

## WORKSHEET ON COMPREHENSION

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time, two geese and a tortoise were good friends. Due to drought in the region, all the rivers, lakes and ponds went dry. There was not a drop of water to drink for the birds and animals. They began to die of thirst.

The three friends decided to go to a faraway lake, full of water, to settle down there forever. But there was a problem in shifting to such a far place. While it was easy for the geese to fly, it was difficult for the tortoise to cover that distance on foot.

So the tortoise put up a bright idea. He said, "Why not bring a strong stick? I will hold the stick in the middle with my teeth and you two hold both the ends of the stick in your beaks. In this manner, I can also travel with you."

Hearing the suggestion of the tortoise, the geese warned him, "It's a very good idea. We will do as you say. But you will have to be very careful. The problem with you is that you are very talkative. And if you open your mouth to say something, while we are flying, it will definitely prove to be detrimental to you. So, don't talk while you are hanging by the stick, otherwise you will lose your hold and go crashing down on the ground and die."

The tortoise understood the logic and promised not to open his mouth during the entire journey. They flew over hills, valleys, villages, forests and finally came over a town. While they were flying over the town, people came out of their houses to see this strange sight. The children began shouting and clapping. The foolish tortoise forgot that he was hanging. He became so curious that he opened his mouth to ask his friends-"Friends, what is this all about?" But as soon as he opened his mouth to utter these words, he loosened his hold on the stick and fell down on the ground and died immediately.

Q1. Fill in the blanks.

- i. The three friends decided to go to a \_\_\_\_\_ lake.
- ii. The birds and animals began to die of \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. People came out of their house to see the \_\_\_\_\_ sight.
- iv. The tortoise understood the \_\_\_\_\_ and promised not to open his mouth

Q2. Write T for True and F for False.

- i. The tortoise was very calm and quiet in nature. - \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. The geese could crawl to the faraway lake. - \_\_\_\_\_

- iii. The friends were flying over the town. - \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. The tortoise died in the end. - \_\_\_\_\_

Q3. Answer the following questions.

- i. What plan did the tortoise suggest?
- ii. What was the reason behind the excitement of the people?
- iii. If you were in the position of a tortoise, what would have been your role in all this?
- iv. For how many days did the friends plan to stay near the lake?

Q4. Find the antonyms of the following words from the given passage.

- i. Bad-
- ii. Wet-
- iii. Careless-
- iv. Close-