

What a 6th Grader should Know about Grammar



EXERCISE 1

Add the missing Relative Pronouns in the following sentences:

- Blessed is he works hard.
- I know the manyou admire.
- He found the dogwas lost.
- The momentis lost is lost forever.
- Heis down need fear no fall.
- The dog.....barks seldom bites.
- Allglitters is not gold.
- I say..... I mean.
- Attend tohe says.
-can't be cured, must be endured.
- The boy...worked hard was praised by the teacher.
- The cow..... you saw belongs to Mr.Yadav.

EXERCISE 2

Join each of the following pairs of sentences by means of a Connective :

- Here is a book. The book contains pictures.
- The bicycle is a new one. Hari rode it.
- We got into a bus. It was full of people.
- He has a friend. He is a clever artist.
He is a well-known man. His generosity is the talk of the town.
- This is the cat. It killed the rat.
- Those grapes were very sweet. You brought them.
- We all despise a cowardly boy. He is one.
- Give me the ruler. The ruler is on the desk.
- Hari spoke to the soldier. The soldier's arm was in a sling.
- A man came running up. He heard me calling.
- He is a well-known man. His generosity is the talk of the town.
- Kalidas is famous. He wrote some fine dramas.

EXERCISE 3

Correct the error of Pronouns in the following sentences:

- Rita and myself went to Shimla.
- This is the boy which gave me a pen.
- Each policeman and each homeguard was at their post.
- Neither Ali nor his friends admitted his fault
- Ravi or Rahul must lend their hand.
- The jury has given his verdict.
- The Secretary and Treasurer did not do their duty.
- The Cabinet gave his votes.
- We all went with themselves.
- Mr.Jones and himself came last night.
- He told Harry and I to go out with he and his mother.

EXERCISE 4

Supply the appropriate Interrogative Pronouns :

- is your name?
- is your phone number?
-teaches you French?
-flower is it?
-wants a glass of water?
-of you understand this exercise?
-is coming to tea?
-makes coffee sweet?
-is that handsome boy?
- makes your shoes?

EXERCISE 5

Fill in the blanks with suitable Relative Pronoun.

- You should not imitate such a boy he.
- God helps thosehelp themselves.
- The chair was broken is now mended.
- I did not know the person was called.
- He is a man you can trust.
- Did you receive the letter I sent yesterday.
- For my purpose I need such a manhe is.
- He gave away he did not need.
- I have seen the bird you describe.
- She has gone to Chennai is her birth place.
- He does his best shall be praised.
- There is no one has not lost a pen.

EXERCISE 6

Use the correct form of the Interrogative Pronoun in the following:

- wishes to see you?
- am I speaking to?
- do you consider is right?
- do you mean ?
- Todid you give the key?
- of you has done this?
- do you prefer?
- came here yesterday?
- do you consider is right?
- of these bats will you take?
- are you doing?
- do men say that I am?

EXERCISE 7

Split each of the sentences into two:

- The boys gave a loud shout, which was heard across the river.
- It was a wretched hut in which she lived.
- The elephant that was sick died.
- Napoleon, whom the French honour, died at St. Helena.
- John, who is my cousin, is a diligent boy.
- I have found the book which I lost.
- The boy whom you see there made the top score in the last match.
- He is a poet whose works are widely known.
- Last year we visited Moti Masjid, which is a mosque of great architectural beauty.
- The meeting, which was held in the Town Hall was a great success.

EXERCISE 8

Put the following into possessives.

- The father of James.
- The clothes of boys.
- The club of the women
- The shop of Jones Brothers.
- The name of my sister- in- law.
- The park of St. James.
- The wedding of William and Mary.
- The hats of ladies.
- She's done the work of the whole day.
- In the time of a week or two.



Find the answers in next MONDAY issue

BB

When I was about 12 years old, my older brother, James, smuggled a BB gun into the house.

I'm not quite sure where he got it. This was in 1938, during the Great Depression.

He must have bartered for it with one of his friends.

Our parents had told us many times that we were not to bring home guns or knives, even if they were just toys. Having any form of weaponry in our home was strictly taboo.

James brought me to his room. He opened his closet door and took out a shoebox that was buried beneath a heap of clothes. The BB gun was inside. I was immediately enamored by the shiny (although plastic) wooden stock and the steely- blue hue of the barrel. He let me touch it and walk with it around the room. I fingered the trigger.

"Can I shoot it, Jamesie?" I asked, hopefully.

"No way," James said, taking it from me and putting it back in its covert location.

I forgot about it for a while, but one day, when no one was home, I went into James' closet and took it out.

For some inexplicable reason - I have no idea what I was thinking - I went to the front window of the second floor in our row house. I cracked the window open. I pointed the gun outside and shot. I quickly shut the window and peeked outside.

In a matter of seconds, old Mr.Schlosberg came out of his grocery store. He looked back at his store window. He looked up the street. He looked down the street. Then he looked straight across to our house. He could tell from the trajectory just where that shot had come from - he knew someone in our house was the culprit.

I ran back to James' room to return the gun and then sat downstairs, waiting nervously for someone to get home. Thankfully, Jamesie made it home before Mother or Father.

As he stepped through the door, I could hear old Mr. Schlosberg call his name.

"James, James," he called. "Come here, son."

I crept to look out the door and saw Mr. Schlosberg pointing feverishly at our house (up to the second floor window!) and then at his shop window.

James ran back across the street and into the living room. I had retreated into the kitchen.

"Alma!" he screamed. "Get out here! You cracked Mr. Schlosberg's window with my BB gun!"

"Oh, please, Jamesie," I begged. "Don't let him tell Mother. She will whip my bottom real good!"

Jamesie sighed. He wiped my tears and went back across the street to Mr. Schlosberg's.

I don't know what James said to that man, but there was never a mention of the incident again. I didn't know how I got out of it, but I got out of it, and that was all that mattered to me then. I was too self - absorbed to realize what a great brother I had.

Years later, I found out Jamesie had used the money he got from his newspaper route to pay for Mr. Schlosberg's cracked window. He only got one cent for every paper he delivered. He managed to pay back the debt just before he went off to fight in World War II.

Since that day, I have never touched a gun: a BB gun, a water gun, a real gun, or any other type.

1) Which is the best reason why the author tells the reader the story takes place during the Great Depression?

- to let the reader know how old the narrator is now
- to let the reader know why guns were taboo in the house
- to let the reader know that World War II had not occurred yet
- to let the reader know how economically strained things were

2) As used at the beginning of the story, which is the best antonym for enamored ?

- annoyed
- amused
- repulsed
- scared

3) If something is taboo it is

- illegal
- forbidden
- incomprehensible
- dangerous

4) As used in the beginning of the story, which is the best definition for covert ?

- dark
- secret
- worn
- unknown

5) How did the incident seem to affect Alma at the time?

- It made her cautious with guns.

II. It made her appreciate her brother.

III. It made her certain her brother would be a good soldier.

- A only
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III

6) A culprit is

- guilty
- nervous
- obedient
- dangerous

7) What is a trajectory ?

- a hole
- a crack
- a path
- a sound

8) What did Alma seem most worried about?

- getting caught by her brother
- getting spanked by her mother
- having to pay for the broken glass
- hiding the gun before her parents got Home

9)What kind of person does James appear to be?

- wealthy
- secretive
- responsible
- foolhardy

10) What kind of 12 - year - old girl does Alma appear to be?

- impulsive and self - involved
- feisty and indignant
- humble and loving
- reverent and respectful



ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED MARCH 30, 2015)

KEY : A
Mystery : 1D , 2A , 3C , 4D , 5C , 6D , 7A , 8D , 9D , 10A

KEY : Summary Work
Despite its economic boom, the conditions in Bombay are always chaotic. The existing buildings in Bombay are overly inhabited by the large population. With more immigrants flooding in, the emergence of slums is inevitable. The "houses" there, are actually shacks made from unwanted materials like tarpaulin and cardboard. These shacks flooded the streets, creating a maze, with spaces passable only if one walks sideways. The two stories, small huts, divided by rough platforms, often have low ceilings which are no more than five feet from the ground. These shabby huts are also barely furnished. Kids are usually seen running around with minimal clothes on them. Furthermore, traffic jams, usually caused by old, shabby taxis are common, daily sights there. (119 words)

KEY :
Anna Finds a Home : 1D , 2c , 3D , 4D , 5D , 6A , 7C , 8A , 9B , 10C

Do you remember Proper and Common Nouns ?
1. Sir Galahad ,Holy Grail (proper noun)2. Cotton (common noun) , Egypt (proper noun)
3. Balboa , Pacific Ocean (proper noun)4. Walter Scott (proper noun) , writer (common noun) .
5. Florida ,Alligator State (proper noun) . 6. "Gradatim" , Josiah Holland (proper noun) .
7. Africa (proper noun) 8. Greenland (proper noun) , American jeeps (common noun) .
9. Carmen Salvino,George (proper noun) 10. moon ,sunlight (common noun) .

Do you remember collectiveNouns ?
1. The cast 2. a herd of reindeer. 3. a pack of wolves. 4. A group of happy swimmers 5. Dewey's fleet 6. A troop of children
7. a flock of sheep. 8. A covey of partridges 9. bevy of quails. 10. Our family

Do you remember Pronoun ?
1. Bring them to me. 2. He is taller than she. 3. Is the book for him or me? 4. They have gone for a walk. 5. We hiked across the field to meet you. 6. Did he see me wave to you? 7. We are all going to the circus. 8. The captain appointed me. 9. Ask and it shall be given to you. 10. We have received no word either from him or from her.