

Comprehension



▶ 1. The Adventure in the Attic

- ▶ Ravi and his cousin Mira were exploring their grandmother's attic during the summer holidays. The attic was filled with old books, boxes, and toys. While dusting a shelf, Mira found a wooden box with a tiny keyhole. Curious, Ravi looked around and discovered a key hanging behind a picture frame. The key fit perfectly, and the box creaked open. Inside were black-and-white photographs and a letter from their great-grandfather. The letter described his travels across India during his youth. The children were fascinated and decided to write about it in their holiday journal.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ Who were exploring the attic?
- ▶ What did they find behind the picture frame?
- ▶ What was inside the wooden box?
- ▶ How did the children feel after reading the letter?
- ▶ What did they decide to do next?

▶ 2. A Rainy Day Surprise

- ▶ It was a rainy Saturday afternoon. Aarav had planned to play cricket with his friends, but the rain spoiled their plans. He sat by the window, bored and disappointed. Suddenly, he noticed a bird trying to shelter itself under a small bush. Feeling concerned, Aarav took a small cardboard box, lined it with cloth, and gently placed it outside for the bird. The bird quickly hopped into the box, safe and dry. Aarav watched it from the window, smiling. He realized that even rainy days could bring special moments.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What ruined Aarav's plans?
- ▶ What did he see from the window?
- ▶ What did he do for the bird?
- ▶ How did the bird react?
- ▶ What lesson did Aarav learn?

▶ 3. The Class Pet

- ▶ Class 5B had just received a new class pet - a rabbit named Snowy. She was white with soft fur and long ears. Each week, one student was chosen to take care of her. This week, it was Priya's turn. She cleaned Snowy's cage, fed her fresh carrots and lettuce, and even read her stories during reading time. Priya noticed that Snowy liked soft music and would hop happily when she heard it. Everyone in the class loved Snowy, and she became a part of their school family.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What kind of pet did the class get?
- ▶ Who took care of Snowy that week?
- ▶ What did Priya do for Snowy?
- ▶ What made Snowy happy?
- ▶ Why do you think Snowy was important to the class?

▶ 4. The Missing Lunchbox

- ▶ Samaira opened her school bag and realized her lunchbox was missing. She searched her desk, under her chair, and even in her locker, but it was nowhere to be found. Feeling hungry and sad, she sat quietly in the corner. Just then, her friend Neel came running with the lunchbox in his hand. He had accidentally taken hers, thinking it was his. They both laughed and shared lunch together. Samaira was glad to have such a kind and honest friend.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What did Samaira lose?
- ▶ How did she feel when she couldn't find it?
- ▶ Who had taken the lunchbox?
- ▶ Why did Neel take it by mistake?
- ▶ How did the story end?

▶ 5. The Painting Contest

- ▶ The school was hosting an art contest for students from Grades 4 to 6. Meena loved painting and wanted to join. She decided to paint a picture of her village, showing fields, trees, and birds flying in the sky. She worked on it every evening after school. On the day of the contest, she was nervous but excited. When the results were announced, Meena won first prize! Her teacher praised her for her creativity and effort. Meena learned that hard work really does pay off.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What was the school event about?
- ▶ What did Meena paint?
- ▶ How did she prepare for the contest?
- ▶ What happened on the contest day?
- ▶ What message does this story give?

▶ 6. The Library Discovery

- ▶ One quiet afternoon, Anya went to the school library during lunch. She loved reading and was searching for a mystery book. While browsing the shelves, she found an old, dusty book that looked untouched for years. Curious, she opened it and found a note inside that read, “To the reader, solve the riddle and find the treasure.” At the end of the book was a riddle that led her to the school garden. Behind a large stone near the fountain, she found a small wooden box filled with colorful bookmarks. Anya was thrilled by the surprise and donated the bookmarks to the library for others to enjoy.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ Where did Anya go during lunch?
- ▶ What did she find inside the old book?
- ▶ Where did the riddle lead her?
- ▶ What was inside the box?
- ▶ What did Anya do with the bookmarks?

▶ 7. The Science Fair

- ▶ Rohan and his friends were preparing for the annual science fair. They decided to build a working volcano model. They used clay, paint, baking soda, and vinegar. It took them three days to complete the model. On the day of the fair, their volcano erupted with fizzy red lava, and the crowd clapped with excitement. The judges were impressed by their teamwork and creativity. Rohan and his team won second prize and felt proud of their hard work.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What event were Rohan and his friends preparing for?
- ▶ What did they decide to make?
- ▶ What materials did they use?
- ▶ How did the crowd react?
- ▶ What prize did they win?

▶ 8. The Picnic by the Lake

- ▶ Last Sunday, Anil's family went for a picnic by the lake. The sun was shining, and the weather was perfect. They brought sandwiches, juice, and fruits. After lunch, Anil and his sister played frisbee, while their parents went for a walk. Suddenly, they saw a family of ducks swimming nearby. Anil quietly watched them and took some pictures. It was a peaceful and happy day for everyone. They promised to return soon with their grandparents.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ Where did Anil's family go?
- ▶ What did they bring for the picnic?
- ▶ What did Anil and his sister do?
- ▶ What animals did they see?
- ▶ What did the family decide at the end?

▶ 9. The Time Capsule

- ▶ Ms. Reema asked her class to create a time capsule. Each student had to place an object that represented their life in 2025. Aarav placed his favorite toy car, Meera added a letter to her future self, and Rina put in a newspaper article. They buried the time capsule under a tree in the school garden. A sign was placed nearby with the words: “Do not open until 2035.” The students imagined what the world would be like ten years from now. It was a fun way to think about the future.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What is a time capsule?
- ▶ What did Aarav put in the time capsule?
- ▶ Where did they bury it?
- ▶ When can the capsule be opened?
- ▶ Why was the activity exciting for the students?

▶ 10. The Kind Stranger

- ▶ While walking home, Isha saw an old man struggling to carry his grocery bags. She quickly offered to help him. He smiled and thanked her warmly. As they walked, he told her stories about his childhood. When they reached his house, he invited her in for lemonade, but she politely declined. He gave her a shiny coin and said it was a lucky charm. Isha kept it safely and remembered how kindness could brighten someone's day.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What did Isha see on her way home?
- ▶ How did she help the old man?
- ▶ What did he give her?
- ▶ What did he say about the coin?
- ▶ What does this story teach us?

▶ 11. The Forgotten Birthday

- ▶ Nina woke up excited. It was her birthday! She expected balloons, hugs, and breakfast surprises. But her family seemed to have forgotten. No one said anything, and even her best friend didn't wish her at school. Nina felt sad all day. But when she came home, the lights were off. As she entered the living room, everyone shouted, "Surprise!" Her family had planned a surprise party all along. Nina couldn't stop smiling.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ Why was Nina excited in the morning?
- ▶ How did her family and friends behave at first?
- ▶ How did Nina feel during the day?
- ▶ What happened when she got home?
- ▶ Why was it a special day for Nina?

▶ 12. The Stray Puppy

- ▶ One evening, Ayaan found a tiny puppy near his apartment gate. It looked scared and hungry. He brought it some milk and a blanket. His parents agreed to keep it for the night. The next morning, they visited the vet and found the puppy had no owner. Ayaan named it Bruno and gave it a forever home. Bruno quickly became part of the family, wagging his tail happily whenever Ayaan returned from school.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ Where did Ayaan find the puppy?
- ▶ What did he do to help it?
- ▶ What did the vet say?
- ▶ What name did Ayaan give the puppy?
- ▶ How did Bruno feel in his new home?

▶ 13. The Space Dream

- ▶ Ever since she was little, Tara had dreamed of becoming an astronaut. She read every book about planets, rockets, and space missions. She even made a model of the solar system for her science project. One night, while stargazing with her father, she saw a shooting star. He told her to make a wish, and she wished to one day walk on the moon. Tara worked hard in school and never gave up on her dream. Her teacher encouraged her to join the science club. Tara knew it would take time, but she believed she could make it happen.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What was Tara's dream?
- ▶ What did she make for her science project?
- ▶ What did she see while stargazing?
- ▶ What did her teacher encourage her to do?
- ▶ What qualities does Tara show in this story?

▶ 14. The Broken Vase

- ▶ While playing indoors, Jatin accidentally knocked over a vase. It shattered into many pieces. Scared, he thought of hiding the broken pieces, but then he decided to tell the truth. He went to his mother and explained what had happened. She was upset but praised him for being honest. Together, they cleaned up the mess. Later, they went to the store and picked a new vase. Jatin learned that telling the truth is always better than hiding a mistake.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What did Jatin break?
- ▶ What did he consider doing at first?
- ▶ Who did he talk to about the accident?
- ▶ How did his mother react?
- ▶ What lesson did Jatin learn?

▶ 15. The Music Talent Show

- ▶ Riya loved singing but was too shy to perform in front of others. Her music teacher encouraged her to join the school talent show. At first, Riya refused, afraid of making mistakes. But with her teacher's support and her friends cheering her on, she finally agreed. She practiced daily, standing in front of a mirror and recording her voice. On the day of the show, she took a deep breath and sang beautifully. The audience clapped loudly, and Riya's eyes sparkled with joy. She had conquered her fear and found her voice.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ What was Riya afraid of?
- ▶ Who encouraged her to perform?
- ▶ How did Riya prepare for the show?
- ▶ What happened during her performance?
- ▶ What did Riya learn from the experience?