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Parents



How much do you love your parents? Do you think about the help and support they provide you? Isn't it your duty to obey them and be **grateful** for the love and comforts they arrange for you? Always be thankful to them for the love, kindness and protection they bring you up with.

How could I possibly thank you
For all that you have done.

You picked me up when I had fallen;
You **comforted** me when I cried;
You cared for me when I was **sick**:

You **corrected** me when I was wrong;
You helped me when I was in need;
You were there when I was lonely.

You **steered** me in the right direction
When I had **strayed**;
You **watched over** me with love and kindness
Like only a parent could do.

For your gentle understanding;
For your kind and loving ways;
For giving me your courage and your strength;
For being the parents that you are.

I thank you from the **depths** of my heart.

—Kit McCallum



Word-Web

- **grateful** : appreciative, thankful
- **sick** : ill, not well
- **steered** : guided, turned
- **watched over** : kept a vigil, attentive
- **comforted** : cheered, soothed
- **corrected** : showed you the right way
- **strayed** : deviated, wandered from the right course
- **depths** : deepness, core



Comprehension

» Multi-Menu

Multiple Choice Questions

A. Tick against the correct answers.

1. When the poet had fallen, his parents _____ .
(a) picked him up (b) awakened him (c) comforted him
2. When the poet cried, the parents _____ .
(a) beat him (b) comforted him (c) scolded him
3. The parents watched over the poet with _____ .
(a) suspicion (b) understanding (c) love and kindness
4. The poet thanks his parents for giving him _____ .
(a) direction and orders (b) tips and courage (c) courage and strength

» Pick and Fill

B. Fill in the blanks of these sentences with correct words from the box.

right direction courage and strength cared for parents in need

1. When the poet had fallen, his _____ picked him up.
2. When the poet was sick, his parents _____ him.
3. When the poet was _____, his parents helped him.
4. The poet's parents steered him in the _____ when he had strayed.
5. The poet thanks his parents for giving him _____.

C. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements.

1. When the poet was wrong, his parents scolded him.
2. When the poet was sad, his parents comforted him.
3. The poet's parents were with him when he was in the market.
4. The poet watched over his parents with love and kindness.
5. The poet thanks his parents from the core of his heart.

D. Explain the following lines in your own words.

You steered me in the right direction
When I had strayed;
You watched over me with love and kindness
Like only a parent could do.

» **Question-Queue**

E. Answer each of the following questions briefly.

1. Why does the poet want to thank his parents?
2. What did his parents do when the poet had fallen?
3. "When I was wrong", what do you mean by this phrase? What did his parents do then?
4. When the poet had strayed, what did his parents do?
5. Who is the composer of this poem?
6. Is there any rhyming scheme in this poem? What type of a poem is this?



Vocabulary

- ▶ **There are some certain verbs which take a preposition after them. Such verbs are called prepositional verbs.**

For example:

Picked up cared for Watched over

The use of these verbs has been shown in the poem.

- ▶ **Now fill in the blanks with correct prepositional verbs given in the box to complete the following sentences.**

derived from	belongs to	associated with	died of	differs from
surrender to	started for	disagree with	boasts of	quarrel with

1. This boy _____ a tribal family.
2. The thieves _____ the police.
3. These lines have been _____ the poem 'Daffodils'.
4. Your painting totally _____ the original one.

5. I completely _____ your views.
6. My friend had a _____ some boys of other school.
7. Ramesh always _____ his intelligence.
8. Early in the morning, we _____ the picnic.
9. The patient _____ dengue.
10. My father is _____ Bhartiya Janta Party.



Think-n-Thrive

- Why should we respect our parents, teachers and elders? What do you get or obtain in return of giving thanks to others?



Grammar-Grip

Subject and Predicate

▶ The part of a sentence which names the person or thing we are speaking about is called the **subject** of the sentence

The part of a sentence which tells something about the subject is called the **predicate**.

For example:

- **Miss Kitty** was rude at the table one day.
- **The early bird** catches the worm.

In these sentences, the words (or group of words) in colour are **subjects**.

The rest of the part in both the sentences are **predicates**.

The predicate part of a sentence includes the verb.

▶ **Now identify and write the subject and predicate in these sentences.**

1. Our teacher gave us some work to do.

Subject: _____ Predicate: _____

2. Stone walls do not make a prison.

Subject: _____ Predicate: _____

3. The tall boy in the group is a good player.

Subject: _____ Predicate: _____

4. On the top of a hill lives a hermit.

Subject: _____ Predicate: _____

5. What he has said is not known to me.

Subject: _____ Predicate: _____

6. Bad habits grow unconsciously.

Subject: _____ Predicate: _____

» Reading Skills

▶ Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I went to the moon on my vacation
Where I played video games with two aliens.
Harry and Jacker were their names.
They ate rocks for dinner which was very strange.
I brought them back to Earth to meet my dad Mark.
Then we went skydiving and swam with sharks.
Then I bought a jet and we went to Brazil
Where we ate lunch with the President, and I paid the bill.
Then it started raining candy, which was a real treat.
I had so much fun I didn't sleep for a week!

A. Tick (✓) the correct answers.

1. When did the poet go to the moon?
(a) On a Sunday (b) On his vacation (c) On any week day
2. With which country's President did the poet eat lunch?
(a) Brazil's President (b) Canada's President (c) America's President

B. Answer each of the following questions in one or two sentences.

1. Which two aliens did the author play with and which game?
2. What did the aliens eat for dinner and why was it strange?
3. What did the author do with Brazil's President and who paid the bill?
4. Where did the poet go with the aliens and what did they do?

» Fun to Write

▶ Imagine that you are studying in a boarding school where you live in a hostel with two of other students. Your father has sent two nice dresses for you. You liked the dress very much. Write a letter to your parents thanking them for the love and care they shower on you.
