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Class : VII

WORKSHEET

English:

The Bear Story

I. Find the meaning for the following words:

1. Roamed :
2. Slain :
3. Solitary :
4. Menacing :
5. Amiable :

II. key points

- Bringing up of the bear by the lady and her cook.
- Amiable nature of the bear.
- Food habit of the bear.
- When was the bear tied up with a chain?
- The lady's visit to her sister's house on each Sundays.
- Incident of one Sunday.
- The lady's encounter with a bear in the forest who she considers as her pet.
- Scolding of the lady at the bear after returning from her sister's house.
- The cook's reaction at the lady.

III. Answer the following questions.

1. Where did the lady find the bear cub? How did she bring it up?
2. The bear grew up but "he was a most amiable bear". Give three examples to prove this.
3. What did the bear eat? There were two things he was not allowed to do. What were they?
4. When was the bear tied up with a chain? Why?
5. What happened one Sunday when the lady was going to her sister's house? What did the lady do? What was the bear's reaction?
6. Why was the bear looking sorry for himself in the evening? Why did the cook get angry with her mistress?

IV. Write a short paragraph on the following:

1. Most people keep dogs and cats as pets. Can you think of some unusual pets that people keep?
2. The second bear did not attack the lady because he was afraid of her. Do you agree?

CHANDNI

Read the text and fill in the blanks appropriately:

ONCE upon a time there lived an old man in _____. He was popularly known as _____. He lived all alone except for a few _____ which he always kept as pets. He gave his goats funny names such as _____, _____ or Gujri. He would take them out for grazing during the day and talk to them as one talks to one's own children; at night he would bring them back to his little hut and put a _____ round the neck of each goat.

Poor Abbu Khan was a little unlucky in the matter of his goats. Very often at night one of the goats would pull and pull at the string till it broke loose, and then would disappear in the _____ beyond. Goats in hilly regions hate being tied to trees or poles. They love their _____. Abbu Khan's goats were of the best _____. They too loved their freedom. So whenever they got the chance, they would run away only to get killed by an _____ who lived in the hills.

Whenever one of his goats disappeared, Abbu Khan was very _____. He did not understand why even the _____ and grains that he gave them, and all the love that he showered on them, would not stop these unfortunate goats from running straight into the _____. Are these goats mad, he wondered! Or was it their love for freedom! But freedom meant struggle, hardship, even death. Abbu Khan couldn't solve the mystery.

One day, when all his goats had left him, Abbu Khan said to himself, "No more goats in my house ever again. I may yet live for a few more years but I'll live without goats." However, the poor old man was terribly lonely. He simply couldn't do without his pets. Very soon he bought a _____. He thought, "A young goat will _____ with me much longer. She will soon begin to _____ me as well as the food I give her every day. She will never want to go to the hills." And he laughed with joy.

The new goat was very pretty. She was white as snow, and had two little horns on her little head, and a pair of gleaming red eyes. She had a friendly temperament, and would listen to Abbu Khan's tales with a lot of interest and affection. Abbu Khan called her _____, which means _____. He loved Chandni and would narrate to her stories of all his friends who were dead and gone. Several years passed; Chandni was still there. Abbu Khan believed that Chandni would never leave his compound for the free and fresh air of the hills beyond. Alas! he was mistaken again.

Paragraph

"Freedom is life" Write with reference to 'Chandini' and 'I want something in a cage'.