

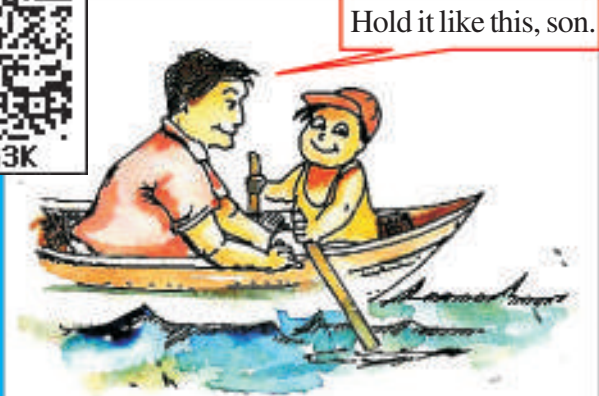
## 21. The Great Sculler

Who is a good sports person ? Discuss.

The great sculler and his son Bobby row down the river.

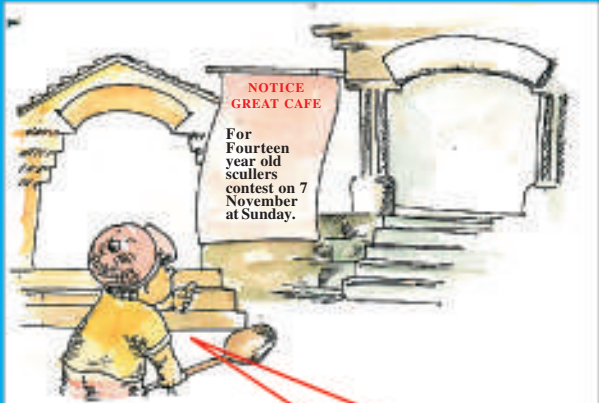


Bobby admires his father and wants to copy him.



Five year old Bobby was often seen sculling through.

Great sculling my boy!  
Good speed. Keep it up.



I want to take part but I am only six years old. I shall go and talk to the chairman.

I want to take part in the competition.

Sorry. That's not possible. The contest is for 14 year olds.



Sir, I can do it please sir...

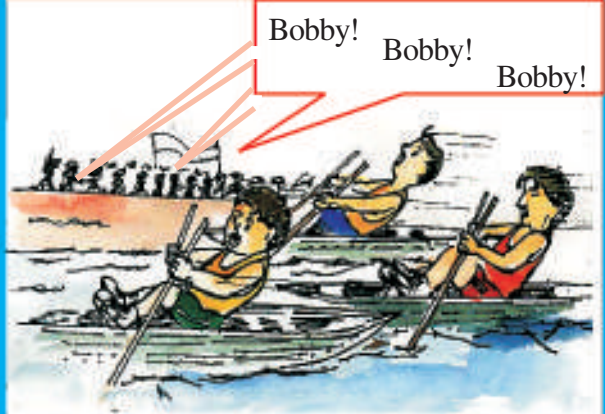
Ok. Ok. Go ahead and don't bother me.



### SCULLING CLUB



The great day arrives. Bobby is well prepared. He does very well and finally....



He is the Youngest one

Bobby Pearce has won the gold medal.

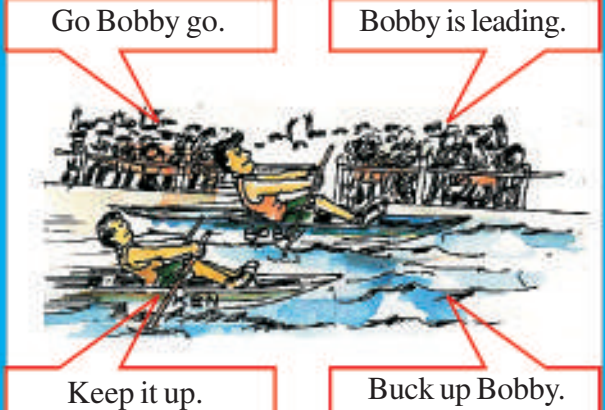
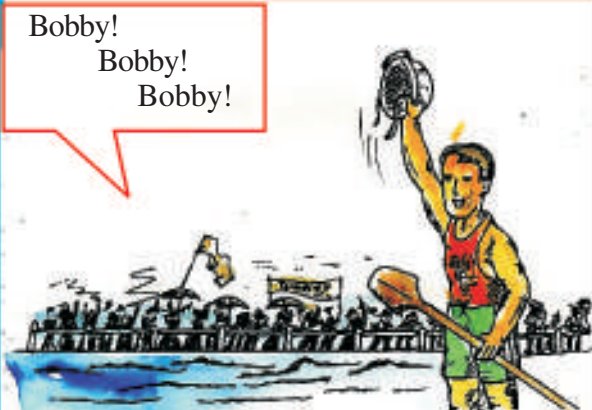


When Bobby was twenty.... Bobby races for the Olympic gold.



At twenty one, Bobby is ready to take part in the Olympics at Amsterdam.

Bobby is leading. Ken Meyers is just behind Bobby. The crowd is very excited



**But suddenly, Bobby hears a sound : quack-quack.....**

Oh! A brood of ducklings is coming in my course. I must not hurt them. I must slow down.

He is slowing down. What is wrong?

?????



**The crowd is mad.**

Go. Go.

Bobby, don't stop or you will lose.

Oh! No.



Ken Mayers will win. Bobby will lose the gold.

**Bobby waits for the ducks to cross Then.....**

Ken Mayers is here. He is just ahead me. I can pick up speed now because the ducks have crossed.

Bobby is great. He has saved the ducks.



**Now again he picks up speed.**

Bobby is very nice. He saved the ducks.

Wow! He is still leading.



Buck up Bobby.

**Finally.....**

He has done it.

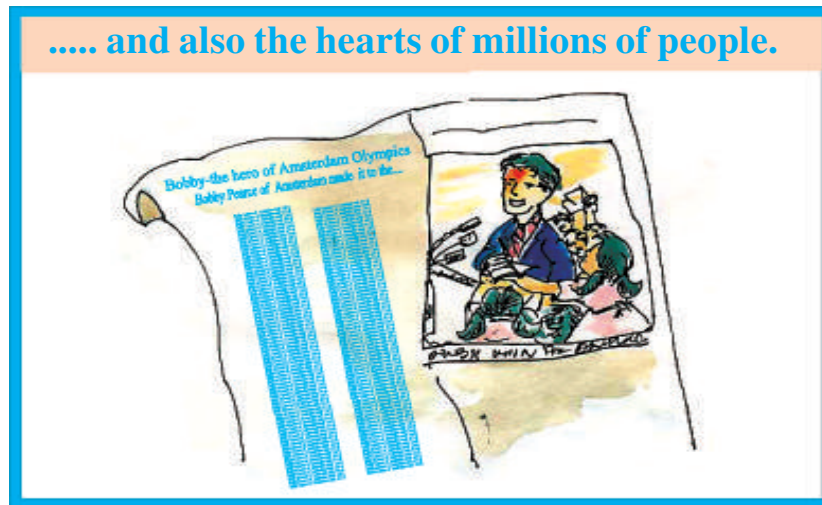
Hurrah!

Bobby!  
Bobby!  
Bobby!



**Bobby Pearce wins the race.....**





- Writers Group

### *Word Meanings*

prepare	to get ready for something
admire	to think highly of somebody
arrive	to reach
million	the number 10,00,000
championship	a competition to find the best from a competition
contest	competition
final	last, happening at the end

### *Reading Comprehension*

**A. Against each sentence given below, write 'T'(true), 'F'(false) or 'DK' (don't know). Write 'DK' if the lesson does not tell you whether it is true of false:**

1. Bobby Pearce's father was a sculler. (    )
2. Bobby started sculling at a young age. (    )
3. Bobby's father asked him to take part in the contest for fourteen year olds. (    )
4. When he was a 5 year old boy, Bobby competed with fourteen year olds. (    )
5. Bobby Pearce won only one Olympic medal. (    )
6. Bobby's father was a good sculler. (    )


**B. Answer the following questions.**

1. At the sculling club Bobby made a promise. Did he keep it?
2. Do you find anything uncommon in Bobby as a sports man? What is it?
3. Who was sculling just behind Bobby Pearce?
4. “Bobby Pearce won the race and also the hearts of millions of people.” Does every one who wins a race not win the hearts of people? Give your opinion.
5. From the words given below pick up the ones that people said when he did well.
  1. Oh no!      2. Buck up!      3. Well done!
  4. He has done it!    5. Hurrah!
6. Pick up words from the text that people said when Bobby was slowing down.

**Grammar**

**Work in pairs . Practice the dialogues with your friend and answer as given in the example:**

**Ask a question from the table :**

	ridden climbed been gone flown sat played put on made rowed Yes, I have. No, I haven't	a buffalo a coconut tree the Danteshwari temple to school an aeroplane in the Principal's chair in the rain your father's shoes <i>jalebis</i> a boat	?
<p><b>Answer</b></p>			

**Ask the question :**

When did you do it?

**Answer -** I did yesterday/previous day/last year/last month/week etc.

## Vocabulary

### Puzzle:

R	V	N	S	P	T	S
B	U	C	K	U	P	L
E	Z	D	R	A	A	O
P	I	C	K	U	P	W
L	Q	B	R	N	O	D
G	E	T	U	P	L	O
S	T	G	J	H	F	W
C	A	R	R	Y	O	N



From the puzzle given above find words which mean:

- (i) continue, do not stop
- (ii) make the speed less
- (iii) wake from sleep
- (iv) making the speed better
- (v) any other meaningful word you can find

## Writing

- A. Guess what mother duck said to her ducklings when she saw Bobby Pearce coming towards them. Write your guess in the speech bubble.



- B. The brood of ducks have come ashore safely. What could have the ducks been saying? Guess and write in the speech bubble.



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- C. Write the incident of Bobby Pearce and the ducks in your own words (Hint: Bobby takes part, leads, slows down, picks up speed, saves the ducks)

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## Activity

- A. You watch cricket matches on the television. They show you the score board. Listen to this cricket commentary and identify the person being talked about. Write the number of the description in the empty box beside the score card as you hear them.

See Appendix I lesson 21.

Score Card

	Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Description no.
1.	Manjeet	3.3	1	22	4	
2.	Sunil	4	0	28	3	
3.	Anwar	4	1	16	0	
4.	Amarjit	4	0	21	2	
5.	Joshi	4	1	25	4	

- B. Tell the class about the activities you did yesterday and what you would do today.

An example is given below.

**Example:** I ate *poha* yesterday at breakfast. Today, I will eat *samosas*.

- C. Present a skit based on the story of the great sculler. While presenting the skit remember to give due importance to:

- the emotion and mood of the place
- facial expressions, actions
- voice modulation, pauses, pronunciation

## Project

Make a list of well known players in :

(A) your school

(B) your state

