



FLORENCE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
CLASS- VIII
WORKSHEET NO: 11
ENGLISH GRAMMAR

NAME:

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Comprehension passage- Read the passage given below and answer the following question

A myth has been built around the pelican, one of the oldest surviving birds. It is a commonly held belief that the mother feeds her chicks on her own blood. So people have regarded the pelican as most affectionate and dutiful bird. The large bill of the bird makes it very easy to recognise it. It has a short tail, short legs, long wings and a large bag under its bill. Because of its webbed toes, the pelican finds walking on the land difficult. However, it is a delight to watch these birds in flight. The pelican has figured among the largest of birds. It has a wing span of upto 2.75 meters, and weighs between 4.5 and 11 kg. It lives in places with a moderate climate. It migrates to India, Africa and Iran in winter because its wings do not give sufficient protection against the cold. The brown pelican is the smallest of the pelicans. It dives its head long into water from quite a height to get at its prey. The other six species of pelicans have a white plumage. Pelicans are very sociable birds. They travel, rest, nest and even fish together. The young pelicans take wing when they are about two months old. The nests of pelicans are far from the source of any food. Therefore, the adults have to fly great distances to get food.

Below you can find a summary of the above passage. Fill in each blank with one word/phrase to complete it.

Pelican is one of the oldest (a)birds. It is believed that its young ones are fed by the mother's (b) Perhaps due to this, pelican is regarded as the (c)and dutiful bird. It has long (d)....., webbed feet and a very short tail. Pelican finds it difficult to walk on land because of its (e)..... It lives in places where the climate is (j)..... In all, there are (g)species of pelicans.

Find words from the above passage that mean the same as

(a) enough (b) friendly

POEM COMPREHENSION

INDIAN WEAVERS

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay?
Blue as the wing of a bluebird wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child.
Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
Why do you weave a garment so bright?
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,
We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.
Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
What do you weave in the moonlight chill?
White as a feather and white as a cloud,
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

-Sarojini Naidu

Q: Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

- (a) What do the weavers weave in the early morning?
(i) a bright blue cloth
(ii) a dull grey cloth
(iii) a soft white cloth
(iv) a red coloured veil

(b) The _____ is purple and green coloured.

- (i) dress of the weavers
- (ii) dress of a newborn child
- (iii) the queen's marriage veil
- (iv) the robe of a king

(c) Whom does the poet address in the poem?

- (i) weavers
- (ii) children
- (iii) queens
- (iv) all the above

(d) What do the weavers weave in the chilly moonlight?

- (i) a garment light as a feather
- (ii) a garment meant to cover a dead man
- (iii) a garment to keep away the chill
- (iv) a garment to wrap a newborn child in

(e) The three stages of life mentioned in the poem are _____

- (i) infancy, childhood and senility
- (ii) infancy, youth and death
- (iii) infancy, adolescence, middle age
- (iv) childhood, adulthood and senility

Study Material (Letter Writing)

A letter is a written message that can be handwritten or printed on paper. It is usually sent to the recipient via mail or post in an envelope, although this is not a requirement as such. Any such message that is transferred via post is a letter, a written conversation between two parties.

Let us have a look at the few types of letters.

- **Formal Letter:** These letters follow a certain pattern and formality. They are strictly kept professional in nature, and directly address the issues concerned. Any type of business letter or letter to authorities falls within this given category.
- **Informal Letter:** These are personal letters. They need not follow any set pattern or adhere to any formalities. They contain personal information or are a written conversation. Informal letters are generally written to friends, acquaintances, relatives etc.

Letter writing tips

i) Identify the type of letter

This obviously is the first step of the letter writing process. You must be able to identify the type of letter you are to be writing. This will be dictated by the person the letter is addressed to and the information that will be conveyed through the letter. Suppose you were writing to the principal of your college to ask for leave, this would be a formal letter. But say you were writing to your old college professor catching up after a long time. Then this would be a personal (informal) letter.

ii) Make sure you open and close the letter correctly

Opening a letter in the correct manner is of utmost importance. Formal letters open with a particular structure and greeting that is formal in nature. Informal letters can be addressed to the person's name or any informal greeting as the writer wishes.

Format-

Sender's address

43Z-Ashok Vihar

Mathura-2812005

Date

11 April, 2011

Address of the addressee

The Editor

The Times of India

(Receiver's designation
and

New Delhi

Address)

Subject:-

Salutation

Sir,

Subject Line to focus
attention

Body of the letter: 1. Introduction

2. Main Content

3. Conclusion

Body

Complimentary close

Thanking you,

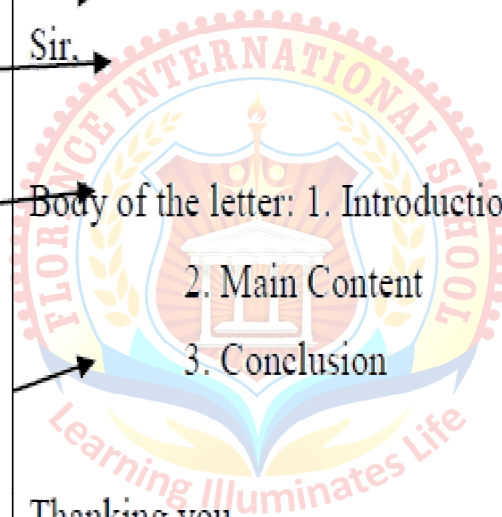
Yours sincerely/faithfully/truly,

Sender's Name

Raghav

Designation (if
applicable)

(Designation)



Solved Example

1. Write a letter to the Mayor of your city seeking a solution to the problem of waterlogging in your area. You are Raj / Rani of Dharma Colony, Ramgarh.

14 / 8,
Dharma Colony,
Ramgarh.

13th April, 2020.

To,
The Mayor,
Ramgarh.

Subject: Complaint regarding the problem of water logging in Dharma Colony

Sir / Madam,

I am Raj, a resident of Dharma Colony, would like to draw your attention towards the residents of the area who are facing a lot of problems due to water logging.

Every year in the monsoon season, the area gets filled with water as the drainage system gets choked. We have requested the area committee many times, but the situation is still the same. The residents' lives have become miserable as many water-borne diseases have spread. All the houses are submerged, and we are facing a tough time.

I therefore request you to kindly consider the issue as seriously and find a solution at the earliest.

Yours Sincerely,

Raj.

Assignment : You are Rudra/Ruhi , resident of sector 74 Noida. Write a letter to the Noida Authority on the topic "Bad roads in your locality."