

Lesson - 11

Lohri

1. Name the festivals you celebrate.
2. Which festival do you like the most?
3. How do you celebrate it?



Down in the South,
The days are fine,
When January comes around.
But up in the North,
And in the hills and so forth,
January's Lohri time.
We gather up all twigs and leaves,
And wood of any sort,
Soon we have a great big pile
And in just a little while,
The flame will leap up high,
Leap right into the sky.

Nuts and sweetmeats make the ornaments,
 Passing from hand to hand,
 I think everyone will agree with me
 We have lovely customs in our land.
 Don't we ?
 But
 Bonfires consume a lot of wood,
 For the environment
 This is not so good.
 The air gets polluted from all the smoke so
 It's a problem, folk?
 I don't want to give up Lohri
 Yet there must be a better way,
 To celebrate winter's passing.
 Now what do you have to say?
 "Let's burn our hatred instead of wood
 And send it up in flames for good."

EXERCISES

1. Listen and Repeat:

(A) mine pine mile land now wood
 shine fine pile band vow hood

(B) Listen to the teacher as she/he reads the poem and fill in the gaps:

_____ in the South, The days are _____.

When _____ comes _____. But up in the _____,

And in the _____ and _____.

January's _____ time.

(C) Listen to the poem carefully and write the words from the poem that rhyme with the words given below:

pine _____ blame _____ letter _____
file _____ cuts _____ turn _____

2. Comprehension:

A) Answer the following questions:

1. What is the poem about ?
2. How are the days in the South during January ?
3. Why do people collect twigs and leaves ?
4. What goes from hand to hand?
5. What, according to the poet, is not good for the environment ?
6. How can Lohri be celebrated in a better way ?

B) Read the lines of the poem given below and tick the correct option:

1. Down in the **North/South**.
2. Soon we have a great **small/big** pile.
3. The flame will leap **up/down** high.
4. Bonfires consume **a lot of/a little** wood.
5. Yet there must be a **good/better** way.

C) Write the missing lines:

1. Down in the South,
_____.
2. Bonfires consume a lot of wood.
_____.
3. Let's burn our hatred instead of wood.
_____.

3. Word Power:

A) Rearrange the jumbled letters to form meaningful words :

Example: semunoc = consume

sillh h_____ amfle f_____

wsigt t_____ sntu n_____

lpe p_____ yelolw y_____

dowo w_____ lkof f_____

B) Fill in the blank spaces using the correct word from those given in brackets:

1. Sohan always does the _____ thing first and leaves the _____ one. (difficult/easy)
2. Owls _____ in the day and _____ in the night.(sleep/wake up)
3. Chandra is _____ and smart whereas her friend Chandini is _____ and lazy. (wise/foolish)
4. It is very _____ in the park but it is _____ here. (noisy/quiet)
5. Silk is _____ but handmade cloth is _____. (smooth/rough)

C) 'g' is pronounced in two different ways as 'g' in gap and as 'j' in gem. Given below are some words. Classify them according to their sounds: give, gem, ginger, grow, get, geometry, grass, guest, giant, geography, judge.

| gem | gap |
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4. Grammar in Use:

A) Use the appropriate word from the words given below to complete the following sentences:

(into, across, up, between, among,)

- a) Letter Q comes _____ letters P and R of the English alphabet.
- b) Smoke goes _____ in the sky.
- c) Don't throw waste paper anywhere. Put it _____ a dustbin.
- d) The cat ran _____ the room quickly.
- e) She works _____ the poor.

B) Rewrite the following conversation in indirect form of narration as given in the example :

Example : Rani : Seema, where did you go last Sunday?

Rani asked Seema where she had gone last Sunday.

Bala : Vinita, where did you go yesterday?

Vinita: I went to the market yesterday.

Bala : What did you buy there?

Vinita: I bought some vegetables and fruits.

Bala : Will you come with me today?

Vinita: Yes, I will.



5. Let's Talk:

Discuss about festivals such as Diwali, Id, Christmas. Collect information about these festivals and complete the following chart. (Work in pairs).

| S. No. | Name of the festival | When it is celebrated | How it is celebrated | Why it is celebrated |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |

6. Let's Write:

Write a paragraph on Holi. Take clues from the conversation with your friends.

7. Let's Do It:

Collect pictures of some festivals celebrated in our country and paste them in your notebook.