# The Fruit of Hard Work

- Have you heard the famous saying 'work is worship'?
- It tells us about the importance of hard work in life.

#### Let us read the story to learn how hard work leads to success.

Once there was an old farmer. He had a son. His son was very lazy. He spent most of his time in eating and sleeping. He did not do any work at all. He grew lazier day by day.

One day the farmer called his son and said, "Look, I shall give everything

in charity. I shall not give you anything unless you earn one hundred rupees. For that I give you three days' time."

His son went to one of his friends and borrowed a hundred rupee note from him. Then he spent the rest of the day in eating and sleeping. In the evening he came back home and gave the hundred rupee note to his father. He told his father, "Father, I have





worked hard today and earned this hundred rupee note."

The farmer took the note and threw it aside. "This note is not yours. You have not earned it," he said. The son was not angry at all. He just smiled and walked away. The next morning he again borrowed a hundred rupee note from another friend and spent his time in eating

and sleeping. When he returned home in the evening, he gave that note to his father.

His father took the note and again threw it aside. "This note is not yours. You haven't earned the money yourself. You haven't given up your bad habit yet." The son was not angry but he was disappointed. He did not succeed in cheating his father.



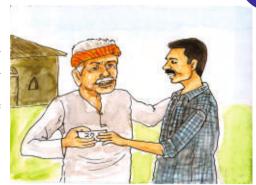
At night his mother went to him. "My son, said she, you must really go to work now. If you work hard and give all you have earned to your father, he will believe you. You have only one day to prove your worth."



The son took his mother's advice. He went to work on his neighbour's farm. He worked hard but he could get only twenty rupees that day. He came back home and gave the money to his father. Before he could throw the note, his son rushed up to him and snatched the note from his hand.

He asked, "Why do you want to throw it away? I have spent the whole day

working in hot sun just to earn this money." His father smiled and said, "I believe you now. At last you have earned this money yourself. I am very happy. Now you can take care of the real worth of hard earned money".



And he gave all his property to him.

## Glossary

charity : an organization that collects money to help the poor and the sick

earn : to get money by working

disappointed : sad because you did not succeed

worth : the value of somebody/something how useful it is

rush : to move with great speed

snatched: to take something with a quick rough movement

## **Activity I**

- A. Tick the correct alternative-
- I) "At last you have earned this money yourself" is the remark made by
  - a) the son
  - b) the mother
  - c) the father
  - d) none of these
- II) Who gave advice to the son?
  - a) mother



snatched, advice, earns, throw, believe, property

i) We should not .....rubbish into the river.

- ii) People .....that work is worship.
- iii) A thief ......my purse from my hand and ran away.
- iv) Ravi .....his living by cooking food for others.
- v) Sapna gave away all her ......for the welfare of the poor.
- B. Match the words in column A with the words opposite in meaning in column B -

A

lazy borrow angry morning B

evening pleased active lend

# **Activity III**

#### A. Read the following sentences.



- 1. The father **has** already **taken** the decision.
- 2. They **have** just **earned** the money.
- 3. I have recently visited the zoo.

The sentences given above are in the Present Perfect Tense. Now study the details of the tense given in the box-

- 'Has' is used with 'Third person singular subjects', as in sentence number one.
- 'Have' is used with '**Plural subjects** and <u>I</u>', as in sentences number two and three.
- 'Past participle form of the verb' is used, as in sentences number one, two and three.
- In the Present Perfect Tense, the action completes in the 'recent past' and has its effect upto the present.



Now, read a few more sentences which relate to the events that took place in the recent past.

- i) I have already revised my lessons.
- ii) She has just returned my book.
- iii) You have just completed the letter, haven't you?
- iv) He has already seen the Hawa Mahal of Jaipur.
- v) Ram and Shyam **have** already **watered** the plants.

The highlighted words are VERBS in PRESENT PERFECT TENSE.

# B. Fill in the blanks by choosing one of the correct verbs given in the box-

have given		have spent	has worked
have understood		has learnt	has asked
i)	The fatherhard.		
ii)	The sona lot.		
iii)	Ithe whole day.		
iv)	Youthe fruit of hardwork.		
v)	The boy the question.		

#### C. Change the following sentences as shown in the example-

We .....him the book.'

### Example - She has packed her luggage. She has <u>not</u> packed her luggage.

- i) They have finished their work.
- ii) Kamini has fed her baby.
- iii) I have typed their letter.
- iv) She has seen the film.

vi)

- v) I have revised my lessons.
- vi) The teacher has advised the students.

#### D. Make questions as shown in the following example-

#### Example - Yes, I have taken lunch.

#### Have you taken lunch?

- i) Yes, the teacher has taught this lesson.
- ii) No, he hasn't written the answers.
- iii) Yes, the students have learnt the difficult words.
- iv) No, the girls haven't taken dinner.
- v) Yes, Laxmi has painted the picture.

**Activity IV** 



Speak the following words. The teacher speaks the words and the students follow her/him-

day-die	play-ply
bait-buy	wait-white
say-sigh	hate-height
fate-fight	late-light
lay-lie	rate-right

# **Activity V**



A. You must have heard people saying 'Duty is Divine'. Do you try to execute this principle in your life. Write in your diary the activities that you were assigned to: out of these activities how many were completed and how many remained incomplete.

**Diary writing** is a very personal form of writing. When we want to record our feelings and whatever happened in the day, or a particular event, we write it in a diary. Remember to follow the following steps while writing a dairy.

**Day** and **Date** : e.g. Monday, 2 October, 2016

**Opening** : e.g. Dear Diary

**Introduction**: Could be general comment on how the day was, eg.

Today was a great day! or Today was a boring day.

**Body** : It is the main part of the diary entry. You could

describe what happened to you or your personal feelings about something or someone. You could also

write about your future plans in this part.

**Conclusion** : Diary entry can be concluded with comment about the

day, e.g. 'It was overall an exciting day' or the situation at that moment, e.g. 'I am really tired now after a long

day'.

**Closing** : e.g. Bye, till the next time, etc.

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