



Grade 4

Reading Passage: The Greedy Merchant

Engaging passages to practice reading comprehension skills

Exercise No. 1

Try matching the words up and see how well opposites!

- Losing
- Sitting
- Opening
- Taking
- Black
- Lost
- Losing
- Sitting
- Opening
- Taking

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Exercise No. 1

Read the sentences and circle true (T) or false (F), wrong information.

1. The hydrosphere is land.
2. Water covers half the Earth.
3. Two types: salt and fresh.
4. Water covers half the Earth.
5. Most water is in rivers.
6. Water can be solid, liquid and gas
7. Less water is in oceans.
8. Water is also in the air.
9. Water can be ice or snow.
10. Fresh water contains a large amount of salt.

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Exercise No. 1

How much do you know about animal eating habits? Read, choose the correct options!

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does a herbivore eat? a) Meat b) Plants c) Meat & plants 2. What does a carnivore eat? a) Meat b) Plants c) Meat & plants 3. What does an omnivore eat? a) Meat b) Plants c) Meat & plants 4. What type of diet does a cow have? a) Plants b) Meat c) Meat & plants 5. Which of these animals is an omnivore? a) Squirrel b) Horse c) Pig 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. What does a herbivore eat? a) Meat b) Plants c) Meat & plants 7. What does a carnivore eat? a) Meat b) Plants c) Meat & plants 8. What does an omnivore eat? a) Meat b) Plants c) Meat & plants 9. What type of diet does a cow have? a) Plants b) Meat c) Meat & plants 10. Which of these animals is an omnivore? a) Squirrel b) Horse c) Pig
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Read each sentence carefully and underline all the verbs you find.

dog barks loudly in the yard.

Friday, the cat chased a mouse.

He played with her friends after school.

He ate lunch at noon every day.

Last week, he painted a beautiful picture.

Birds sing every morning.

He visited the zoo last Saturday.

She cooks dinner for the family.

My friend walked to the park yesterday.

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Exercise No. 1

Match each sentence with a noun from the word bank.

_____ is a _____

_____ is shining in the sky.

_____ at home.

_____ to see a movie.

_____ in the park.

_____ received a _____

_____ full of colorful flowers.

10. At school, we learn about _____

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Reading

Comprehension

What's Inside

- ✔ Short, simple passage from everyday life.
- ✔ Objective-type questions to check clear facts.
- ✔ Subjective-type questions to check deeper understanding.
- ✔ Answers to all the questions.

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The Greedy Merchant

In the busy market near Greenfield School, a merchant named Raju sold fruits and vegetables. He was greedy and often cheated his customers. He used false weights to give less than what people paid for. When someone bought one kilogram of apples, Raju's weighing scale showed one kilogram, but they actually received only 800 grams. Many customers complained, but Raju ignored them and continued his dishonest ways. One day, the District Collector visited the market to check if traders were being fair. He was dressed in simple clothes, so nobody recognized him. The Collector went to Raju's shop and bought two kilograms of mangoes. When he weighed them at home, he found they were 400 grams less. The next morning, the Collector returned in his official uniform with market inspectors. They checked Raju's weights and found they were all false. Raju was fined heavily and his license was suspended for six months. He lost his shop and his reputation. Raju realized his mistake and felt deeply sorry. When he reopened his shop later, he used honest weights and treated customers fairly. He learned that dishonesty brings only shame and loss in the end.

Exercise No. 1

Choose the most appropriate option in relevance to this passage.

1 How did Raju cheat his customers?

- a) He sold rotten fruits
- b) He used false weights to give less than what people paid for
- c) He charged more money than required
- d) He closed his shop early

2 Who visited the market to check if traders were being fair?

- a) The school principal
- b) The police inspector
- c) The District Collector
- d) A newspaper reporter

3 What happened to Raju after the inspectors found false weights?

- a) He was sent to jail for ten years
- b) He ran away from the city
- c) He was fined heavily and his license was suspended for six months
- d) Nothing happened to him

Exercise No. 2

Answer the following questions from the passage/story.

- 1 Why did many customers complain about Raju? Quote evidence from the passage.

- 2 How did the District Collector discover that Raju was cheating? Provide one line from the text.

- 3 What did Raju learn at the end of the story? Give the lesson from the passage.

Exercise No. 3

Read the questions carefully and answer the following by making connections with the text.

- 1 Why do you think the District Collector dressed in simple clothes when he first visited the market? What was the purpose of doing this?

- 2 How did Raju's greed lead to his downfall? Connect his dishonest actions to the consequences he faced.

- 3 If Raju had been honest from the beginning, how would his life have been different? Use evidence from what happened in the story to support your answer.

- 4 Find a word in the passage that means "not honest or truthful" OR give a new title for this story in 5-7 words.

Answers

Exercise 1

1 B

2 C

3 C

Exercise 2

- 1 Customers complained because when they bought one kilogram of apples, they actually received only 800 grams due to Raju's false weights.
- 2 The District Collector bought two kilograms of mangoes and when he weighed them at home, he found they were 400 grams less.
- 3 Raju learned that "dishonesty brings only shame and loss in the end" and began treating customers fairly.

Exercise 3

- 1 The Collector dressed simply so Raju wouldn't recognize him and would cheat him like other customers. This helped catch Raju's dishonest behavior with clear proof.
- 2 Raju's greed made him use false weights to cheat customers. This led to him being caught, fined heavily, losing his shop for six months, and ruining his reputation.
- 3 If Raju had been honest, he would have kept his good reputation, avoided the fine and suspension, and earned customers' trust for a successful business.
- 4 The word "dishonest" means not honest or truthful. OR
New title: "How Greed Brought Shame and Loss"

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