7. Jimmy Jet and His TV Set

Who in your class watches TV the most? Find out.

I'll tell you the story of Jimmy Jet

And you know what I tell you is true.

He loved to watch his TV set,

Almost as much as you.

He watched all day, he watched all night

Till he grew pale and lean.

From 'The Early Show' to 'The Late Late Show'

And all the shows between.

He watched till his eyes were frozen wide,

And his bottom grew into his chair

And his chin turned into a tuning dial,

And antennae grew out of his hair.

And his brains turned into TV tubes,

And his face to a TV screen,

And two knobs saying 'VERT' and 'HORIZ'

Grew where his ears had been.

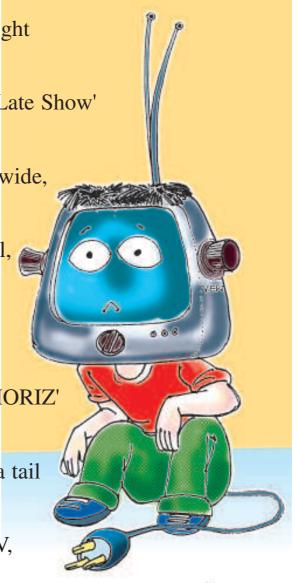
And he grew a plug that looked like a tail

So we plugged in little Jim.

And now instead of him watching TV,

We all sit around and watch him.





- Shel Silverstein

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Word Meanings

pale	(of Jimmy's face) having less than the usual amount of
	colour
lean	very thin
show	a television programme
frozen	still, not moving
bottom	the part of the body on which one sits
chin	the front part of the face below the mouth
tuning dial	the part of a television that changes the signals into
	sound/pictures
antennae	wires or rod, put up, often on top of a house to receive
	television broadcasts
tube(s)	the picture tube(s) (of a TV set)
	The poet has used plural forms of the words brain and
	tube]
knobs	round control buttons (for adjusting a TV set)

Reading Comprehension

A. Answer the following questions.

- 1. What did Jimmy Jet want to do?
- 2. Why did Jim grow pale and lean?
- 3. What does the poet want to say in these lines:
 - i. From 'The Early Show' to 'the Late Late Show.'
 - ii. He loved to watch his TV set as much as you.
 - iii. And now instead of him watching TV, we all sit around and watch him.
- 4. What looked like a tail?
- 5. What message does this poem convey?

B. Several funny things happened to Jim. Complete the table to mention the changes in him.

chin	
brains	
face	TV screen
ears	
bottom	
hair	

Vocabulary

(A) Complete the word web.







(B) Homonyms are words with same pronunciation but different spellings and meanings. Write the homonyms of the words given in the place provided.

Exampl	le: see - sea
hair -	
tail -	
pale -	
ice -	
to -	

(C) The words given below have more than one meaning. Consult the dictionary and write the meanings of the words and frame sentences in your notebooks.

show, watch, antennae

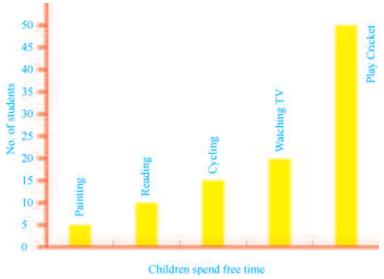
(D) A word grid is given below:

Find the rhyming words for the words given below. You can get the words both Horizantally and Vertically. Put a circle around the words:

1. lean		2. jet		3. hair			4. pale		
m	b	e	a	n	k	e	e	n	1
e	b	e	t	W	e	e	n	a	e
t	a	i	1	g	e	t	e	i	a
m	e	a	n	n	p	r	t	1	n
S	h	a	r	e	1	С	a	i	r
p	e	t	a	1	e	i	g	у	m
b	S	a	i	1	d	a	r	e	S
e	S	a	1	e	e	s	a	1	e
e	S	e	t	t	S	e	e	n	m
n	f	a	i	1	n	f	a	r	e

Writing

There is a class of 100 students. Given below is a bar diagram showing what the students do in their free time. Look at the bar diagram and fill in the blanks.



- 1. ----- students paint during their free time.
- 2. As many as ----- students play cricket in free time.
- 3. 10 students ----- in their free time.
- 4. In their free time ---- students do cycling.
- 5. Watching TV is a pastime for ----- students.

Activity

A. 1. Listen to the dialogue between Vishu and Vinni carefully. Encircle the TV channels that they watch.

See Appendix 1, Lesson 6.

Pogo, National Geographic, Cartoon Network, Doordarshan, Discovery, Zee TV, Aastha, Aaj Tak, Sanskar

2. Listen carefully and complete the table.

	Favourite channels	Reasons
Vinni		
Vishu		
Sheena		She doesn't understand
		anything.
		She likes dance.
Vinni's		
grandmother		
Vishu's		
parents		

B. (Pair work) Give resons why we:

1. Should watch TV, 2. Should not watch TV.

Project

Collect at least two funny poems from any magazine or news paper

