

Worksheet on Unseen Passage

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

A farmer had five sons. They were strong and hardworking. But they always quarreled with one another. Sometimes, they even fought. The farmer wanted his sons to stop quarreling and fighting. He wanted them to live in peace. Plain words of advice or rebuke did not have much effect on those young people. The farmer always thought what to do to keep his children united. One day he found answer to his problem. So, he called all his sons together. He showed them a bundle of sticks and said, “I want any of you to break these sticks without separating them from the bundle.” Each of five sons tried one by one. They used their full strength and skill. But none of them could break the sticks. Then the old man separated the sticks and gave them just a single stick to break. They could break the stick easily. The farmer said, “A single stick by itself is weak. It is strong as long as it is tied up in a bundle. Likewise, you will be strong if you are united. You will be weak if you are divided.”

1. Fill in the blanks with given words. (2 more words are there)

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- a. Unity is _____.
- b. The farmer wanted his sons to live _____.
- c. He always thought how to _____ his sons.
- d. One day, he got an _____ idea.
- e. The sons _____ the importance of unity.

2. Read the following statements. Write ‘True’ if the statement is true and write ‘False’ if the statement is false and give correct answer.

- a. The farmer was worried about his sons.
- b. The sons were weak but hardworking.
- c. The sons failed to break the bundle of sticks.
- d. The farmer was happy with his sons.
- e. The farmer always tried to make his sons united.
- f. The farmer’s sons obeyed him very much.

3. Answer the following questions.

- a. What did the sons do?
- b. Why could not the sons break the bundle?
- c. What did the old man want?
- d. What is the message of the story?
- e. When did the sons realize the value of unity?

4. Suppose, you are Sumon. You have noticed that some of your friends often quarrel. Now, write a letter to one of them telling not to quarrel.