

10. Jagatu the Gardener



Once upon a time, there was a gardener called Jagatu. He was employed in the king's garden. It was a beautiful garden. Jagatu used to spend the whole day in the garden. He used to go home only at night.

One night, however, he had to remain in the garden. Suddenly he heard a loud noise. Jagatu hid himself behind a big tree in great

fear. He saw a large elephant descending from the sky. It was roaming about in the garden. After a while, Jagatu left his hiding-place, and sat down on the edge of a tank. As he sat there he said to himself, "In my whole life, I have never seen such an enormous elephant. But I remember about a heavenly elephant, called 'Airavata'. No doubt, this is that elephant." He got up and began to walk quietly after the elephant. It ate various fruits and roots that grew in the garden. Jagatu caught its long tail, when it was about to ascend to the sky again.

When they arrived in heaven Jagatu let go the elephant's tail. Airavata departed for Indra's palace and Jagatu began to roam about in the heaven. Everything was of such a huge size that the sight filled him with amazement. He got some betel-leaves (pan-patta) and some betel-nuts (supari). Both the betel-leaves and the betel-nuts were very big.

Next night, Airavata went down to the garden with Jagatu hanging on to its tail. As soon as they got there, Jagatu let go the tail, and hurried back home. His wife was looking for him. As soon as she saw him coming, she ran to meet him and cried, "Where have you been?" Jagatu, without saying a word, brought out the big betel-leaves and betel nuts. At the sight of them his wife was filled with joy. "Where did you get these?", she exclaimed.

Jagatu, then, told his wife all about his adventures. He also told her not to tell it to anyone. But she told the whole story to a friend of hers and soon everybody in the village knew about it. The villagers asked Jagatu to take them also to heaven.

That night, when the elephant was about to depart, Jagatu quickly got behind him and caught his tail. Then, they all held one another in a queue. On their way, a friend of Jagatu's wife asked her, "How big was the betel-nut that your husband brought home?" His wife repeated the question to Jagatu. Jagatu said that he would answer that later, but she insisted.



Jagatu lost patience and spreading his hands, said “This big”. As he spread his arms to show the size of the nut, he lost his grip on the elephant’s tail. And in a moment they all came tumbling down.

Word Meanings

employee	a person who is paid to work
descend	to come down
roaming	walking aimlessly-here and there
enormous	huge
amazement	surprise
insist	to make a determined demand
ascend	to go up
depart	to leave

Reading Comprehension

A. Answer the following questions:

1. What did Jagatu see in the garden one night?
2. Why did Jagatu hide behind the tree?
3. What was the name of the elephant?
4. What did the elephant do in the garden?
5. Where did Jagatu spend the whole day?
6. What did Jagatu bring from heaven?
7. What did Jagatu's wife ask him?
8. What did the villagers do?
9. Why did they tumble down?

B. Say if the following statements are right or wrong:

1. Jagatu was not amazed to see the elephant.
2. He had seen such an elephant earlier.
3. Jagatu's wife asked him to bring more betel-leaves.
4. The villagers were eager to go to heaven.
5. Airavat was a heavenly animal.

Vocabulary

A. Match the words in A with their opposites in B.

A	B
ascend	small
enormous	dropping
picking	unemployed
depart	descend
employed	arrive



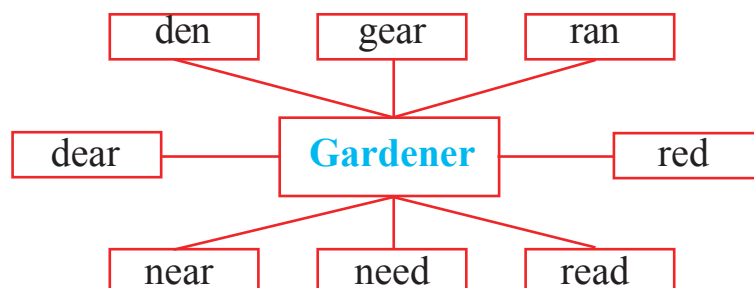
B. Choose the appropriate words from the box and fill in the blanks.

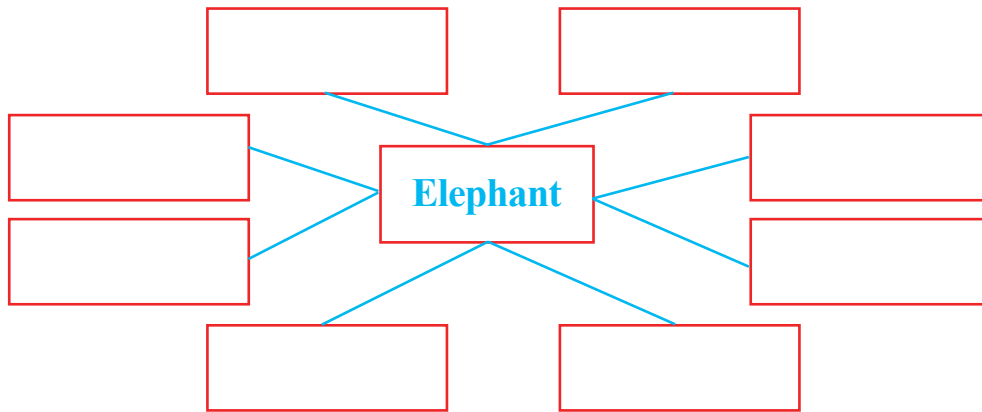
insist on, climb, enormous, employee

1. The new ----- in our office works sincerely.
2. The African elephants are the most ----- elephants in the world.
3. Why do you ----- me to complete this exercise today?
4. ----- these steps and you will be on the top floor.

C. Make some meaningful words from 'Elephant' as has been done in the case of 'Gardener':

Example:





D. Pick out the words from the text and put them in the appropriate column below. Also add three more words in each column:

Words ending in ‘-er’	Words ending in ‘-r’
garden + er = gardener	manage + r = manager
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Grammar

A. Read the following sentence carefully:

As soon as she saw him coming, she ran to meet him.

Now frame similar sentences with the help of the table given below

As soon as	the teacher	entered		the	stood up	
		the class	,	children	wished her	
					said, ‘Good morning’	.
					became silent	
					opened their books	

B. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences:

1. As soon as the thief saw the police,



2. ----- it started to rain,
the players -----



3. ----- the girl saw her father,



4. ----- the sun rose,
the birds -----



5. ----- the coolies saw the train,



B. How often do you do the things given in the box? Put a ✓ in the appropriate column:

Things you do	always	sometimes	never
Speak loudly			
come late			
help others			
do your home work			
eat sweets			
come in time			
brush your teeth before sleeping			

Writing

Arrange the following dialogues in a proper sequence. Write them in your note-books. The first one is done for you.

- Crane : Why do you look sad ? [1]
- Children : Hey ! Look at the tortoise ! []
- Crane : We will take you along with us where there is water. []
- Crane : We will hold the two ends of a stick in our mouth. []
You also hold the same stick in the middle.
- Tortoise : How ? []
- Tortoise : That’s a fine idea. []
- Tortoise : There is no water in the pond. []
The tortoise opened its mouth to speak []
and fell down.

Activity

A. Listen to the sentences carefully and write the sentences number in the space provided in the picture:
See Appendix I Lesson - 10



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B. Reply to the following questions with ‘Yes, of course’, if you agree and ‘No, thanks’, if you disagree:

- a. Do you want to go for a picnic?
- b. Do you want to have tea with your old friend?
- c. Do you want to have some biscuits?
- d. Do you want to go to cinema with your friends?

Project

Make a list of things that you see flying in the sky.



	Day		Night		Both day and night	
	Living	Non-living	Living	Non-living	Living	Non-living
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						