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CHAPTER

## Controlled Composition

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1. **Read the sentences given below carefully. Then write the same things about yourself. If you haven't learnt singing or swimming write...“I haven't learnt singing/swimming.....”**

Rohit is a boy of eleven. He comes of a rich family. People say he is smart and intelligent. It is said he started walking when he was ten months old. He started speaking when he was one year and four months. He went to school at the age of five. There he learnt to read and write. He started playing cricket at the age of nine. Now he is a good player. His friends say that he is the best player in their group.

Rohit can sing and swim. He learnt singing when he was seven. He could swim when he was nine.

*Begin:-*

I am a boy of fourteen. I come of a rich family. People say.....

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2. **Read the following. First understand the meaning. Then rewrite the paragraph using “Ramu” for “I”. Remember there will be changes in pronouns and verbs.**

I am a simple man. I am living in a village with my wife. I get up early. I go to the village well to have a bath/I do not use a tooth-brush to clean my teeth. I use a twig from a neem tree instead. After my bath I have breakfast.

After breakfast I go to my field. I go with my bullocks and my wooden plough. After ploughing the field the whole day I go back home with my bullocks.

I do not buy food for my family. I grow it in my field/I also grow some vegetables like potatoes, onions, carrots and radish, I do not buy clothes with money. I give some of my wheat and rice to the shopkeeper, and he gives me cloth in exchange.

*The first sentence of your companion will be-*

Ramu is a simple man

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3. **This is the description of an incident in a village hospital. Imagine that this happened a few days ago. Rewrite the whole passage in the past tense.**

Generally the hospital is closed by nine in the evening. But it is a great comfort for Pan Singh to find Doctor Sahib in his room. The doctor listens to the story of Pan Singh's bad luck. He is a kind-hearted man. He immediately gets up, lights a lamp and looks at Pan Singh's wound. He feels that Pan Singh's wound must be dressed properly. He asks the hospital peon to call the compounder. The compounder lives quite near the hospital. Meanwhile the doctor gives some medicine to Pan Singh so that he falls asleep and doesn't feel the pain.

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4. **Here is a description of what is happening now in Dr. Misra's house. Read it carefully. Imagine that all this happened last week. Rewrite the Paragraph by making necessary changes.**

The car stops in front of Dr. Misra's house. Vinay gets out of the car and rings the door bell. The door is opened by a maid servant. "Is Dr. Misra at home?" asks Vinay, "I must see him immediately. Tell him Dr. Murthy has sent me." The maid servant shows him into the sitting room and goes into the house.

Dr. Misra appears soon after. Vinay gets up from his chair and say, "I am Vinay, Dr. Murthy's son. My father is ill. He has sent me to fetch you."

Dr. Misra gets ready in no time and hurries out. Vinay opens the door of the car. Dr. Misra gets into the car. Vinay sits beside him; he is nervous. He is still. Both of them sit quiet.

5. **Complete the incomplete sentences in the Paragraph below using *there is, there are, is there, are there* in the blanks.**

..... any trains at the station? yes..... three trains right now. On platforms number one.....a passenger train. It is going to Kanpur. .... not many people in this train. People do not like to travel by passenger train.....a goods train on platform number five. It is quite a big train.....no passengers in this train. Almost all the wagons are locked.

On platform number 7.....a mail train. It is a very fast train. It is going to Mumbai.....four first-class compartments in the train..... A ladies' compartment also? Yes.....two. Both the compartments are fully packed..... a sleeper coach in this train? Yes, a big one..... more than seventy berths in it.

I am thirsty. I want to have some tea.....any tea stalls on platform number seven? I am sure.....one. Let us see.....five tea stalls on this platform.....many things to eat in one of them. The others sell only tea and biscuits. Let us go to the first one, because.....many eatables in that stall.

6. **Read the following. Then describe a girl who is just the opposite of Rashmi. Select any name.**

Rashmi is a very clever girl. She is smart and active too. She takes interest in whatever she does. She likes cooking. She likes sewing, she likes reading good books. She loves her school. She does not waste her free time in school, playing or gossiping.

Even at home she likes to stay with her mother and do things for her. She is very quick at work, and her mother always wants her help in the kitchen. She looks after her younger brother and sister.

*Some of the following words might help you-*  
dislike, dull, slow inactive.

7. **Complete the incomplete sentences in the Paragraph by using either "much", or "many", or "a lot of" or "some" in the blanks.**

[**Note:** We usually use "a lot of" in positive sentences and "much", "many" in negative and interrogative sentences.]

How.....money has Rekha got? Ten rupees. How.....mangoes can she buy? She can buy about fourteen. But Rahul hasn't got.....money. He can't buy.....mangoes. He can buy.....bananas. Are there.....bananas in the shop? Yes, there are.....  
Gopal has.....money. He is rich. He will go to the big shop in the corner and buy.....things. Are there.....people in that shop? Not....., but there are.....women.....are buying ice-cream.....are buying toffees.....women are drinking coca-cola.

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8. **For each of the sentence in box A find matching sentences from box B, C, D and E and put them together to make a paragraph. You will get five different paragraphs by doing this for example, if you start with sentence in box A you will get the children did not come back home till sunset . Their parents are worrying about them. The father went to look for them etc.**

**A      B      C      D      E**

1. The children did not come back home till sunset.
  2. A number of people were standing by the side of the road.
  3. Why didn't Maya go to school yesterday?
  4. It is raining.
  5. Riding on an elephant is a pleasure.
    - (i) While she was getting ready for school she heard a knock at the door.
    - (ii) People are running because they do not want to get wet.
    - (iii) Their parents started worrying about them.
    - (iv) While the animal walks , it moves from side to side.
    - (v) A man was lying there with blood on and around him.
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1. They are running across the road without looking around.
  2. What has happened?' asked a policeman who came there?
  3. When she opened it she saw her uncle smiling at her?
  4. Usually there is a seat on its back .
  5. Their father went out to look for them.
    - (i) They are not using the zebra crossing.
    - (ii) There has been an accident on the road was the answer from the crowd.
    - (iii) Four or five people can sit on it.
    - (iv) He had just arrived from Mumbai.
    - (v) In the mean time the children came back.
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1. She then decided not to go to school.
  2. They said they had been watching a puppet show in the park.
  3. This may cause accidents.
  4. The mahout sits on the elephant's neck.
  5. Move away please. Let me have a look said the policeman.