

22. A Team of Workers

All body parts stand together holding hands.

All : Work, work, work!
In the morning,
In the evening,
We are always at work.
During the day,
And even at night,
We are always at work.



Mouth : Hands, come forward
and tell us what you do.

Hands : We lift, we hold, we carry.
We give and we take.
We pull, we push, we put,
A hundred things we make.
We two are a clever pair.
There's nothing that we can't do.



Mouth : Feet, come forward
and tell us what you do.

Feet : We walk, we run, we tap, we dance,
We skip and jump and hop.
We step forward, we turn about,
And just in time, we stop.

Mouth : Eyes, Ears, Nose,
what about you?



Eyes : We open, we close, we read, we blink,
We see things far and near.

Ears : And be it loud, be it soft
Every sound we hear.

Nose : I breathe day and night.
I can never rest.
I have to smell every smell
Good or bad or best.

And what about you, Mouth?

Mouth : Oh, you know, I open and shut
and smile.
I speak. I eat. I drink.
I sip. I slurp. I chew and bite.
But do I get any of the food?
No! It all goes to this lazy belly.
Is it right?
The belly doesn't do any work.

All : That's right.
The belly doesn't do any work.

Belly : That's not right. That's wrong.
I do a lot of work.
But it goes on inside me.
You can't see it. But I *do* work.

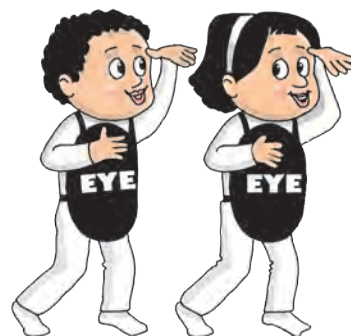


Eyes : Why can't we see it?
It's because you don't do any work.

Hands : The only work you do is to grab
all good food.

Feet : You don't move a step.
Why should we work to give you food?

All : We won't work for you.
You won't get any food now.



Belly : Don't do that.
I work for all of us.
We will all suffer
If you don't give me food.

All : Don't try to deceive.
Nothing you will receive.



Three hours later -

Belly : Please get some food.
I'm all ready to start my work.

Others : No means no!
We are all going to relax – just like you!

Belly : Please listen to me.
You must give me food.
I digest it for all of us.

Others : Sorry ! Don't try to deceive.
Nothing you will receive.

Two days later -

Belly : How are you, my friends?

Mouth : Oh, I feel so dry.

**Hands
and Feet** : We feel so weak.

Eyes : We can't see properly.

**Ears
and Nose** : We feel so tired.

All : What's the matter?
What's wrong with all of us?



Enter Brain.

Brain : You silly fellows!
Now you have no energy.
What gives you energy?
Food.
Who works on food to give you energy?
Think!

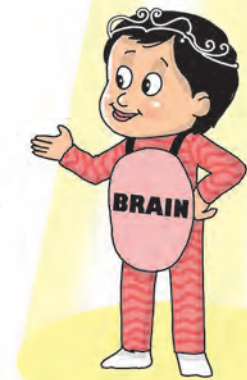
All : Could it be ? Is it the Belly?

Brain : Yes, of course!
Belly digests food and sends energy
to all of you.
Do you understand it now?

All : Yes, yes! Now we know.
This Belly does a lot of work.
Though he does not show it off.
He does important work.

All hold hands and sing together.

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In the evening,
We are always at work!



Things to do :

1. Enact the play.
2. Read the following words. From the lesson, find rhyming words for each.
 - * take : * hop : * you :
 - * near : * rest : * bite :
 - * deceive :
3. Now think of rhyming words for the following on your own.
 - * mouth * feet * wrong * dry * weak * tired

4. With the help of this play, write what the following body parts do :

- * Hands * Feet * Eyes * Ears
- * Nose * Mouth * Belly

Put the names of the body parts in alphabetical order.

5. Name the body parts that work together when we do the following –

- * Ride a bicycle
- * Swim
- * Write the answer to a question
- * Eat our favourite dish
- * Go home when someone at home calls
- * Climb a ladder
- * Choose and pick up a ripe mango from a box of mangoes
- * Make a phone call
- * Take a bath
- * Switch off lights and fans in another room if there's no one there.

6. Complete the following sentences using your own ideas.

For example, Lift : 'Lift a heavy bag.'

- * Lift * Put * Make
- * Hold * Pull * Read
- * Carry * Push * Eat

7. If one body part is ill or injured or unable to work, how will the other body parts help ? Write about one such occasion with the help of your experience or imagination.

