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Preface

Our life is simply the creation of mind. Once we make our mind beautiful, our life will definitely transform into a beautiful reality. A mind, which is filled with positive thinking, creativity and virtues such as integrity of character and love, is always the source of peace and happiness all around. This is the sole purpose of **Right is Right**- a series of moral education books for class Intro to VIII.

Right is Right series has been written with the point of view of opening the mind of the students and make them receptive to all the goodness, love and beauty which surround them. The basic focus of books of this series is instilling our young learners with a positive attitude and thinking, virtues, a creative mind and an appreciation for the Nature we have been so abundantly blessed with and concern enough to care for it. When students will sincerely imbibe these qualities, they will definitely find the path to a happy and very successful life.

Right is Right is a series of books which focuses on situational and experimental learning through inspirational stories, heart-touching anecdotes, thought-provoking activities, self-assessment tasks and real-life examples.

We are sure that the series will help our young learners to become better future citizens and achieve their ambitions in life following all the necessary ethical principles which will surely make them mentally and physically strong and valued individuals of the society.

Suggestions for improvement of this series are always welcome from our valued teachers and students and will be incorporated in the future edition.

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The Eagle and the Fox

God sees everything. He watches our activities and notices them. You must remember that God's justice never fails. An evil deed done knowingly is always followed by suitable punishment. Sometimes, we feel that if we do a wrong thing, no one will see us, but God sees everything. If we harm others, harm comes to us too. Let us understand the divine justice done by the God.

An eagle and a fox lived in a forest. They were good friends. The eagle built her nest on the top of a tall tree, while the fox settled in the cozy hollow of the same tree.

Once, the eagle laid three eggs in the nest, and some time later, the fox gave birth to her cubs.

One fine morning, the fox was away in the forest. The eagle, not finding any food for the young brood, went down and picked up a cub from the fox's hole. She fed it to her brood. That way, she cheated her friend.

When the fox returned, she understood the mystery behind her lost cub and was very angry. Though, she grieved for her cub but was more grieved for the injustice done by the eagle. Fate, however, went against the eagle. One day, the eagle noticed villagers sacrificing a goat. She





swooped down and picked up a small piece of meat and flew straight to her nest.

She did not realize that a burning cinder stuck below the meat piece she was carrying. A strong wind fanned the little cinder spark into a flame. The

eaglets, still unfledged and helpless, were roasted in their nest and dropped dead at the bottom of the tree in front of the fox's hole. The divine justice punished the eagle.

Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Where did the fox and the eagle live?

2. Why did the fox grieve?

3. From where did the eagle get the piece of meat?

4. What happened to the eaglets?

5. Do you think eagle cheated the fox? How?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. God's _____ never fails.
2. The _____ built her nest on the top of a _____.
3. The eagle laid three _____ in her nest.
4. The little _____ sparked into a flame.

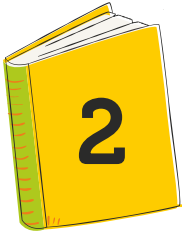
C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False':

1. The eagle and the fox were enemies. ☐
2. The eagle looked after the fox's cub while the fox was away. ☐
3. The eagle got a piece of meat for the eaglets. ☐
4. The fox set fire to the nest of the eagle. ☐



**Sometimes, we do things thinking that no one is seeing us.
Write 'Yes' or 'No' for the following.**

- If the shopkeeper returns more money by mistake, I will keep it.
- If I do not know an answer in my test, I will look into my friend's answer book.
- If I see a Rs 500 note dropping from someone's pocket, I will quietly keep it.



Disobedient Lamb

Disobedience means not obeying our elders. It is not good to be disobedient.

Disobedience poses a serious problem. Some children disobey their parents and teachers. Some children obey them simply because they are afraid of punishment.



But, good children obey their parents and teachers because they have cultivated good manners. They are also aware of the result of disobedience. Children obey their elders because they love and respect them. The parents also love their children and plan their future carefully.

One day, the little lamb went too far and could not find his way back. As it grew dark, he became frightened. It started to bleat. The darker it became, the louder the lamb cried. A wolf was prowling near the mountain. He heard the bleats of the little lamb. The wolf saw him and was very happy. He said to himself, “How nice, my dinner is ready in front of me!”

The little lamb did not get a chance to correct his mistake.

Some children do not obey their parents. Sometimes the results of disobedience of children are as serious as that of the little lamb.

Obedience makes you a disciplined person. It not only makes you happy, but also your parents and teachers.

So, obey your parents when they tell you to—

- learn your lessons.
- do your homework.
- dress neatly.
- take bath and comb your hair.
- not watch television for long.

Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why do good children obey their elders?

2. What did the lamb do one day?

3. What was the fate of the lamb?

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. The little lamb was _____ and _____.

2. One day, the little lamb could not find his _____ back.

3. The little lamb was a nice food for the prowling _____.



The Intelligent Jackal

Intelligence is not only what we learn in school to get good marks in the examination. It is how we deal with our everyday problems. An intelligent person is able to solve all the problems on his own.

A wolf and a jackal were friends. Once they engaged in a friendly conversation.

“How far have you studied?” asked the wolf.

“I'm half educated,” replied the jackal.

“I'm twice as educated as you,” said the wolf, “You should now call me Sir.”

Just then, a tiger leapt towards them. “What should we do Sir?” asked the jackal. The wolf was so scared that he became speechless.

“Where are you going?” growled the tiger.

“We were coming to consult you Sir,” replied the jackal, reacting quickly.

The jackal continued saying, “A dispute has arisen among us and Sir, with your superior intelligence, may be you could help.”



“What is the dispute?” asked the tiger who was pleased with the jackal's flattery.

“I have caught two good chickens,” explained the jackal. “My friend says, he's more educated, so he should get one chicken. Is it fair Sir?”

“How far have you studied?” asked the tiger to the wolf. The wolf, badly frightened, chattered his teeth. The jackal explained, “He says, he has as many qualifications as the number of teeth in his mouth.”

“Ah,” said the tiger, “then I'm much better educated.” He opened his mouth wide to show his dangerous teeth. The tiger's open mouth unnerved the wolf who fell flat on his face. The jackal quickly spoke, “He is accepting, you are more educated and he's saluting your teeth. I should also bow down to your wisdom because you've settled our dispute.”

“I have?” asked the puzzled tiger.

“Sir, you are most educated and hence the two chickens belong to you. We do not have a dispute any more,” replied the jackal. “Please follow me to my house to take the chickens,” continued the jackal.

The tiger was delighted. He hardly got chicken to eat. Besides, after the chicken, he could hunt the wolf and the jackal also. “All right, show me the way,” said the tiger.

The jackal led the tiger to a tunnel on the side of a low hill. They stood at the mouth of the tunnel then the jackal said, “My friend wolf will go in to bring the chicken.” The wolf too eager to escape, squeezed himself into the tunnel.

After some time, the jackal said, “What's taking so long, I'll just go and see.” He too pushed himself in the narrow tunnel. The tiger waited patiently for some more time and finally understood, he had been tricked. He put his



mouth in the tunnel and cursed the jackal, abusing him as much as he could. When the tiger finally left, the jackal and the wolf came out of the tunnel. The wolf became normal and complimented the jackal saying, “You may be half educated, but you're very intelligent.”

“Thank you Sir”, replied the jackal.

Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Who declared himself more educated—wolf or jackal?

2. Why did the jackal engage the tiger in their conversation?

3. Why did the jackal say that the tiger was the most educated?

4. Where did the wolf and the jackal go to save their lives?

5. Who tricked the tiger?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. The wolf was so _____ that he became speechless.

2. The tiger became pleased with the jackal's _____.

3. The _____ opened his mouth wide to show his dangerous teeth.

4. The jackal led the tiger to a _____ on the side of a low will.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False'.

1. The jackal was foolish.

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2. The wolf and the jackal were fighting.

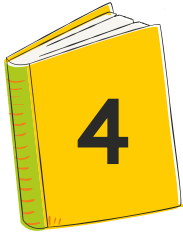
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3. A lion came to hunt the jackal.

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4. The tiger cursed the jackal.

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Love is Life

God is supreme. He created the universe as well as all living beings. God loves all His creations. If we love His creations, we also love God.

Love makes all living beings live happily. You need love just as you need air to breathe. It is the love of your parents that makes you grow.



Love makes one proud of the success of others. It does not envy. Love wants to give rather than receive. It rejoices at being together. It finds happiness in caring and sharing.

Love forgives. Love is gentle. It makes us generous and kind to others.



Even plants and animals need love to grow. Pets move around you, looking for your love and attention. Trees and plants around human habitation yield more fruits.

Love is patience. It makes us tolerant toward others. A loving person is always willing to listen patiently to others.

A woman who had been praying for long for wealth and success

was surprised to find three old men with long white beard sitting in front of her house. She said, "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."



"Is your husband at home?"

They asked. "No," she said, "he's out." "Then we cannot come in," they replied.

In the evening, when her husband came home, she told him that three old men were waiting for him outside the house.

Her husband said, "Go, tell them I am at home and invite them in!" The woman went out and invited the men in. "We do not go into a house together," they replied. "Why is that so?" She wanted to know. One of the old men explained, "I am 'Love' and others are 'Wealth' and 'Success'." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed.

"How nice!" He said. "Let us invite Wealth. Let him come in and fill our home with wealth!" His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?" Their daughter jumped in with her own suggestion, "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Go out and invite Love to be our guest," said the man to his wife.

The woman went out and asked the three old men, “Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest.” Love got up and started walking towards the house. The other two also got up and followed him. The woman was surprised and asked Wealth and Success, “I only invited Love, why are you both coming in?”

The old men replied together, “If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would have stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever he goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is Wealth and Success.”

Exercises

A. Answer the questions.

1. What are the qualities of love?

2. Why did the man want to invite Wealth?

3. What does the story of three old men teach you?

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. God created the whole _____.

2. You need love just as you need _____ to _____.

3. Love finds happiness in _____ and _____.

4. Love makes us _____ and _____ to others.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False'.

1. Love makes us tolerant towards others.
2. Three old men were waiting outside the house.
3. The woman wanted to invite love as their guest.
4. Love wants to give rather than receive.
5. Love is not forgiving.



Fair Treatment

We all like to be treated well by others. We want others to respect, to love and to be friendly towards us. We would like them to say good things about us. We don't like others to blame or criticize us. If they do, we feel offended, sad and angry.



We often forget that others have the same feelings as we have. We often forget about their feelings. This makes us very selfish. It is fair to treat others well, if we expect them to treat us the same way. We must do to others what we expect them to do to us.

John and his classmates went on a picnic to the countryside with their class teacher. They ran about and played a lot. When tired, they sat down beneath a tree near a well. John looked into the well and was frightened by its depth. In his fright, he called out to his friend, Naresh. Immediately, he heard a voice shouting out, “Naresh”. He felt that the voice was from the well. In fear and anger, he shouted, “Idiot,” and the same voice repeated, “Idiot.”

Johan called all his friends saying that there was someone hiding in the well. They gathered around to hear his story and looked into the well, but found nobody. John then called into the well, “You fool, come out here.” They all heard the voice repeating the same. Together they shouted, “Donkey”, and the voice replied, “donkey.” They yelled “You, coward”, and the voice repeated it. Johan threatened this time, “I will kill you.” The voice shot back, “I will kill you.” The children were surprised and angry. They ran to tell the teacher about it. On hearing their story, she understood what it was. Taking them to the well, she bade them to be quiet. Then looking into the well, she said, “Hello!” They heard a sweet “hello” from the well. “You are an angel,” she added. The voice echoed the same. Finally, she said, “I love you.” Soft came the reply, “I love you.” The children were anxiously listening. Then the teacher explained that it was the echo. She told them that echoes repeat whatever is said. Our deeds are like an echo. We get back what we give.

If we treat others well, they will treat us well. If we do good, good will be done to us. We must treat others as we want others to treat us.



Exercises

A. Answer the following questions:

1. How do you want to be treated by others?

2. How do you feel when others criticize you?

3. What should you do to be liked by others?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. We all like to be _____ well by others.

2. It is fair to treat _____ well.

3. _____ repeat whatever is said.



A Polite King

Politeness

Politeness is a divine quality. It makes both the persons make happy - one who shows it and the other who receives it.

Politeness suggests that we should not hurt anyone in public. Politeness means we behave the way we expect others to behave. Politeness is to be gentle and loving and to show respect to others.

If someone asks you the way, show him the way. That is politeness.

If you do not know a thing, admit it humbly. That is politeness.

When an elder is standing in a bus, offer him or her your seat. That is politeness.

Once upon a time, a poor man who was travelling in a desert drank water from an oasis. It tasted sweet to him. He decided to take the sweet water to his King because he loved him. He took a goatskin full of water.

When he arrived at the court, the King received him. The man presented the water to the King. By this time, the water had become tasteless. However, the king showed pleasure in drinking it. The queen who was seated near the king also wanted



to drink the water. The King said to her, “It is a gift to the King and only the King shall drink it”.

When the man left the court, the King told the queen, “The water the man had brought in a goatskin was putrid. If you had drank it, you would perhaps show the distaste on your face and thus hurt the poor man. Therefore, please excuse me for not sharing it with you.”

The King drank the water because he knew that the poor man loved him. His love and devotion for the King had made him carry the water all the way to the King's court. The poor man had hoped that the King would be pleased. The pleasure on the face of the King was his reward. The King rewarded him by showing love and politeness.



Now recall some incidents where someone showed impolite behaviour in public. Suppose, there is a queue in front of a counter. If someone suddenly appears, breaks the queue and goes directly to the counter, this is disregard for people who are in the queue before him.

A polite person always respects others.

People always respect a polite person. So, give respect, you will get respect.

'Please', 'Thank you', 'Sorry', 'Excuse me' are the frequently used words by a polite person. Always be polite in your words, thoughts and actions. This is gentlemanly behaviour that will be appreciated by all.

Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why did the poor man present sweet water to the King?

2. Why did the King show pleasure in drinking the tasteless water?

3. What did the poor man get in return from the King?

4. What is politeness? Explain it with an example.

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. _____ suggests that we do not hurt anyone in public.
2. Politeness is _____ and _____.
3. A poor man decided to take the _____ to his King.
4. The man took the water in a _____.
5. A polite person always _____ others.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False'.

1. The King offered water to the queen. ☐
2. The King rewarded the poor man by showing love towards him. ☐
3. The water was tasteless. ☐
4. If you give respect, you will get respect. ☐



Keep Your Promise

Everyday, we make many promises to others. Think of our promises to our parents, teachers and friends! We must keep our promise. We must think seriously before promising anyone anything. Sometimes, we may have to face a lot of trouble or give up something in order to uphold a promise. It is not wise to make a promise just to please someone. We sometimes forget our promises or offer some excuses for breaking them. This puts others in trouble. Nobody will trust us in future. Our words lose their worth.

Vinay and Anuj were close friends. They were studying in the same class. During the summer vacation, Anuj invited Vinay to his house in the village and wanted to fix the time and the day. Vinay promised to go on the following Saturday evening and spend the whole



Sunday with Anuj, who promised to be at the bus stop to meet him. He also promised Vinay a good time and a lot of fun.

On the appointed Saturday evening, Vinay jumped into the bus that was just leaving. When the bus arrived at the depot, Vinay came out and eagerly searched for his friend. Anuj was nowhere to be seen. Vinay did not know exactly where his friend lived. He



waited in vain for Anuj to appear. It began to grow dark and Vinay, was afraid. His friend had not kept his promise and Vinay thought of returning. But, the last bus had already gone. What could he do? The depot was deserted. He sat in

a corner and began to cry. He spent the night there in fear and worry.

He caught the morning bus back home. All this happened because his friend failed to keep his promise. Obviously, he lost trust in his friend Anuj forever.



Exercises

A. Answer the following questions:

1. What should we do before making a promise?

2. What should we do when we make a promise?

3. Who invited his friend to his house?

4. Did Anuj keep his promise?

5. What do we feel when somebody breaks a promise?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. We must _____ our promise.

2. _____ invited _____ to his house in the village.

3. _____ could not keep his promise.

4. Vinay lost his _____ in his friend.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False':

1. It is not wise to make a promise just to please someone.

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2. Vinay invited Anuj to his house.

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3. Vinay could not go to the village.

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4. The last bus was about to come.

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Smile Away

A smile shows happiness. A smile makes friends. It is the best gift we can give others. A smiling face is very attractive. Everybody gathers around a smiling person.

A smile costs nothing. Yet it is very valuable to others. Only a good person can smile. Only a person who trusts in God can smile.

Everybody has sorrows and worries. We must control these and learn how to be cheerful.

Nobody likes to see a grumpy face. It makes people feel sad. A child with a serious face is unwelcomed everywhere.

There is nothing like a broad smile. We must keep smiling and radiate happiness.

We have every reason to smile. We are God's children. Let us not worry but be happy. Let us smile. It shows innocence.



Exercises

A. Answer these questions.

1. Why is a smile so valuable?

2. What does a smile show?

3. What does a smile do?

B. Write T for 'True' or F for 'False':

1. A smile is a gift we can give others.

2. A smiling person has no worries.

3. A child must have a serious face.

4. A smile shows innocence.

5. We have no reason to smile.

6. A smile makes a person more attractive.

7. People gather around those who smile.

C. Give four reasons why we should smile.

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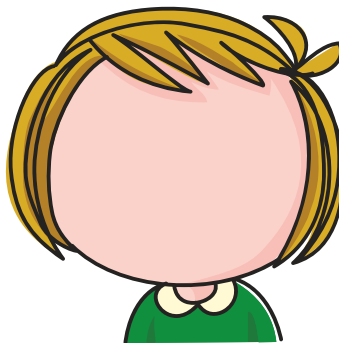
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On the 'blank' faces below, draw some cheerful expressions and some sad expressions.



Which of these children do you think you are alike? Why?

Murali lived in a village near a dense forest. He was a forest worker. Everyday, he went from his village to the neighbouring Forest Range Office. From there, he would go with other workers into the plantation to plant trees and do other such work.

One day, as the forest guard was on leave, the Range Officer called Murali and appointed him on guard's duty in the plantation for the night. Murali accepted the duty



and sent a word to his home that he would return next morning.

That night when Murali stood with a long stick in his hand outside the guard's hut, he saw a dark snake entering the hut. He took a closer look and realized that it was a cobra. The snake coiled up in front of the hut. Murali went in, brought some milk in an earthen dish and placed it in front of the cobra with his hands folded. Then, he went away to do his duty.

At midnight, when he returned to the hut, he saw something shining in the earthen dish where he had put the milk for the cobra. He bent down and saw a gold coin. He searched for the cobra, but it was nowhere in the sight. He picked up the coin and put it in his pocket.

For the next five nights, the Range Officer put Murali on guard's duty. Every night he offered milk to the visiting cobra who gave him a gold coin in return.

The next week, Murali was relieved and another man, Moti, was put on duty. Murali told his friend Moti about the cobra and showed him the gold coins.



The friend decided to reap a fortune. That night, when the cobra came, he offered milk and hid himself on one side of the hut. When the snake had finished the milk, it went to a nearby tree. The man followed and thinking that a treasure of gold coins lay in the snake's burrow, hit the snake with its long stick. The snake got hurt, but escaped. However, Moti found nothing in the burrow.

Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Where did Murali work?

2. What duty was given to Murali by the Range Officer?

3. What happened on each night as Murali was on duty?

4. Why did his friend harm the cobra?

5. What happened to his friend?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. Murali was a _____ worker.

2. Murali saw a dark _____ entering the hut.

3. Murali brought some _____ in an _____ dish.

4. Every night, the visiting _____ gave him a _____.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False':

1. Murali worked in a factory in his village.

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2. He was given the duty as a guard for five days.

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3. Murali refused to do the duty.

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4. Everyday, a cobra used to come to him and gift him a gold coin.

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The Faithful Dog

Think well before doing anything.

The difference between man and animals is that man can reason out but, animals cannot. We should use our power of reasoning before doing or saying anything. This will keep us away from many mistakes and dangers. When the teacher asks a question, intelligent students think before answering. If we act without thinking, we may have to be sorry for our actions.

This story teaches us how important it is to think before doing anything. There lived a poor woodcutter near a forest. His wife had died, leaving behind a small baby. After putting the baby to sleep, the woodcutter used to go to the forest to cut wood. Whenever he went, his faithful dog looked after his baby.



One day when he returned, the dog ran to him wagging its tail and barking loudly. He felt that something was wrong. As he approached the house, he found drops of blood on the steps and noticed blood all over his dog. He concluded that the unfaithful dog had killed his only child. He was very sad and angry.



In his anger, he axed the dog in two. Then he rushed into the house. He found that his child was asleep as he had left him. Near the child lay pieces of a big snake and a lot of blood. Now he understood what had happened. When the snake came to

attack the baby, the dog had fought and killed it. The faithful dog tore the snake to pieces.

The woodcutter ran outside to kiss his dog because it had saved his baby's life. But the poor dog was dead. He felt very sorry for what he had done and began to weep like a child. But, he could not restore the dog to life. Throughout his life, he regretted his foolish act.



Exercises

A. Answer the following questions:

1. Who lived near a forest?

2. Who looked after the baby?

3. Who became very sad and angry?

4. Who felt sorry for his foolish action?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. We should use our power of _____ before doing or saying anything.

2. The woodcutter used to go to the _____.

3. A _____ entered the house to attack the baby.

4. The woodcutter axed the _____ in two.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False':

1. Doing anything without thinking is dangerous.

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2. The woodcutter cut the snake into pieces.

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3. The dog was unfaithful.

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4. The woodcutter began to weep like a child.

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Guidelines for Safety

You parents often say that you should be more responsible. It actually means that they want you taking care of yourself in different ways specially when you are alone.

Let's read and understand some guidelines for your personal safety in different situations when you parents are away.



When you reach home alone and open the door yourself, make sure you remove the key from the lock, enter home and bolt the door from inside.

If a stranger comes home and rings the bell, you should peep through window or peep hole to see who is there. Do not open the door.



Do not open the door to strangers. Rather talk through the door and find out who the visitor is and what does he want.

If the visitor asks for your parents, you may say they cannot come to the door right now. Please give me the message.



If the visitor is selling something, you can respond by saying, “Thank you, but we are not interested.”

If it is a courier boy, tell him to leave the packet outside. Otherwise, you can ask for his phone number and give it to your parents, so that they arrange for another delivery date.



If the visitor asks you to use phone or bathroom or needs a glass of water, tell him to try next door.

Exercises

A. Fill in the blanks:

1. Make sure you _____ the key from the lock.
2. You should bolt the _____ from inside.
3. Never open the _____ for a stranger.
4. Tell the courier boy to leave the packet _____.

B. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False':

1. You should be more responsible. ☐
2. If a stranger comes, you should peep through window or peep hole. ☐
3. You should not open the door to strangers. ☐



Time is Precious

Time is precious. It should not be wasted.

Every day has 24 hours. Every hour has 60 minutes and every minute has 60 seconds. Every second is precious. We take great care of our precious things. We never waste them. So, we should never waste time. Wasted time never returns. Once lost, it is lost forever.

Time is life. Time is what makes our life great. Our success depends on the proper use of time. We can learn many things when we have time. If we use our time well, we will be successful and happy.

We can use time well when we do what we have to do. We should play when we have to play, work when we have to work, and study when we must. This brings success. This is the secret to success and greatness.

Those who know the importance of time, get success in their lives. This story explains the importance of time very well.

The Ant and the Grasshopper

It was the rainy season. There was greenery all around. Flowers of different colours were blooming. A lazy grasshopper was enjoying the weather. He had enough to eat and was singing merrily. Just then, he saw an ant. She was his friend. She was gathering food. He laughed at her. He said to her, “You are too greedy. See how beautiful the day is! Come and play with me.”

The ant replied, "No, dear friend. I have no time to play with you. I am gathering food for the coming winter season."

The grasshopper said, "You greedy ants are always busy gathering food. You are always hungry. The winter is far away. This is the time to enjoy."



The ant said, "Don't talk rubbish. Just think of the future.

Collect food for yourself. Don't waste my as well as your time. These days, once gone, will not come again."

The grasshopper said, "You are really foolish. I can't spoil my merry time. I will enjoy and have fun in this beautiful season."

After rainy season came the winter. The cold wind blew and snow began to fall. It was getting difficult to find food. The grasshopper was worried because he couldn't find enough food to eat. And at last, came the time for him to starve.

When he found no food for several days, he decided to go to his friend, the ant. He knocked at her door. She opened the door. He



asked her to give him some food as he was starving. He pleaded her a lot.

The ant was angry with him, "You careless fellow! You spent your time singing and having fun. I had told you then to think of the future and collect food for yourself. But you

didn't listen to me. Now you have come to me. Go and enjoy, I can't give you even a grain." Saying so, she shut the door on his face.

Now the grasshopper realized his mistake, but it was too late as the precious time he had lost could not be brought back. He cried and repented for the lost time.

So, you must do your studies on time. Complete your classwork and homework daily, to avoid last minute problems before your exams.



Exercises

A. Answer the following questions:

1. What was the grasshopper doing?

2. What was the ant doing?

3. For what was the ant gathering food?

4. Who was wasting time in the story?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. The ant was gathering _____.

2. After rainy season came the _____.

3. The grasshopper found no _____ for several days.
4. The _____ realised his mistake.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False':

1. The ant was lazy and foolish.
2. The grasshopper was gathering food for winter.
3. There was enough food in winter.
4. The ant gave food to the grasshopper.

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A. Paste pictures of four activities which you think are a good use of time.

B. Write down three reasons why you consider time precious.

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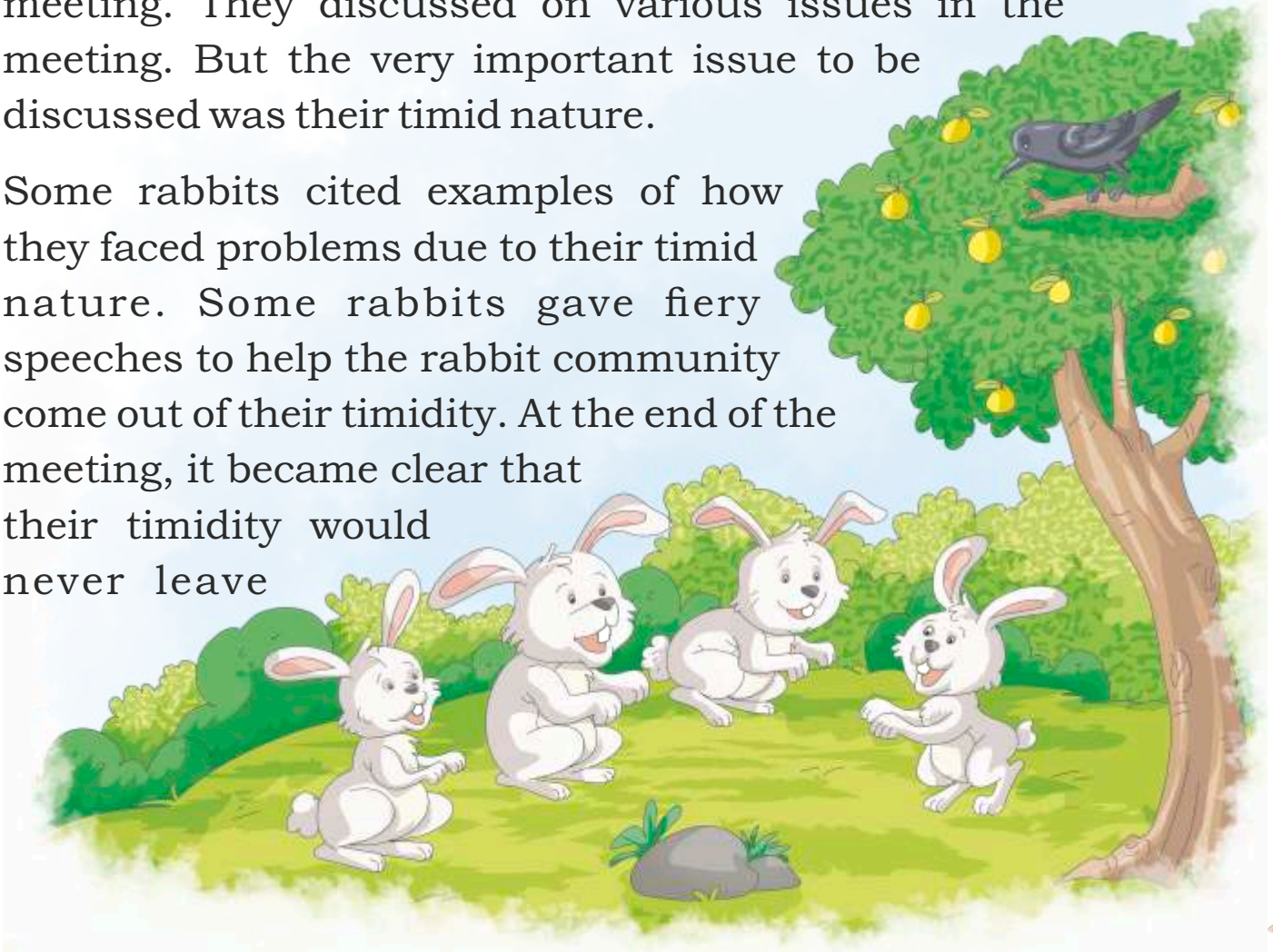
You should thank God for what he has given you. You should be confident of your qualities. Don't underestimate yourselves. There may be other people around you who may not have all that you have. So, keep up your self-esteem.

The Timid Rabbits

A long time ago, all the rabbits called a meeting.

Brown rabbits, white rabbits, grey rabbits, spotted rabbits, large and small, all came from near and far to participate in the meeting. They discussed on various issues in the meeting. But the very important issue to be discussed was their timid nature.

Some rabbits cited examples of how they faced problems due to their timid nature. Some rabbits gave fiery speeches to help the rabbit community come out of their timidity. At the end of the meeting, it became clear that their timidity would never leave



them and they almost lost hope to be brave in future.

All rabbits planned a collective step they should take to get rid of their misery arising out of their timid nature. Finally, an elderly rabbit suggested that they should all jump into the lake and put an end to their existence, thereby, putting an end to their misery also.

Accordingly, all rabbits moved towards the large lake that was nearby at the edge of the forest.

As the rabbits in such large numbers approached the lake, the frogs who were at the edge of the lake got scared and jumped into the lake, swimming to its deeper part.

Seeing this, the leader of the rabbits halted his fellow rabbits and said, “It is true, we are timid, but here are animals more timid than us. There is hope for us yet. Let us return to our homes.”

There was a loud applause and cheers from the entire rabbit community that stood at the edge of the lake. All rabbits returned home back.



Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. What did the rabbits discuss in the meeting?

2. What was the decision made in the meeting?

3. What did the elderly rabbit suggest?

4. Why did the rabbits decide to return home?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. The _____ called a meeting.

2. The rabbits almost lost hope to be _____ in future.

3. All the rabbits moved towards the _____.

4. The _____ at the edge got scared and jumped into the lake.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False':

1. Rabbits told the incidents about their bravery.

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2. Rabbits decided to jump into the lake and end their lives.

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3. The frogs chased the rabbits away from the lake.

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4. The rabbits jumped into the lake.

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D. Write some of the qualities that you possess.

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photo here.

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A. All of us are afraid of something or the other. Put a tick (✓) against the things you are afraid of.

1. Going in a dark room.

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2. Sleeping without your parents.

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3. Talking to your teachers.

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4. Crossing the road.

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5. Riding a bicycle.

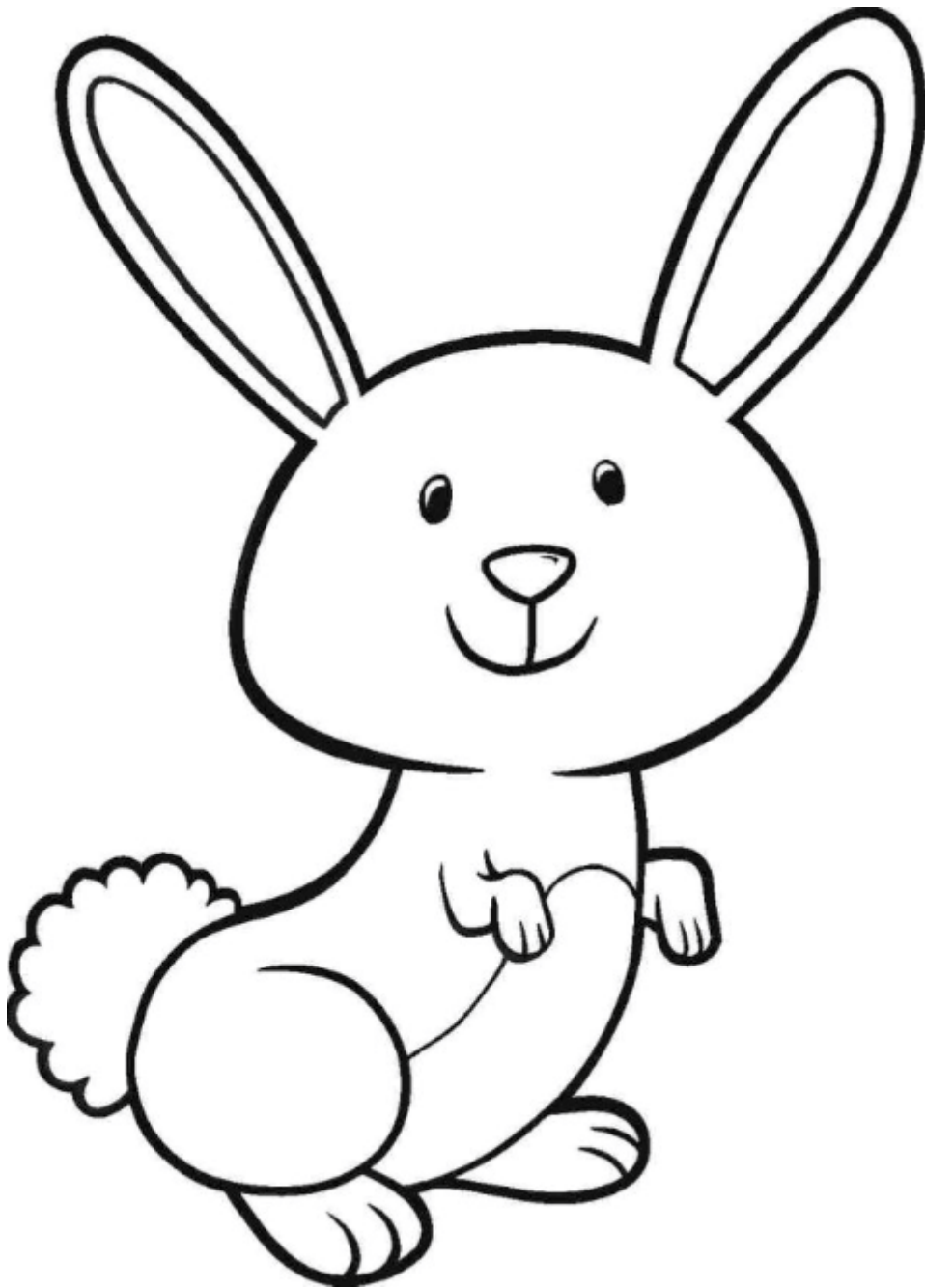
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6. Swimming.

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Do not worry. You are not timid. You will overcome all these fears when you grow-up.

B. Colour this timid rabbit.



Everybody has friends. Some have many friends and some have few friends. Some friends are good and some friends are not so good.

We must have good friends. They are those who help us to be good.

Good friends are helpful, kind and sincere.

Good friends will make us good and bad friends will make us bad. So, we must have good friends and avoid bad friends.

Let us try to understand what a true friend is.

Once upon a time, there was a lion. He lived in a forest. He was the king of that forest. As the time passed on, he became old.

A fox, a cheetah and a vulture remained close to the lion. The lion considered them as members of his Royal Court. The lion often sought their advice. They helped the lion find his meal. After eating the meal, the lion would let his friends eat the leftover food. The fox, the vulture and the cheetah were happy.



But, as days went by, they started to hate the lion. He was too bossy, they felt.

Secretly, the cheetah thought he himself would be a better king. The fox thought he was the most intelligent and could be the king. The vulture felt he was best suited to be the king of the forest because he could fly.

They thought of a plan to kill the lion.

One day, the fox said to the lion, “Your Majesty! Camel's meat is the tastiest.” The cheetah said, “There are camels in the nearby desert. The vulture can show you the way.”

The lion agreed and set out in the direction in which the vulture flew. The cheetah and the fox followed the lion. They reached a desert. The lion felt the heat of the desert. He was thirsty and there was no water.

The fox, the cheetah and the vulture saw that the lion was tired. They knew he would die in the heat. Their mouths watered, thinking of eating the lion.



Of course, secretly, each of them wanted to be king of the forest.

Then the vulture said, “I see a camel. Let me bring him to you, O Majesty!”

The lion said, “Quick, hurry and bring the camel.”

The vulture said to the camel, “The king of the forest requests you to become his Prime Minister.”

“I cannot come to the forest”, said the camel.

“Oh no ! The king has come to the desert. He does not take 'No' for an answer.”

The camel set out in the direction of the lion. The vulture whispered in the ear of the lion, “Your Majesty, I have told the camel that you want him to be your Prime Minister. So speak as if you want him to be the Prime Minister. When he becomes confident, he will come near you and you can eat him.”

The lion said to the camel, “I want you to be my Prime Minister. But before that, I want to eat my meal.”

The fox said, “You Majesty! There is no food available. Please, eat me.”

The cheetah said, “Your Majesty! I am your most loyal servant. Please, eat me.”

The vulture said, “No, Your Majesty! Please eat me.”

They said this only because they knew the camel would also offer himself to be the lion's meal. As expected, the camel timidly said, “Your Majesty, please eat me. Your friends were with you for long, you need them.”

The lion, by this time, understood that the cheetah was a cheat and so were the fox and the vulture.

He said, “I am going to kill the one who offered to be my meal first.”

Saying this the lion roared loudly. The fox who had offered himself first, ran for life.

The cheetah also ran away. The vulture was nowhere to be found. Only the camel remained with the lion.

It was easy for the lion now to know who was his true friend. He said to the camel, "You are truly a good friend."

A true friend does not cheat. He loves you as you are. He is loyal and honest. He keeps promises. He makes sacrifices.



Exercises

A. Answer these questions.

1. Whom did the lion consider as members of his Royal court?

2. Why did the fox think he could be the king?

3. Where did the vulture take the lion?

4. What did the vulture say to the camel?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. The _____ set out in the direction of the lion.
2. The vulture _____ in the ear of the lion.
3. The lion understood that his old friends wanted to _____ him.
4. The _____ was nowhere to be found.
5. Only the _____ remained with the lion.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False'.

1. A fox and a cheetah were true friends of the lion. ☐
2. The three friends started to hate the lion. ☐
3. The cheetah wanted to kill the fox and the vulture. ☐
4. The lion killed the camel. ☐

Everyone should be responsible for one's duties. We must do our work very sincerely. No matter what work we do, we must do it with full attention.

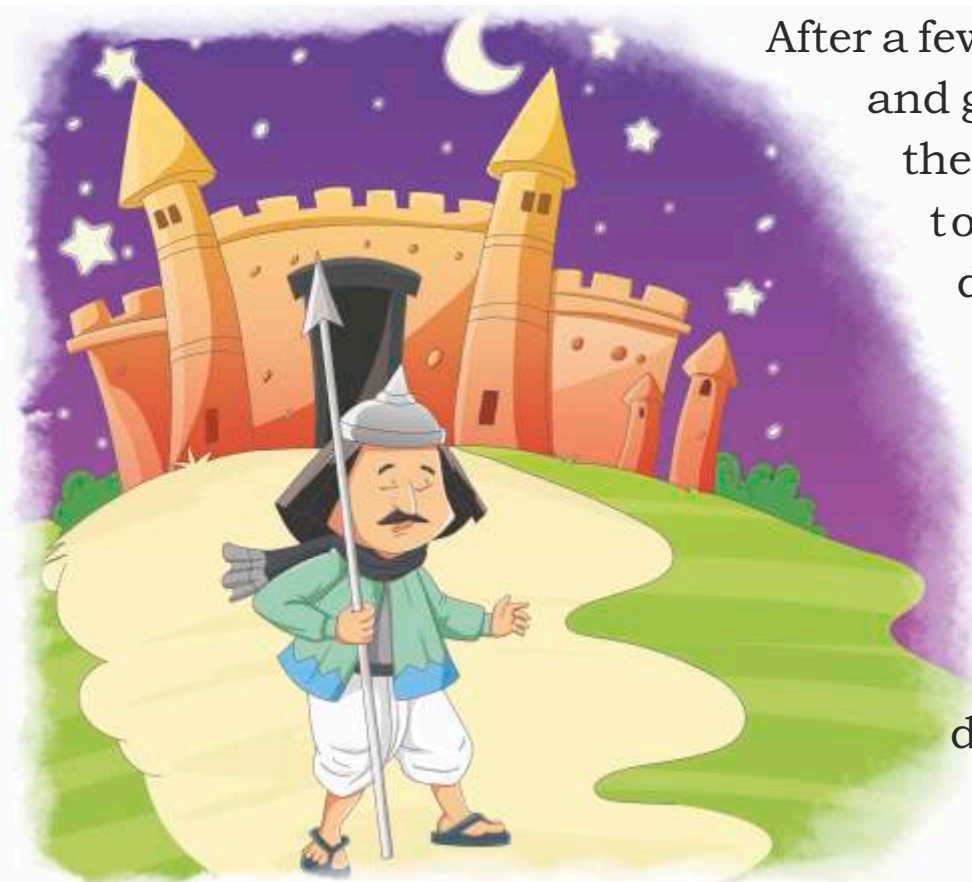
Let us understand the importance of duty.

Long ago, there lived a man Ramu whose dreams always came true. One night, he dreamt that his neighbour fell off from a horse and broke his leg. The very next day, his neighbour actually fell from a horse and broke his right leg. People in the village got scared of his dreams and threw him out of the village.

Ramu moved out of the village towards the city in search of a suitable job. He decided that he would never tell anyone about his dreams and thought it to be a curse.

After a few days, he reached the city and got employed as a guard in the king's palace. He never told anyone about his dreams and how they came true. He continued to work peacefully.

One day, the king had planned a journey to a far off kingdom to develop trade. On the day of the journey, the king



got ready and as he was about to mount his chariot, Ramu came running from inside the palace gate and fell on his feet.

The king was annoyed as he was getting late. Ramu said, “Your Majesty! I dreamt last night that an earthquake has occurred in the place where you are going. And, believe me my dreams always come true.”

The king was very upset, he said, “Take this guard away. How can I change my programme because of his silly dream?”

The king's Prime Minister requested the king not to lose his temper. He said, “Your Majesty! We need not believe this man but you can still postpone your programme.” The king gave it a thought and changed his programme for the next week.



Two days later, the news reached the king that actually an earthquake had hit the kingdom where he planned to go, just like Ramu predicted.

The king was happy and called Ramu in his court. He gave Ramu a hundred gold coins and other riches, and said, “I thank you for saving my life but I must remove you from your service.”

Surprised at the king's judgement, Ramu asked, “But what is my fault?”

The King said, “You were on guard duty at night, then how did you see a dream? It means you were sleeping and not doing your duty. You must consider your duty more important than anything else in the world. No matter what good you do to others, it should never be at the cost of your duty. That is why, I am removing you from your service.”

Exercises

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why did the villagers throw Ramu out of the village?

2. Where did Ramu get a job?

3. What did Ramu predict to the king?

4. Why did the king punish Ramu?

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. Ramu's neighbour fell from a _____ and broke his leg.

2. Ramu thought his dreams to be a _____.

3. The king gave Ramu a hundred _____ coins.

4. The king _____ Ramu from his service.

C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False':

1. Ramu had dreams that always came true.
2. Villagers took his help to predict their future.
3. Ramu got a job as a royal astrologer at the king's court.
4. The king was happy with Ramu's prediction and promoted him.