

## Lecture-Lesson27 -The Concert For Bangladesh

It's Friday evening. Mr. Farhad is playing a song on his DVD player in his study. Her daughter Fahmida comes in. On the TV screen, a tall, bearded man with long hair is playing a guitar and singing a song, "Bangladesh, Bangladesh..." Fahmida is thrilled to hear the word 'Bangladesh' from a singer who looks like foreigner. She has the following conversation with her father about the song and the singer.

Fahmida : Father, who is this singer? He is not a Bangladeshi, is he?

Mr. Farhad : You are right! He is not. He is a famous singer from England. His name is George Harrison.

Fahmida : George Harrison! Why did he sing the song on Bangladesh?

Mr. Farhad : That's a huge story. Harrison was not only a famous singer but also a great humanist. He helped us during our Liberation War of 1971.

Fahmida : Did he come to Bangladesh to take part in the Liberation War?

Mr. Farhad : No, my child, he didn't come to Bangladesh, but he fought for our cause by organising the historic *Concert for Bangladesh*.

Fahmida : *Concert for Bangladesh!* Please, father. Tell me more about it.

Mr. Farhad : Well, the *Concert for Bangladesh* was held on the 1st August, 1971 at the Madison Square Garden, New York. George Harrison and some other famous musicians performed in that live concert in front of a audience of about forty thousand people. It was organised to make the world aware of the sufferings of Bangladesh during our liberation war.



Fahmida : Wasn't that great!

Mr. Farhad : Yes, it was great! The concert won huge support for the millions of war victims of Bangladesh. At the same time it raised millions of dollars for UNICEF relief fund.

Fahmida : I'm really glad that you tell me all this, Father. I think we should be grateful to George Harrison and his friends who organised the Concert for Bangladesh.

Mr. Farhad : You are right, dear! We should remember those great friends who helped us in our days of struggle and suffering.

**In pairs, discuss if the following statements are True or False. If false, correct the statement.**

- a. George Harrison was from the United States.
- b. In 1971, George Harrison visited Bangladesh to take part in the liberation war.
- c. A huge audience attended the concert for Bangladesh.
- d. George Harrison was the only well-known musician to take part in the Concert for Bangladesh.
- e. The people of the world became aware of the crisis in Bangladesh following the Concert for Bangladesh.

**Read the lyrics of the song aloud. Here are some parts of the song 'Bangladesh'.**

### **Bangladesh**

My friend came to me, with sadness in his eyes

He told me that he wanted help

Before his country dies

Although I couldn't feel the pain, I knew I had to try

Now I'm asking all of you

To help us save some lives

Bangladesh, Bangladesh

Where so many people are dying fast

And it sure looks like a mess

I've never seen such distress

Now won't you lend your hand and understand

Relieve the people of Bangladesh

Bangladesh, Bangladesh  
Such a great disaster - I don't understand  
But it sure looks like a mess  
I've never known such distress  
Now please don't turn away, I want to hear you say  
Relieve the people of Bangladesh  
Relieve Bangladesh

**Now complete the summary of the first three stanzas of the song 'Bangladesh' with suitable words from the box below the passage.**

My friend came to me with sad eyes and requested me to help his country before it died. Though I could not feel the pain, but I think I should try to help. I also appeal to you all to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ us to save the lives of those people. So many people are dying (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in this country called Bangladesh. The country is facing (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and I have never seen such sufferings. Now, won't you (4) \_\_\_\_\_ beside the people of Bangladesh and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ forward to reduce their sufferings?

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**Write True False and F/B in your copy.**

## Lesson-30 Are You Listening?

Listen to and say the following words. Notice how the letter 'O' is pronounced in words in List 1 and List 2

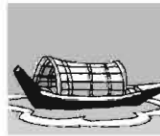
List 1	List 2
hop	hope
rob	robe
not	note
rod	rode

Listen to and practise saying some more words with the two vowel sounds together (diphthong) as in the word 'hope' or 'note'.



bowl

boat



coke

coat



bone

phone



throw

snow



old

gold



window

closed



**Read the following passage. Choose a word from the list of words below to fill in each of the blanks in the sentences.**

phone   bowl   hope   home   stove   close   coke   note

I was waiting for my friend Shila. But since she was late, I thought I would just go to the bookstore and get some stationery from there. But before leaving \_\_\_\_\_, I left the following \_\_\_\_\_ next to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Sorry, I'm going out. Won't take long.

I've left two cans of \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_  
of fruits on the table.

There is a box of biscuits near the bed.

Don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_ the lid of the box tightly.

If you want tea, the kettle is on the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ to be back in half an hour.

**Read the note for Shila loudly with proper pronunciation, stress and intonation.**

## Important points to note

- ✚ Stress is an important pronunciation point in English.
- ✚ If you do not speak English with proper stress then other people will find it difficult to understand.
- ✚ A syllable has one Vowel sound and one or more Consonant sound.
- ✚ Stress is the emphasis given to certain syllables in a word or certain words in a phrase or a sentence.
- ✚ Intonation is the rise, the fall or rise-fall of voice in speaking
- ✚ Stress can be very useful to highlight the word with greater importance in the sentence.
- ✚ Unlike stress intonation is very useful in showing the emotion or attitude of the speaker or to emphasize the difference between a question, an exclamation, an imperative statement or a normal sentence.
- ✚ Intonation is important in the day to day conversation to make the communication effective and accurate.
- ✚ STRESS and INTONATION are important to enhance one's Speaking skills.
- ✚ The word monophthong shows that a vowel is spoken with exactly one tone and one mouth position. ... For example, when you say "teeth", then while you are creating the sound of the "ee", nothing changes for that sound.
- ✚ "Diphthong" comes from the Greek word diphthongs. One of the best diphthong examples is the word "oil." Here, we have two vowels working side by side and, together, they create a sound different than anything "O" or "I" alone can produce. ... And that's just scratching the surface

## Worksheet-2

### Answer the following Questions:

- a) What do you understand by syllables, stress and intonation?
- b) Why is it important in English Language?
- c) Who is George Harrison?
- d) Why should we be grateful to George Harrison and his friends?
- e) How many syllables do the following words have?
  - i. Fast, person, Beautiful, information.
  - ii. Breakfast, Banana, Tomorrow, University

**Write a summary of the song 'Bangladesh'.**