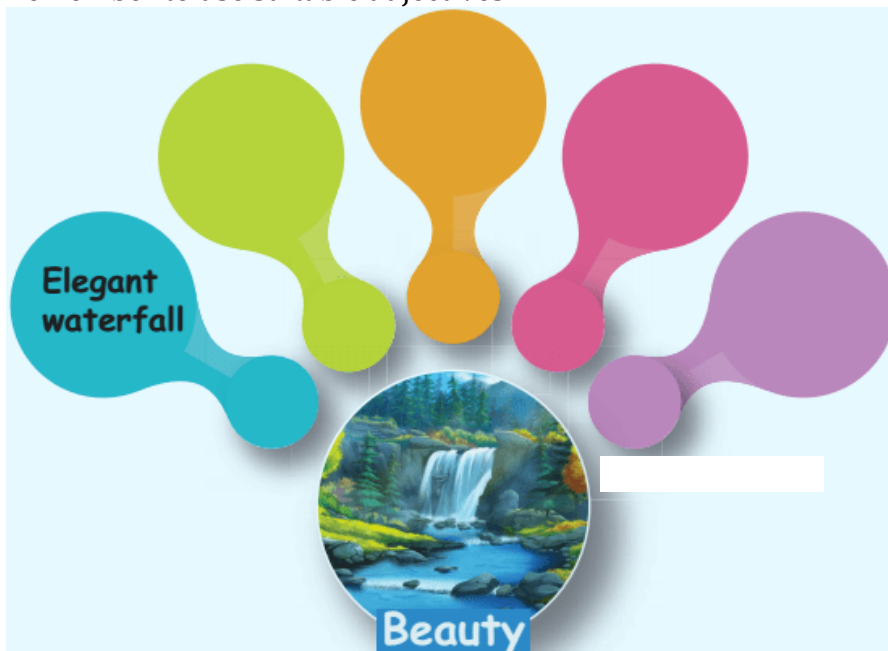
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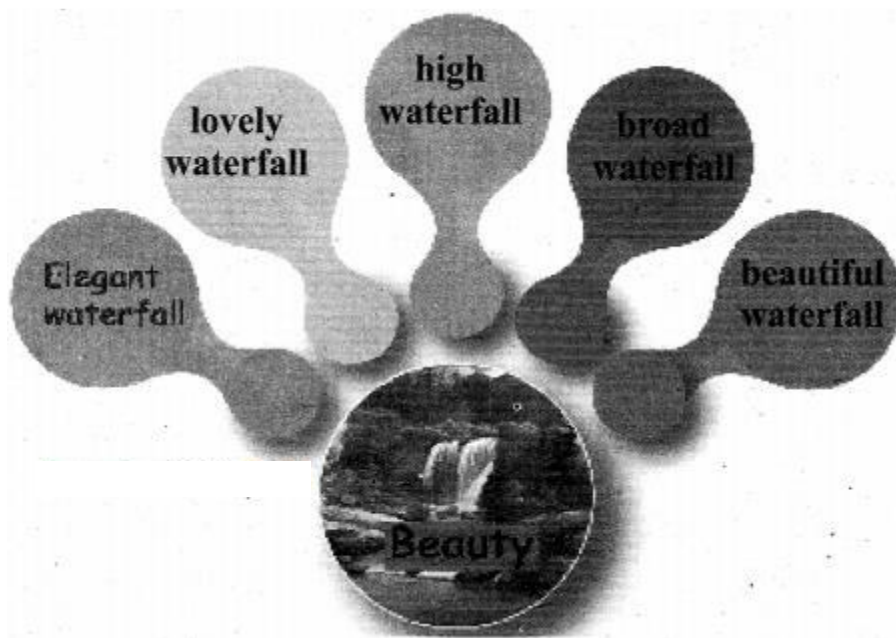
#### Warm Up (Text Book Page No. 92)

Read the quote and observe the picture.



Complete this graphic organiser.  
Remember to use suitable adjectives.





## Textual Exercise

### A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The author speaks about the river .....

**Answer:**

Ganges

2. The author's brother's name is .....

**Answer:**

Jyotirindra

3. The ..... glimmered over the smooth flowing stream.

**Answer:**

moonlight

4. The beauty of Bengal and the Ganges served as ..... and ..... to the author.

**Answer:**

food, drink

### B. Answer the following in one or two sentences. (Text Book Page No. 95)

1. Quote the expressions from the text when the author sees the Ganges again.

**Answer:**

“The Ganges again! Again those ineffable days and nights, languid with joy, sad with longing, attuned to the plaintive babbling of the river along with the cool shade of its wooded banks”.

2. In what ways the river and its bank have changed?

**Answer:**

The surrounding greenery has been replaced by mills. The noise and smoke of the mills are referred to as changes.

3. How were the rooms arranged in his house?

**Answer:**

A flight of stone-flagged steps led to a long broad verandah. The rooms were not regularly arranged. All the rooms were not on the same level. Some rooms had to be reached by short flights of stairs. The big sitting room faced the landing steps.

### C. Answer the following in a paragraph.

1. How does the author spend his afternoon? Explain

**Answer:**

On rainy afternoons, the author spends his time singing old Vaishnava songs to his own tunes, with the harmonium. On other afternoons, he goes boating with his brother. His brother plays the violin. They engage themselves in music. When the sun sets they return home.

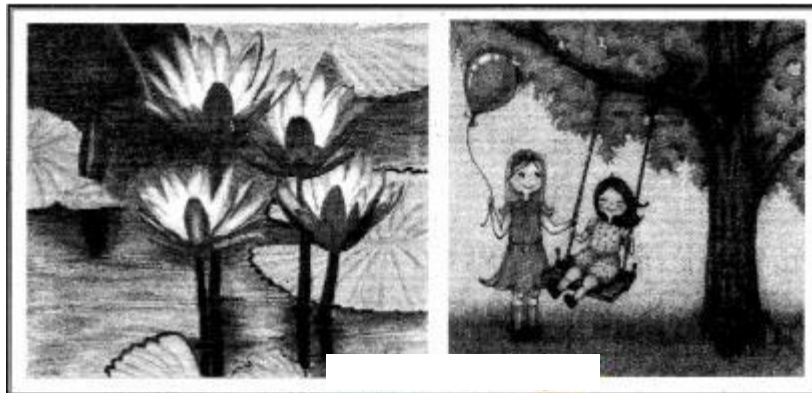
2. Describe how the river looks when he rows back.

**Answer:**

On the west side of the river, the sun rays declined. On the east side of the river, the moon rises over the fringe of trees. A silver streak was formed where the land and water met. Boats were hardly seen. The trees bordering the river banks appeared like a dark shadow and the moonlight glowed over the smooth flowing stream.

3. Draw the images in the box after reading the text carefully.

**Answer:**



## Vocabulary (Text Book Page No. 96)

### Clipped Words:

Find out the clipped words for the following. (Text Book Page No. 96)

1. aeroplane – plane
2. microphone – mike
3. exhibition – exhibit
4. kilogram – kilo
5. cafeteria – cafe

### b. Find and use the clipped words in your own sentence.

1. photograph – photo

I showed my mother's photo with my friend.

2. gymnasium – gym

I used to go to the gym every day to get a well-built body.

3. luncheon – lunch

I share my lunch with my friends.

4. advertisement – ad

It is a common ad we see in between the serials.

5. zoological park – zoo

We went to the zoo last week.

### Blends:

a. Find out the blended words for the following. (Text Book Page No. 97)

1. international + police – Interpol
2. helicopter + pad – helipad
3. motor+hotel – motel
4. education + satellite – educate
5. electronic + commerce – e-commerce

### b. Use the blended words in your own sentences.

1. electrocute

Electrocution is the mode of the death penalty in foreign countries.

2. Spanglish

Spaniards employed in ships speak Spanglish.

3. moped

Moped is a vehicle liked by many women in our country.

4. brunch

I took my brunch at 11.00 a.m. today.

5. smog

Due to the smog, the plane was canceled yesterday.

## Idioms:

**Match with the meanings for the following Idioms. (Text Book Page No. 99)**

1. a piece of cake –	a) Moving very slowly
2. on cloud nine	b) easy
3. perfect ten	c) Blissfully happy
4. at a snail's pace	d) someone who is cherished above all others
5. apple of my eye	e) completely perfect

**Answer:**

1. a piece of cake	b) easy
2. on cloud nine	c) Blissfully happy
3. perfect ten	e) completely perfect
4. at a snail's pace	a) Moving very slowly
5. apple of my eye	d) someone who is cherished above all others

**Fill in the blanks with the meanings for the following Idioms.**

1. take five \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
for a break

2. pieces of eight \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
treasure

3. black and blue \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
severely

4. wild goose chase \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
wasteful

5. seventh heaven \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
very happy

6. a couch potato \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
lazy person

7. the lion's share \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
biggest share

8. in black and white \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
written

9. drop the ball \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
making a mistake

10. cat's meow \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**  
excellent

## **Listening (Text Book Page No. 99)**

**Listen to the passage carefully and answers the following**

Note: The listening passage is given on page no. 228

Questions.

1. The Nobel Committee has been called a conservative body because
- a) it is conservative in the choice of subjects.
  - b) its members believe in conservative ideology
  - c) its members are old fashioned
  - d) it awards prizes only to those people who adopt a conservative approach.

**Answer:**

- a) it is conservative in the choice of subjects

2. In the beginning, the Nobel Committee ignored the great advances in theoretical physics because

- a) they were different from other branches of physics.
- b) they were concerned with the theory and did not suggest its application.
- c) the Committee felt that the discovery and invention in the field did not contribute to the benefit of mankind.
- d) they proved to be merchants of death and hence dangerous to mankind.

**Answer:**

- c) the Committee felt that the discovery and invention in the field did not contribute to the benefit of mankind.

3. The noble prize would not be given to

- a) a diplomat who negotiated a peace settlement
- b) a doctor who discovered a vaccine
- c) a composer who composed a symphony
- d) an author who wrote a novel

**Answer:**

- c) a composer who composed a symphony

4. Alfred Nobel left his colossal fortune to the cause of progress in human knowledge because he

- a) was Europe's richest vagabond
- b) were a chemist, engineer, and an aspiring poet
- c) felt guilty for having invented highly destructive things
- d) felt guilty for having earned so much money

**Answer:**

- c) felt guilty for having invented highly destructive things

## Writing (Text Book Page No. 101)

## Exercise: (Text Book Page No. 102)

1. Your school is going to organize an inter-school dance competition. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting all the interested students.

HOLY ANGELS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, Palani.  
NOTICE

September 8, 2019

INTERSCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION

Our school is hosting the Inter-School Dancing Competition for classes 6 to 12 on September 30, 2019, at school auditorium.

All the talented students in dancing may appear for the audition to be conducted in the presence of famous cine dancer on October 1, 2019, at 9 a.m.

For further details, contact the undersigned.

Bamila,  
Secretary, (Cultural in-charge).

2. You are Santhosh, Secretary, Housing Board, Officer's colony, Thiruvavur. Water supply will be suspended for ten hours (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) on 5th of October for cleaning of the water tank. Write a notice in about 50 words advising the residents to store water for a day.

HOUSING BOARD, Officer's Colony, Thiruvavur.  
NOTICE

September 10, 2019.

SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY

Water supply will be suspended for ten hours between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on September 18, 2019, in our colony, due to the cleaning of the water tank. The residents are kindly asked to store water on September 17, 2019, itself. For further details, contact the undersigned.

Santhosh,  
Secretary,  
Housing board. Officer's Colony,  
Thiruvavur.

2. You are the head girl/boy of a Govt. High School. Your school is soon going to publish the annual magazine next month. Write a notice for the notice board of your school inviting students to submit write-ups.



GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, Nagapattinam.  
NOTICE

September 18, 2019

PUBLICATION OF THE ANNUAL MAGAZINE

Our school will be publishing an annual magazine next month. All the students are invited to contribute your own write-ups for the annual magazine. For further details, contact the undersigned.

S. Prabhu,  
Secretary,  
(Magazine in-charge).

## Grammar

### Conjunction: (Text Book Page No. 105)

#### a. Underline the conjunctions in the following sentences:

1. Revathy and Rohini are friends.

**Answer:**

And

2. If you say so I will believe it.

**Answer:**

so

3. Shekar is intelligent but careless.

**Answer:**

but

4. The bus was overcrowded so Arun avoided travelling in it.

**Answer:**

so

5. Though Vinay is ill, he doesn't skip the class.

**Answer:**

Though

**b. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with suitable conjunctions from the box:**

after, unless, until, and, fill, although, so, because, but.

1. I returned home ..... the bus had started.

**Answer:**

after

2. I respect him ..... he is very strict.

**Answer:**

although

3. Sudharshan will succeed ..... he works hard.

**Answer:**

because

4. Aravinth ..... Arun is classmates from their childhood.

**Answer:**

and

5. You can't have your fruits ..... you take your food.

**Answer:**

until

**C. Choose the correct conjunctions from the options given in the brackets:**

1. Everyone likes him ..... he is very helpful, (because/for)

**Answer:**

because

2. .... it was cloudy, we decided to take an umbrella, (so/as)

**Answer:**

as

3. Rathi found her watch ..... she had left it. (wherever/where)

**Answer:**

where

4. I don't know ..... I can afford to buy a new dress or not. (whether/why)

**Answer:**

whether

5. .... he was ill, he did not go to the doctor, (as/though)

**Answer:**

though

## Sentence Pattern: (Text Book Page No. 107)

### 1. Choose the right pattern.

1. The wall collapsed.

- a) SV
- b) SVO
- c) SVIODO

**Answer:**

a) SV

2. During the war, many people lost their homes.

- a) SVO
- b) SVIODO
- c) ASVO

**Answer:**

c)ASVDO

3. I promised the children a trip to the zoo.

- a) SVO
- b) SVDIOIO
- c) SVIODO

**Answer:**

c) SVIODO

4. In 1998, Frank moved to London.

- a) ASVA
- b) ASVO
- c) SVIODO

**Answer:**

a)ASVA

5. Pooja hired a bicycle.

- a) SV
- b) SVO
- c) SVA

**Answer:**

b) SVO

2. Write two sentences for each pattern.

SV	
SVO	
SVC	
SVA	
SVOC	
SVIO DO	
ASV	
SVAA	

Answer:

SV	Birds fly.	They returned.
SVO	I bought a pen.	She gave a bale.
SVC	She is a dancer.	He is a painter.
SVA	They came here.	They will come now.
SVOC	Raju wrote a letter neatly.	I wrote the exam well.
SVIO DO	They gave him a shock.	The teacher taught him a lesson.
ASV	Tomorrow she leaves.	Yesterday I came.
SVAA	My dog swam in the pool yesterday.	I went to Ooty by bus last week.

### My Reminiscence Summary in English

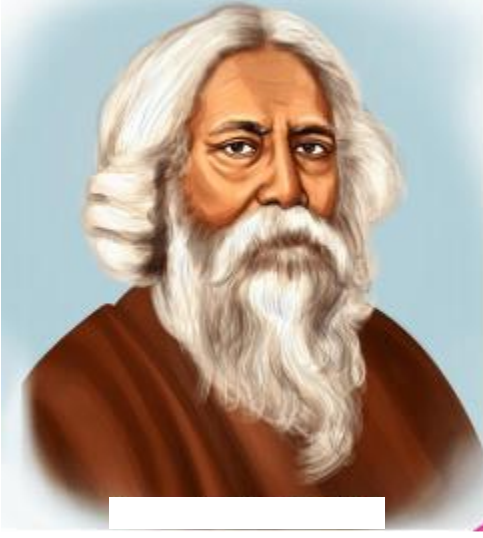
The author returned from England. He visited his brother Jyotirindra and his wife at Chandemagore. The lovely days he spent with them in boating, singing, and writing poems from the villa called Moran's Garden had been memorable days. He describes his stay there in this lesson.

### My Reminiscence Summary in Tamil

ஆசிரியர் இங்கிலாந்திலிருந்து திரும்பினார். தன் சகோதரர் ஜியோதிந்ரா மற்றும் அவரது மனைவி தங்கியிருந்த சந்திரநாகூர் என்ற இடத்தில் சென்று தங்கினார். அந்த நாட்களை படகில் ஏறிச் செல்வதும், மோரன்ஸ் கார்டன் என்ற அவர்கள் வீட்டில் பாடுவதிலும் கவிதை எழுதுவதிலும்

செலவழித்த நாட்கள் எப்போதும் தன் நினைவில் நிற்க கூடிய நாட்கள் என்று கூறுகிறார்.

#### My Reminiscence About the Author in English



Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), Nobel prize-winning Bengali poet, author, philosopher, artist, and educator wrote “Gitanjali” (1912); “My Reminiscences” was written and published in his fiftieth year, shortly before he started on a trip to Europe and America for his failing health in 1912. It was in the course of this trip that he wrote for the first time in the English language for publication.

#### My Reminiscence About the Author in Tamil

ரவிந்திரநாத் தாகூர் (1861-1941) நோபல் பரிசு பெற்ற பெங்காலி புலவர், எழுத்தாளர், தத்துவஞானி, கலைஞர் மற்றும் கல்வியாளர் ஆவார். கீதாஞ்சலி எழுதியது 1912ம் ஆண்டு ஆகும். அவர் ஐரோப்பா, அமெரிக்கா நாடுகளுக்கு உடல் நலக்குறைவு இருந்ததை சீர் செய்ய சென்று வந்தார். திரும்பி வந்ததும் தனது 50ஆம் வயதில் கடந்த காலத்தின் கதை என்ற புத்தகத்தை வெளியிட்டார். இந்தப் பயணத்தின் போதுதான் இவர் முதன் முதலாக, தம் புத்தகத்தை ஆங்கிலத்தில் வெளியிட்டார்.

## Poem

### A Thing of Beauty

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#### Warm-Up (Text Book Page No. 108)

1. Do you admire the beauty of nature, animals, people, places, or things? Discuss with your partner. (Text Book Page No. 108)

**Answer:**

Yes, we all admire the beauty of nature, animals, places, and things. Nature provides us trees. Trees provide us oxygen, shade, rainfall. Medicinal plants and herbs are helpful in the medical field. We admire animals. We have pet dogs and pet cats. They are lovely and beautiful. Places like Kuttallam are very pleasant to visit. Dolls, toys, and play materials are very interesting to the children.

#### B. Choose the correct answers. (Text Book Page No. 110)

1. According to the poet, a thing of beauty is .....

- a) a joy forever
- b) a pain forever
- c) suffering forever
- d) neglected

**Answer:**

- a) a joy forever

2. Beautiful things never “pass into nothingness ” means that they .....

- a) Never increases
- b) create unpleasantness between friends
- c) never fade away
- d) always bring unhappiness

**Answer:**

- c) never fade away

3. “Will keep a bower quiet for us” means .....

- a) Will give us peace and calm
- b) will stop unpleasant sound
- c) make our beds fit sleep
- d) reduces noise

**Answer:**

- a) will give up the peace and calm

4. Of all the unhealthy means .....

- a) Pain

- b) neglect
- c) suffering
- d) ill-health

**Answer:**

- d) ill-health

5. The sun, moon, trees, old and young are the things that .....

- a) Depress us
- b) remove the pall of gloom from our lives
- c) makes us laugh
- d) give us oxygen

**Answer:**

- d) give us oxygen

### **C. Answer the following. (Text Book Page. 84)**

1. How is a thing of beauty joy forever?

**Answer:**

A thing of beauty is a joy forever because it is a source of endless joy and its eternal beauty never fades away.

2. Why do we suffer?

**Answer:**

We suffer because some shape of beauty moves away from the pall from our dark spirits.

3. According to the poet, mention the evil things we possess?

**Answer:**

The evil things we possess are hatred, greed, and negativity.

## Supplementary Crossing the River

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Read and Understand: (Text Book Page No. 116)

A. Match the following.

A	B
ritual	spell bound
pundit	to cross the river easily
Moti	eloquent discourse
ferry	faithful
audience	vow
secret	passenger boat

Answer:

A	B
ritual	vow
pundit	eloquent discourse
Moti	faithful
ferry	passenger boat
audience	spellbound
secret	to cross the river easily

B. Fill in the blanks: (Text Book Page No. 117)



1. Pundit have many ..... and .....

**Answer:**

disciples, admirers

2. Moti is a poor .....

**Answer:**

milkmaid

3. The milkmaid discharged her duties .....

**Answer:**

faithfully

4. Moti feels it as a ..... to serve the great pundit.

**Answer:**

privilege

5. The pundit was an ..... speaker.

**Answer:**

eloquent

6. Moti assured to give the milk at the dawn .....

**Answer:**

before sunrise

### **C. Answer the following:**

1. What was the pundit's discourse about?

**Answer:**

The pundit's discourse was about God and Truth and similar tough and complex matters.

2. Why did Moti, the milkmaid, feel happy?

**Answer:**

The milkmaid, Moti thought it a great privilege it to serve a great pundit. So, Moti was happy.

3. What was the resolution of Moti?

**Answer:**

Moti's resolution was that even if the landlord failed to pay her for the milk and her labour, she would not fail in her duty.

4. Give a reason for the pundit to ask for the milk at dawn.

**Answer:**

The pundit was under a vow for performing a certain ritual for which he needed the milk at dawn.

5. Why did Moti come late on the first day of the ritual?

**Answer:**

She came late on the first day of the ritual because the boatman did not turn up that early even though Moti informed him of the need for her to cross the river.

6. Mention an incident that shows the naivety of Moti.

**Answer:**

Moti believed the words of the pundit about crossing the river uttering the name of Lord Vishnu. This incident shows the naivety of Moti.

7. How did the milkmaid cross the river?

**Answer:**

She just uttered the name of Vishnu and walked across the river.

8. What was the secret shared by pundit to milkmaid?

**Answer:**

Jocularly, the pundit told Moti, that one could cross even the ocean of life by uttering the name of Lord Vishnu. This was the secret shared by pundit to the milkmaid.

9. How did the pundit appreciate the milkmaid? Who else did he convey his thanks for?

**Answer:**

He appreciated the pain she had taken in getting up early, milking the cow, and delivering the milk to him at dawn. He also asked the milkmaid to convey his thanks to the boatman.

10. Why did the pundit faint at the end of the story?

**Answer:**

Seeing Moti, the milkmaid crossing the river walking with ease the pundit almost fainted.

## **D. Identify the speaker:**

1. "But I apply the secret?"

**Answer:**

Moti

2. "Tell the boatman how pleased I am with him."

**Answer:**

Pundit

## **Step to Success (Text Book Page No. 117)**

### **A. Select the correct option to fill in the blanks.**

1. As I ..... in the rain for the bus to arrive, it appeared as ..... it would not arrive, ..... it took all my patience.

a) weighted, though, so

- b) wetted, if, so
- c) waited, though, till

**Answer:**

(c) waited, though, till

## **B. Select an option that correctly forms the 2nd pair similar to the 1st.**

1. Bread : Yeast : : Curd : ?

- a) Germs
- b) Bacteria
- c) Fungi
- d) Virus

**Answer:**

b) bacteria

2. Fungi: Fungus : : Species : ?

- a) Specey
- b) Specy
- c) Specie
- d) Species

**Answer:**

d) species

3. Throw : Worth :: Tide : ?

- a) Water
- b) Ocean
- c) Edit
- d) Sea

**Answer:**

c) Edit

4. Lion: Forest: : Otter : ?

- a) Cage
- b) Water
- c) The Alps
- d) Burrow

**Answer:**

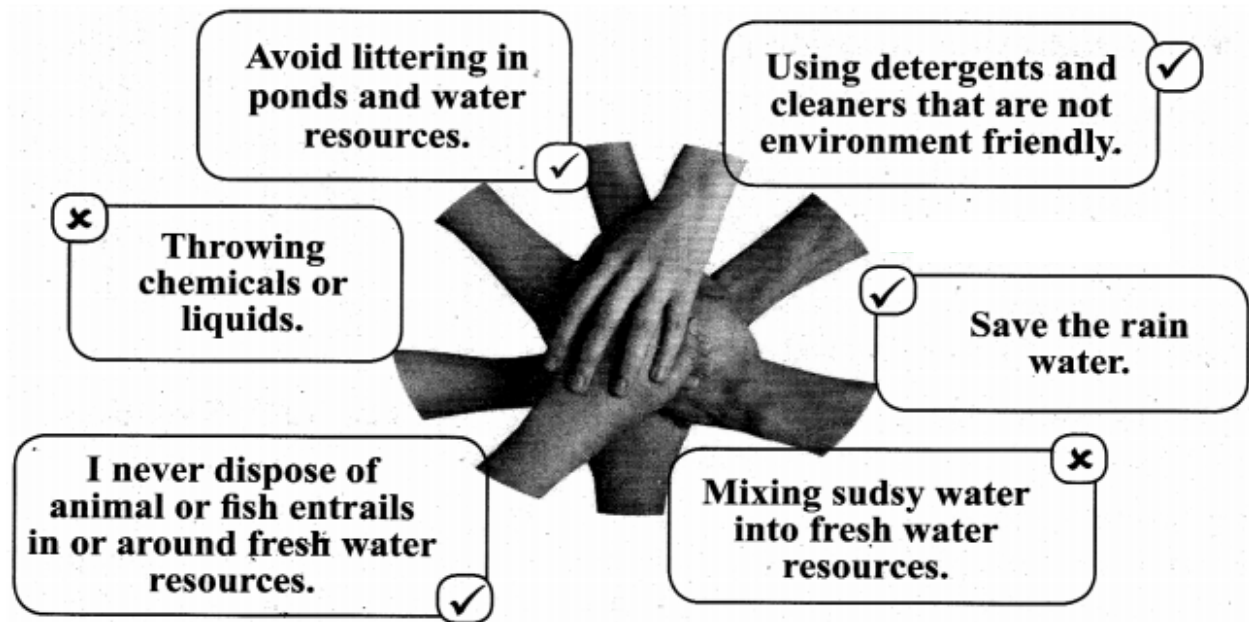
b) Water

## Connecting to Self (Text Book Page No. 118)



Put tick (✓) for do's and cross (x) for don'ts.

Answer:



## Crossing the River Summary in English

Moti, a poor milkmaid used to supply milk to the household of a celebrated Pundit. Usually, she would cross the river with the help of a ferry boat. When the Pundit wanted milk for a certain ritual, he needed milk before dawn. Since the boatman could not come that early, Moti was puzzled. Jocularly, the Pundit told her that she could cross even the ocean by

uttering the name of Lord Vishnu. Moti believed it and also crossed the river on foot without a boat. The Pundit looked at her with surprise.

### **Crossing the River Summary in Tamil**

மோதி என்ற எளிய பால்காரி, புகழ் பெற்ற பண்டிதர் இல்லத்திற்கு வழக்கமாய் பால் கொணர்வாள். ஆற்றை படகில் கடந்து வருவாள். பண்டிதர் ஒரு விசேஷ பூஜை செய்வதற்காக அதிகாலையிலேயே பால் வேண்டும் என்றார். படகுகாரன் அதிகாலையில் வரமாட்டான் என்பதை பண்டிதரிடம் கூறினாள். அதைக் கேட்ட பண்டிதர், விளையாட்டாக விஷ்ணுவின் நாமத்தைச் சொல்லிக்கொண்டு கடலையும் கடக்கலாம் என்றார். மோதி, அதனை நம்பி ஏற்று அதேபோல் விஷ்ணுவின் நாமத்தைக் கூறிக்கொண்டு படகு இல்லாது நடந்தே ஆற்றைக் கடந்தாள். அதை அப்பண்டிதர் ஆச்சரியத்துடன் கண்டு வியந்தார்.

### **Crossing the River About the Author in English**

Manoj Das (bom 1934) is an award-winning Indian author who writes in Odia and English. In 2000, Manoj Das was awarded Saraswati Samman. He was awarded Padma Shri in 2001, the fourth highest Civilian Award in India for his contribution in the field of Literature and Education. Kendra Sahitya Akademi has bestowed its highest award i.e. Sahitya Akademi Award Fellowship. His deeper quest led him to mysticism and he has been an inmate of Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Puducherry since 1963.

### **Crossing the River About the Author in Tamil**

மனோஜ் தாஸ் 1934ல் பிறந்தார். விருது பெறும் இந்திய எழுத்தாளர். ஒரிய மொழியிலும் ஆங்கிலத்திலும் எழுதக்கூடியவர். 2000ஆம் ஆண்டு, மனோஜ் தாஸ் சரஸ்வதி சமான் என்ற விருதினைப் பெற்றார். 2001ஆம் ஆண்டு, பத்ம ஸ்ரீ விருது பெற்றார். இந்த விருது இந்திய குடிமக்களுக்குரிய விருதுகளில் நான்காம் இடத்தில் உள்ள உயரிய விருதாகும். இலக்கியம் மற்றும் கல்வி போன்ற துறைகளில் இவரது பங்களிப்புகளுக்காக வழங்கப்பட்டது. கேந்திரிய சாகித்ய அகாடமியின் உயர்ந்த விருதான சாகித்திய அகாடமியின் தோழமை விருது வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இவரது ஆழ்ந்த தேடல் இவரை ஆன்மீகத்தில் கண்டறியப்படாத விஷயங்களை நோக்கி இவரை உந்தியுள்ளது. எனவே இவர் புதுச்சேரியில் உள்ள ஸ்ரீ அரபிந்தோ ஆசிரமம் சென்று 1963 முதல் தங்கியுள்ளார்.