

Class VI - VIII

Birds: Source of immense beauty

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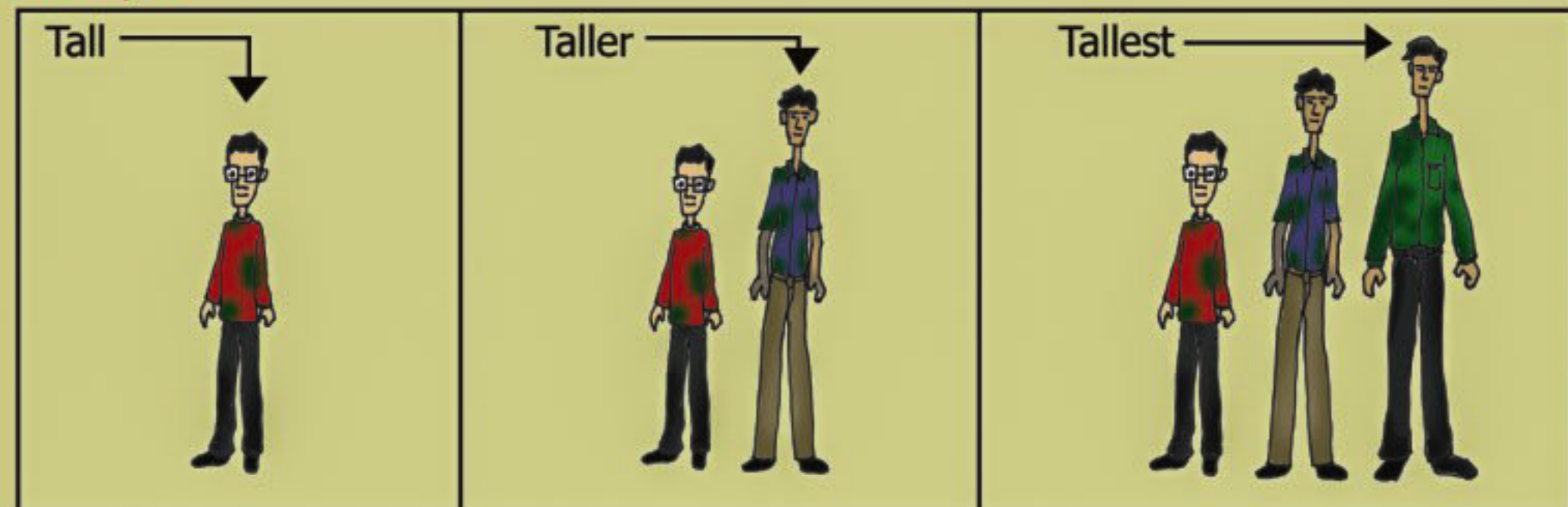
1. A Parrot (Mithu) has just flown into a balcony of a city building and sees another parrot Mina sitting in a cage. Below is a conversation between them. Focus on the adjectives which are in italics in green:



Mithu : What is the matter with you? You seem *unhappy!*  
Mina : Ha! You would be unhappy too if you spend all of your life in this jail. It's such a *lonely* place.  
Mithu : What do you mean? You talk to the people in this house all day and still you are *lonely*?  
Mina : I just imitate what they say. They think it's so *funny*, I get *bored* doing this. Take for instance, my keeper Joy, who comes to see me everyday after school, makes me repeat all that his teacher has said during the day. It is *irritating!* It's all right for you. You can fly around all day from house to house eating and bathing in the sun.  
Mithu : What do you mean? Do you really think there are *green* trees left in this city? Humans are cutting them down which means I don't have any place to live. I feel like a gypsy, traveling from place to place. I don't even get enough insects to eat. It is *horrible!*  
Mina : Yes, it must be *frustrating*. This cage is too *small* for me and I don't want to stay. Can you help me to escape?  
Mithu : Sorry, I can't help you there.  
Mina : Please! Please help!  
Mithu : Oh, okay, I'll try to open the door with my beak and when I do, you have to fly out quickly.  
Mina : Okay.  
Mithu : Okay, ready, one, two, three! Fly out, fly out!  
Mina : I'm trying! I'm trying! I can't! I can't! (Mina falls flat on her face in the cage). I have forgotten how to fly!  
Mithu : Come on, you have to try! Quick! Joy is coming! (As Mithu tries to help Mina, Joy comes near the cage and Mithu flies away leaving Mina behind).

- We use -er and -est with one-syllable adjectives for making the comparative and superlative.
- We use more and most with two or more than two syllable adjectives for making the comparative and superlative.

Example:



2. Now, write forms of adjectives in the blank boxes:

	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
1.		Greener	
2.		Smaller	
3.	Frustrating	More frustrating	
4.		Happier	
5.	Irritating		Most irritating

Answer Key of section 2:

1. Greener, 2. Smaller, 3. More frustrating, 4. Happier, 5. Most irritating

3. Fill in the blanks using adjectives:

harmful, amazing, beautiful, kind, good

Puthia in Rajshahi is an \_\_\_\_\_ place. This is the home of numerous birds. The villagers believe that these birds bring \_\_\_\_\_ luck for them. They kill \_\_\_\_\_ insects and attract lots of tourists. One can see lots of \_\_\_\_\_ birds like oriental magpie, turtle dove, parrots there. The villagers are very \_\_\_\_\_ and do not let anyone kill any bird in that area.

- Do you notice birds around you?
- Why are they important?
- How do birds keep the environment clean?
- How do birds save crops?
- How do birds give us pleasure?
- What will happen to this world if birds are not there?

4. Read about the smallest bird of the world:



The Bee Humming bird is the smallest bird in the world. It is also the smallest of all animals which have backbones. It lives in North and South America. It is only 5 cm long and slightly heavier than a paper clip. The female Bee Humming bird is bluish green. The male birds have bluish upper parts and grayish under parts. Humming birds can fly forward, backward, up, down and sideways because they can rotate their wings in a circle. Sugar is the main portion of their food which they get from the nectar of flowers.

5. Now read the following information about our national bird and write a descriptive paragraph. You may use exercise 4 (Bee Humming bird) as a model:



Name	● Oriental Magpie Robin
Found in	● Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka ● Urban areas and forests
Length and weight	● 19-23 cm ● 31-42 gm
Colour	● Black and white
Sound	● Clear whistles with pauses ● Imitates the call of other birds
Breeding time	● January to June
Food	● Insects, fruits and worms
Lifespan	● Over 15 years

6. Look at the following pictures of two birds. One is a sparrow and the other one is a crow - two common birds of Bangladesh. Use comparative forms of adjectives and make sentences comparing the two birds:

Number one is done for you.



1. Large: The crow is larger than the sparrow.
2. Small: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Dark: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Clean: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Loud: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Swift: \_\_\_\_\_

Learning Outcomes:

- Adjectives
- Degree of adjectives
- Descriptive paragraph

Information is collected from:

- A Photographic Guide to Birds of Bangladesh by Ronald R. Halder
- The internet

## A balanced diet is key to good health

A balanced diet of diverse and healthy food is key to good health. It must contain carbohydrate, protein, fat, vitamins, mineral salts and fibre in correct proportion. A balanced diet provides natural disease prevention, weight control and proper growth. It also enables us to meet our daily nutritional needs and enjoy a better quality of life.

Let us always have a balanced diet and stay healthy.

