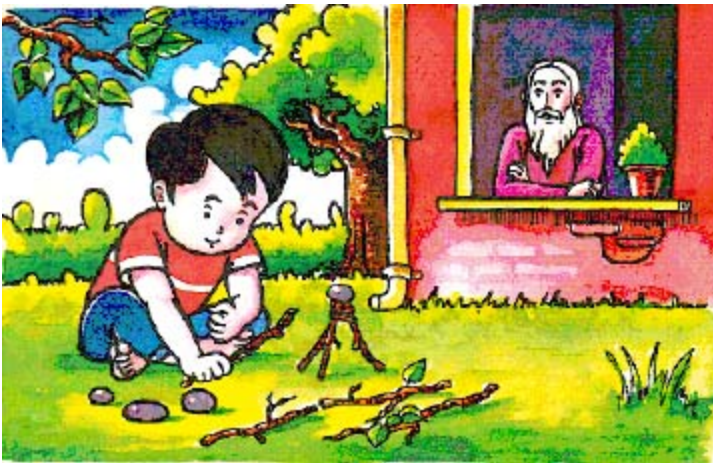


Lesson 5

PLAY THINGS



Child, how happy you are sitting in the dust,

Playing with a broken twig all the morning.

I smile at your play with that little bit of a broken twig.

I am busy with my accounts, adding up figures by the hour.

Perhaps you glance at me and think,

“What a stupid game to spoil your morning with!”

Child, I have forgotten the art of being

Absorbed in sticks and mud-pies.

I seek out costly playthings,

And gather lumps of gold and silver.

With whatever you find you create your glad games,

I spend both my time and my strength

Over things I never can obtain.

In my frail canoe I struggle to cross

The sea of desire,

And forget that I too am playing a game.

Rabindranath Tagore

New Words

Word	Meaning
• twig -	टहनी
• accounts -	लेखा जोखा
• glance -	नजर डालना
• absorbed	तल्लीन हो गया
• lumps	-ढेला
• strength	-बल,शक्ति
• frail	-कमजोर

- desire -इच्छा
- canoe -लम्बी ,हल्की नाव

Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions:

- Where was the child sitting?
- What is the child playing with?
- Which activities was the poet busy in?
- What has the poet forgotten?
- What did the poet struggle to cross?
- What do you understand by the phrase 'the sea of desire'?

Word Power

1. Write two rhyming words for the words given below:

a.dust _____

b.hour _____

c.think _____

d.seek _____

**2. Hockey is a sport which is played with a stick and a ball.
Given below are some games, write what they are played with:**

Hockey a hockey stick and a ball

Cricket _____

Skating _____

Badminton _____

Football _____

Activity

Let's Discuss and Write

» Discuss among yourselves the game you like the most and write a paragraph about it.

» Make a list of famous sportspersons of your country and discuss why you admire them?