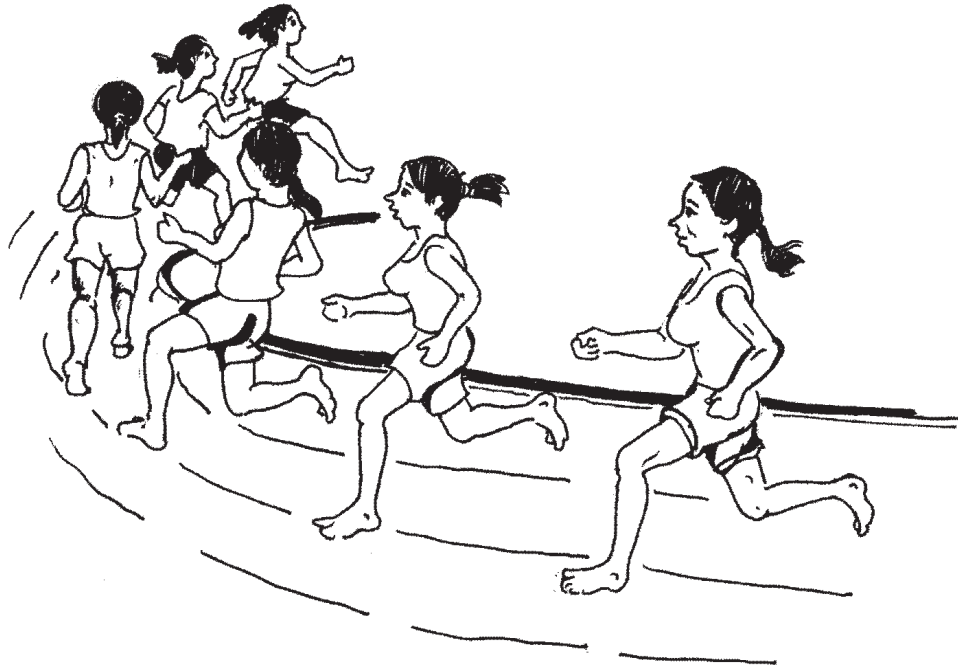


The Race

All the students of the Government Middle School have assembled on the playground. The Annual Sports Day is being celebrated in the school. The 200 metre race is about to start. There are six girls standing in a row at the starting line. All the girls except Mina are tall, strong and well-built. But Mina is thin and short. The other girls told her that she had no chance of winning.

'I can run', said Mina, 'and I will.'



The games teacher gives the signal and the race begins. Five girls are ahead but Mina is last.

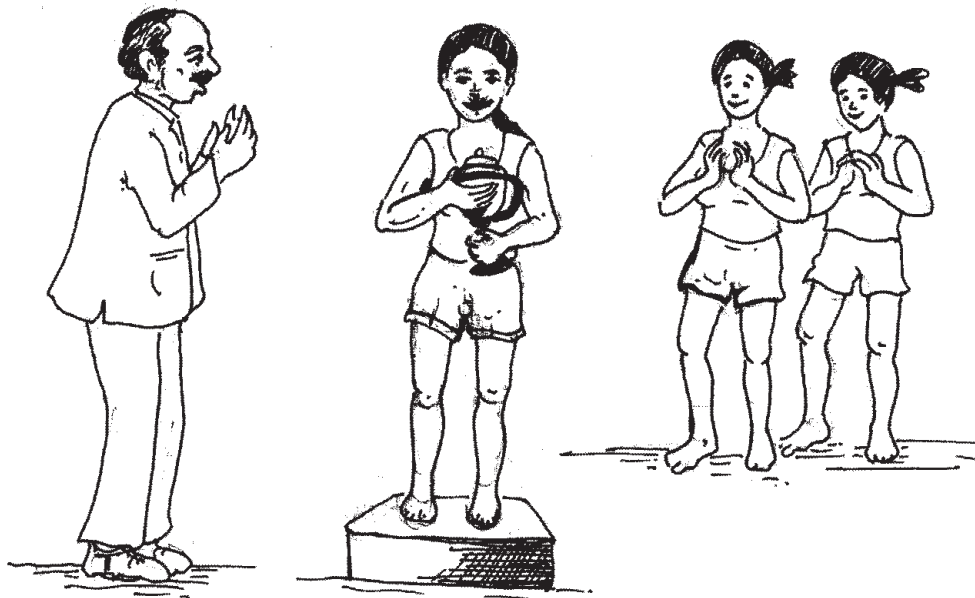
Shobha is trying to run very fast but she suddenly loses her balance and falls down. She is out of the race.

Now Rani is leading. She is very happy. She leaves behind all the other girls but in her joy she slows down. Meanwhile other girls try to take the lead. Now Rani is way behind.

Look! Lata is leading, she is running quite steadily. Her friends are clapping and cheering her. The ground is a bit slippery. Lata ignores this and is about to fall down. After a few moments she regains her strength and starts running again. Now she is well behind the others.

Until now Neerja was way behind but now she tries hard and takes the lead. She is curious about the other two runners. So she looks back and this gives others a chance to go ahead.

Mala now gets the chance to lead. She is strong and well-built. She is confident of winning the race. So she begins to run carelessly. Look at Mina. She was running slowly but steadily. Now she is trying hard and is moving fast. She puts in all her strength. There she is! Mina is the winner of the race. The whole crowd cheers her. What a pleasant surprise! the Head mistress congratulates her. Mina is very happy. Today she has proved that even a short and thin girl can do wonders. She is awarded the trophy. Congratulations Mina! See how self-confidence finally leads you to success!



1. Read and learn

1. Mala says, "I want to be a doctor."
Mala says that she wants to be a doctor.
2. Mina says, "I want to be an engineer."
Mina says that she wants to be an engineer.
3. Gautam says, "I want to be a lawyer."
Gautam says that he wants to be a lawyer.
4. Ravi says, "I want to be a teacher."
Ravi says that he wants to be a teacher.

2. Word power

Rearrange the letters to spell the names of games:

Indoor

hessc - chess

oldu - l _____

atble snnite - t _____

aracm - c _____

mintnadab - b _____

Outdoor

snnite - t _____

toolfalb - f _____

keycho - h _____

trickec - c _____

iddabka - k _____

3. Comprehension questions

- 1) **Read the story carefully. There are six girls in the race. Arrange their names in the sequence in which they appear in the story.**

[Mala, Rani, Neerja, Shobha, Meena, Lata]

2) Write whether the following statements are true or false:

1. Meena is tall, strong and well-built.
2. Rani loses her balance and falls down.
3. Neerja looks back and loses her lead.
4. Mala runs carelessly.
5. The whole crowd cheers Mala.

3) Answer these questions:

1. Why have the students of the Government Middle School assembled on the playground?
2. What event is about to begin?
3. How many girls are taking part in the race?
4. Why do girls feel that Mina would not win?
5. Who gives the signal to start the race?
6. How does Mina run all through the race?
7. What do you think helped Mina?

4. Grammar in use

1) Read the following sentences:

Mala says, "I want to be a doctor".

Mala says that she wants to be a doctor.

Now rewrite the following sentences as above.

1. Mina says, " I want to be an engineer."

2. Gautam says, " I want to be a lawyer."

3. Ravi says, " I want to be a teacher."

4. Arif says, " I want to be a pilot."

5. Radha says, " I want to be an inspector."

2) **At the end of the race a newspaper reporter asked Meena a number of questions. Using the information, write a paragraph in reported speech:**

- Meena
- " I get up early in the morning."
 - " I run 4 kilometers everyday."
 - " I have milk and parathas after the exercise."
 - " I go to school at 11.00 o'clock."
 - " I am there till 5.00 o'clock."

Example : 1. Meena says that she gets up early in the morning.

2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

5. Let's talk

Work with your partner and ask the following questions to know which game he/she plays.

1. Which game do you play?

2. Is it an indoor game or outdoor game?

3. Do you use a net in this game?

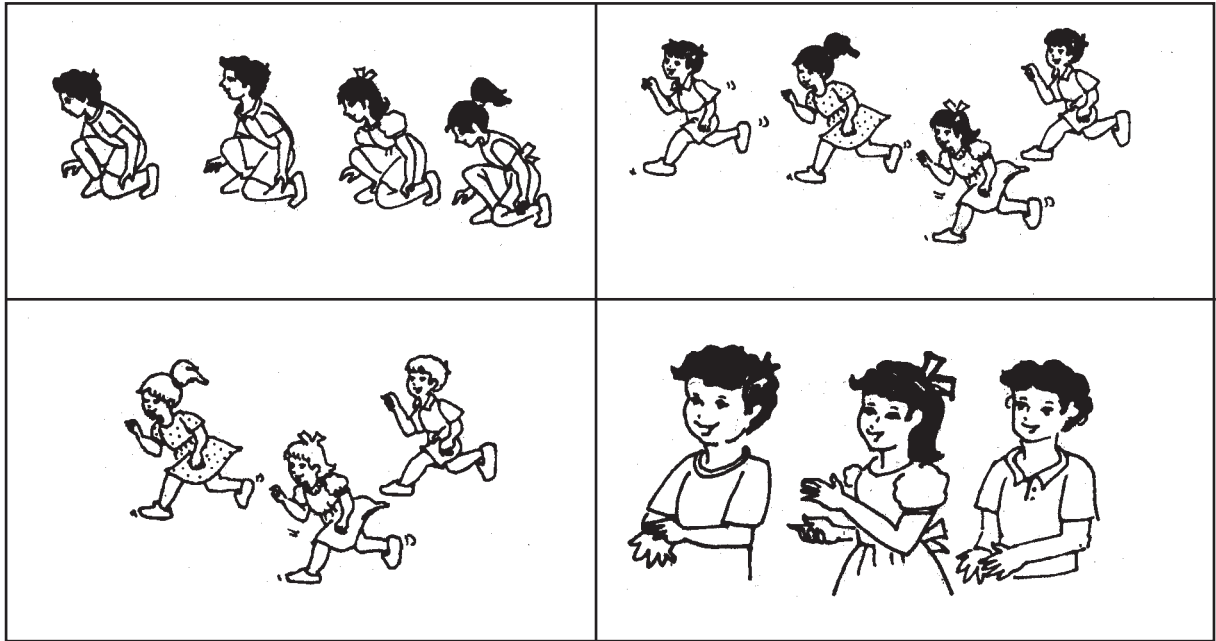
4. Do you use a bat in this game?

5. Do you use a stick in this game?

6. How many players take part in this game?

6. Let's write

Look at the pictures. Use the clues given under the pictures and write 4-5 short sentences:



Clues -

1. Mona trailing behind
2. clapping
3. about to start
4. Sona leading

Start like this -

1. The race is about to start.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

7. Let's do it

Class VI has decided to go on a picnic this Wednesday. Ram, Meena, Maya and Ravi are absent today. Send them a message including the following information:

- a) The place of the picnic
- b) The date and the day
- c) The fee amount
- d) The meeting point
- e) The eating and playing materials

[Hint : Ram,

We are going on a picnic.

Date / Day : _____

Place of picnic : _____

Meeting point : _____

Materials to bring : _____

Do come.

Bye.

Amit.]