

CBSE Class 06 English
NCERT Solutions
Chapter-08
A Game of Chance

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A. Complete the following sentences from memory choosing a phrase from those given in brackets.

1. _____ was held at the time of the Eid festival. (A big show, A big fair, A big competition)

Ans: A big fair

2. Tradesmen came to the village with all kinds of goods _____. (to display, to buy, to sell)

Ans: to sell

3. Uncle told me _____ while he was away. (not to buy anything, not to go anywhere, not to talk to anyone)

Ans: not to buy anything

4. The owner of the Lucky Shop wanted everybody present _____. (to play the game, to win a prize, to try their luck)

Ans: to try their luck

5. The first time I took a chance I got _____. (a bottle of ink, two pencils, a trifle)

Ans: two pencils

6. Uncle told me that the shopkeeper had made _____. (a fool of me, a good profit, friends with many people)

Ans: a fool of me.

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B. Answer the following questions.

1. Why do you think Rasheed's uncle asked him not to buy anything in his absence?

Ans: Rasheed's uncle asked him not to buy anything in his absence because he knew that the shopkeepers would make a fool of Rashid and cheat him.

2. Why was the shop called 'Lucky Shop'?

Ans: The shop was called 'Lucky Shop' because the shopkeeper wanted everybody to try their luck. There were some discs, with numbers 1 to 10, put facing down on the table. The one who wanted to try his luck, had to pay 50 paise and pick up six discs, then add the numbers. The article marked with that number was given to the lucky person.

3. An old man won a clock and sold it back to the shopkeeper. How much money did he make?

Ans: The old man made 15 rupees by selling the clock back to the shopkeeper.

4. How many prizes did the boy win? What were they?

Ans: The boy won four prizes. They were a comb, a fountain pen, a wristwatch and a table lamp.

5. Why was Rasheed upset?

Ans: Rasheed was upset because he had high hopes of winning a big prize and he continued trying his luck again and again. But every time he got a trifle. People were looking at him and laughing at his bad luck, but no one showed any sympathy. He played till he finished all his money.

6. In what way did the shopkeeper make a fool of Rasheed?

Ans: The shopkeeper played tricks to tempt to try his luck by making him believe that it was luck that got the old man and the boy their prizes. But actually, they were friends of the shopkeeper trying to tempt Rasheed to play. Rasheed tried his luck again and again but every time he got trifles. He sold back those things to the shopkeeper and lost all his money.

Working with Language

I. The words given against the sentences below can be used both as nouns and verbs. Use them appropriately to fill in the blanks.

1. (i) The two teams have ————— three matches already. (play)

Ans: played

(ii) The last day's ————— was excellent.

Ans: play

2. (i) She has a lovely —————.

Ans: face

(ii) India ————— a number of problems these days.

Ans: is facing

3. (i) He made his ————— in essay-writing. (mark)

Ans(i): mark

(ii) Articles ————— 'sold' are reserved.

Ans(ii): marked

4. (i) The police are ————— the area to catch the burglars. (comb)

Ans(i): combing

(ii) An ordinary plastic ————— costs five rupees.

Ans(ii): comb

5. (i) He gave a ————— in answer to my question. (smile)

Ans(i): smile

(ii) We also ————— to see him smile.

Ans(ii): smiled

6. (i) He said he ————— to be invited to the party. (hope)

Ans(i): hoped

(ii) We gave up ————— of his joining the party.

Ans(ii): hope

7. (i) The boys put up a good athletic —————. (show)

Ans(i): show

(ii) The soldiers ————— great courage in saving people from floods.

Ans(ii): showed

8. (i) You deserve a ————— on the back for your good performance. (pat)

Ans(i): pat

(ii) The teacher ————— the child on the cheek to encourage her.

Ans(ii): patted

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B. Notice the use of 'there' in the following sentences.

There was a big crowd at the fair.

There were many things I'd have liked to buy.

Now rewrite the following sentences using 'there' in the beginning. Look at the following examples.

I can do nothing to help you.

There is nothing I can do to help you.

A man at the door is asking to see you.

There is a man at the door asking to see you.

1. This park has beautiful roses.

Ans: There are beautiful roses in this park.

2. Your story has no fun in it.

Ans: There is no fun in your story.

3. We have no secrets between us.

Ans: There are no secrets between us.

4. My village has two primary schools.

Ans: There are two primary schools in my village.

5. This problem can be solved in two ways.

Ans: There are two ways to solve this problem.

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C. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph below with words from the box.

huge , big , foolish , interesting, tiny , unlucky, last
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There was a ——— Eid fair in our village. We could buy anything from a ——— toy to a
——— camel. I went to the fair on its ——— day with Uncle and Bhaiya. We went to the

Lucky Shop. It was very ————. I tried my luck but did not win any prize. Later, Uncle told me that I was more ———— than ————.

Ans: There was a big Eid fair in our village. We could buy anything from a tiny toy to a huge camel. I went to the fair on its last day with Uncle and Bhaiya. We went to the Lucky Shop. It was very interesting. I tried my luck but did not win any prize. Later ,uncle told me that I was more foolish than unlucky.