

## Lesson - 5

### The Crowded Train



1. Have you ever travelled by train?
2. Have you ever bought a ticket yourself?
3. What happens if someone travels without a ticket?

Vinod finished his work at the office and bought a few things to take back to Indore. He had come on an official visit to Bhopal in the morning and planned to reach home by night. As he reached Bhopal railway station he noticed that the train was overcrowded and it would be impossible for him to travel by second class.

He had no time either to change his travel plans or to buy a new ticket. He noticed that there were some vacant seats in the A/C coaches\*.

He boarded the train and decided to travel in an A/C coach. He intended to pay the difference as soon as the T.T.E.\* arrived. He got into the coach and sat down on one of the two vacant seats.

The other passengers in the coach appeared to be rich businessmen. They were well-dressed. Just as the train was about to start, a poorly-dressed young man with a worn-out suitcase jumped in and sat down. He looked as if he had no job. The young man's coat was tight and short at the back.

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\*A/C coaches = air conditioned coaches; T.T.E. = Travelling Ticket Examiner.

He seemed to be a little out of place with all the rich people as co-passengers around him. Some of them started whispering while others felt uncomfortable due to his presence. Two of the passengers stopped reading newspapers and looked up and down at the young man and then started reading again.

Vinod was surprised to see such a man in an A/C coach. He recalled how crowded the train was. But he wondered if the young man would be able to pay the fare for the A/C class.

Vinod thought perhaps the young man expected that no one would come to check the tickets and he would be able to travel even without a ticket. But just after half an hour, the T.T.E. appeared. Vinod held out the ticket and the money to pay the difference.

The young man sat still. Had he no ticket at all? Vinod wondered why he was so calm. Is he not afraid of the law? Will he pay the penalty for travelling without a ticket? The T.T.E. moved towards him and he showed the ticket very calmly. He had a **valid** ticket for travelling in the A/C coach.

## 1. Read and Learn:

overcrowded	official visit	worn-out
poorly-dressed	well-dressed	vacant seat
valid ticket*.		

## 2. Comprehension:

### A) Tick the correct option :

- i) Where did Vinod go?
  - a] Bhopal
  - b] Indore
  - c] Gwalior
- ii) Why did Vinod decide to travel by A/C class?
  - a] He had a lot of money.
  - b] The train was overcrowded.

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\*Find the meanings from the glossary in the book.

- c] He was sick.
- iii) The other passengers in the coach.....
  - a] did not look to be rich
  - b] were poorly dressed
  - c] had valid tickets
- iv) The young man who got in just when the train moved.....
  - a] was well dressed
  - b] did not seem to have a job
  - c] was carrying a new suitcase
- v) Who did not have a valid ticket?
  - a] Vinod
  - b] All other passengers
  - c] The young man

**B) Read the following sentences and arrange them in the order in which they have occurred in the story:**

1. Vinod paid the difference.
2. The T. T. E. appeared.
3. Vinod wanted to go back to Indore.
4. All the passengers were surprised to see such a man in the A/C coach.
5. He noticed some seats were vacant in the A/C coach.
6. He was surprised to see an unusually large crowd on the platform.
7. As the train moved, a poorly-dressed young man with a worn-out suitcase jumped into the coach.

**3. Word Power:**

**A) Use these phrases in the following sentences:**

worn-out, well-dressed, poorly-dressed, highly priced, over-crowded, vacant seat, valid ticket.

1. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

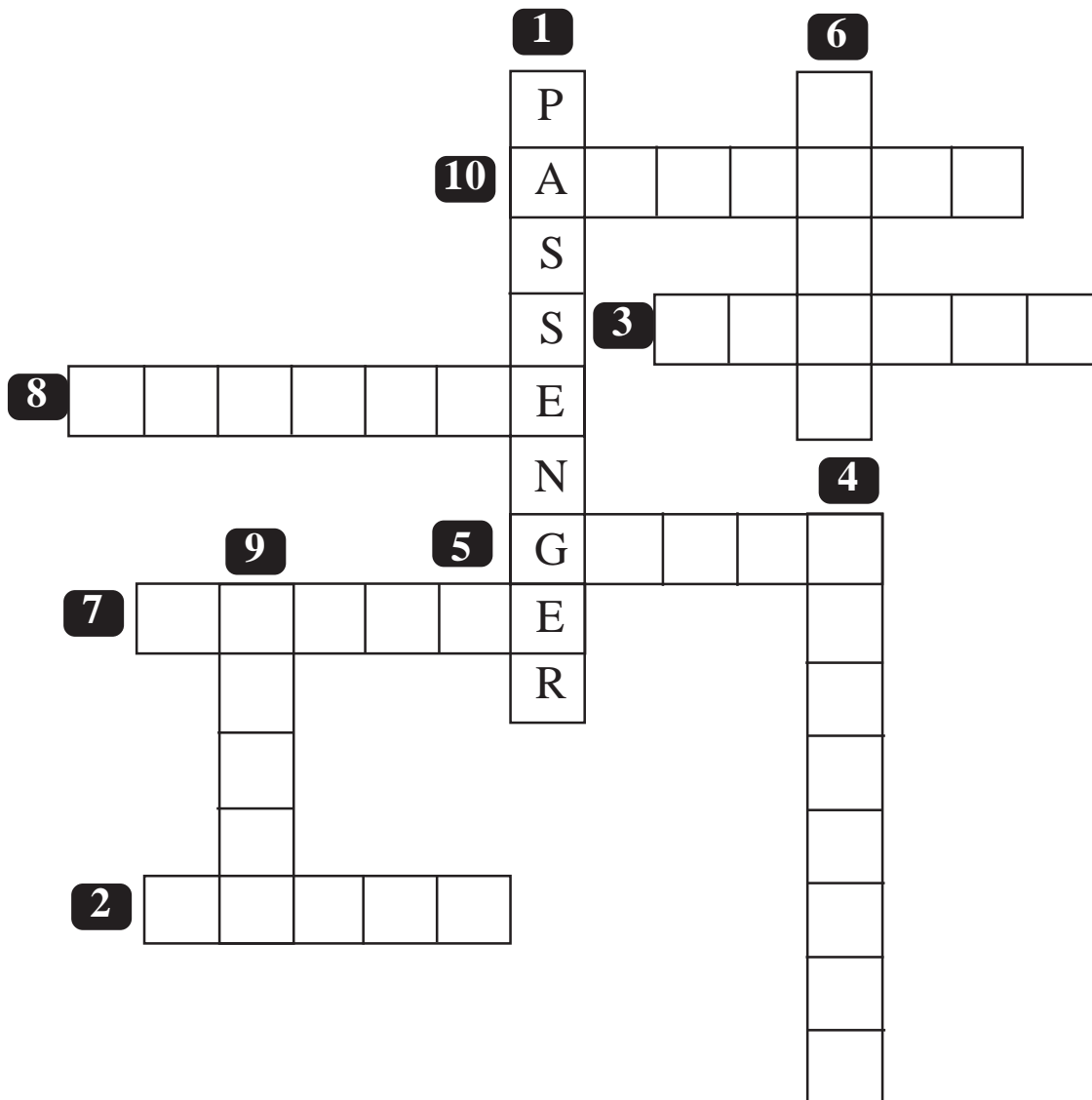
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ lady walked into the shop.
3. Meena bought a \_\_\_\_\_ dress.
4. My coat is really \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Rashid found that the train was \_\_\_\_\_.
6. It was very difficult to find a \_\_\_\_\_ in the over-crowded train.
7. We must have a \_\_\_\_\_ for travelling in a train.

**B) Encircle the odd word:**

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|-----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. coach  | compartment | carriage      | <b>box</b>  |
| 2. T.T.E. | air-hostess | bus conductor | passenger   |
| 3. driver | pilot       | guard         | taxi driver |
| 4. crowd  | pupil       | herd          | swarm       |
| 5. train  | bus         | house         | aeroplane   |

**C) Complete the following crossword puzzle using the clues given below:**

1. (down) - one who travels on a public or private conveyance
2. (across) - this runs on rails
3. (across) - a piece of paper that gives the right to admission in a train or a bus
4. (down) - a place near a railway track for passengers to get on and off the trains
5. (across) - a large number of people gathered together
6. (down) - a luxury bus used for longer journeys
7. (across) - a structure across a river, road, etc
8. (across) - suitcases or other bags for carrying a traveller's belongings
9. (down) - a natural flow of water from one place to another
10. (across) - a place where aeroplanes land and take off



**4. Grammar in Use:**

A) **Read this sentence carefully.**

1. He had no ticket at all.

**Now read the following sentence:**

2. Did he have no ticket at all? This is a question.  
(interrogative sentence).

Notice the change in the verb form. Now change the following statements into questions as is done in the example.

- a) The man **had** a bag.  
Did \_\_\_\_\_?
- b) The T.T.E. had a hat.  
Did \_\_\_\_\_?
- c) He **got** into the A/C coach.  
Did \_\_\_\_\_?
- d) Vinod **lived** in Indore.  
Did \_\_\_\_\_?
- e) Vinod **paid** the difference.  
Did \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- f) The passengers **started whispering**.  
Did \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**B) Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences.**

- a] Indore / in / lived / Vinod / . / Vinod lived in Indore.
- b] travelled / he / A/C / coach / in / . / an
- c] to / difference / the / pay / decided / he / . /
- d] young man / the / dressed / was / . / poorly /
- e] Vinod / the / in / kept / his / hand / money / ready / . /

**C) Use the prefix 're', 'un' to write the new words and write their meanings in the blank spaces.**

re	write -	rewrite	=	write again
	total -	_____	=	_____
	tell -	_____	=	_____
	dial -	_____	=	_____

un	happy -	unhappy	=	not happy
	official -	_____	=	_____
	comfortable -	_____	=	_____
	expected -	_____	=	_____

Use the suffix 'ful' to write the new words and write their meanings in blank spaces.

wonder	ful	wonderful	=	full of wonder
harm		_____	=	_____
hope		_____	=	_____
fear		_____	=	_____

**5. Let's Talk:**

Discuss with your friends and write as many combinations as you can from the following table. (Work in pairs/groups):

old	table	<i>Example :</i>
new	chair	old table
weak	man	old chair
strong	woman	old man
small	child	old woman
big	ball	old ball
torn	train	old ticket
crowded	ticket	
first class	building	
second class	school	

**6. Let's Write:**

**A) Using the following clues write a paragraph about a journey which you undertook:**

- When and where did you go?
- How did you plan and prepare for your journey?
- How many persons went with you?
- Do you remember any fellow passengers?
- What are your experiences of the journey?

**B) Write an application to the principal of your school to grant you four days' leave as you are going out of station.**

## 7. Let's Do It:

### A) Role Play (work in pairs) :

Read the following **telephonic conversation** in the class in groups of two. Repeat with at least four groups.

Dipika : Hello! Is this the fire station?

The officer : Yes, please. What's the problem?

Dipika : I am Dipika calling from Jail Road.

The officer : Yes, please. What has happened?

Dipika : My neighbour's house is on fire. Smoke is coming out of the windows. The people inside are crying for help.

The officer : Give us the exact address, please.

Dipika : Come to the Gandhi Eye Hospital. Go straight on, turn left and it's the third house on your right.

The officer : Alright, we are just coming. (to the staff) Come on boys. We must reach immediately.



### B) Get a railway reservation form from the Railway reservation window and fill it.