

Ch-2 The Parrot who wouldn't Talk

I. Word Meanings :-

1. Parakeet - a small bird of the parrot family, usually with a long tail.
2. Insisted - said firmly.
3. lunged - moved forward suddenly, to catch or attack something.
4. Railing - fence made of metal or wooden bars.
5. Squawk - a loud and rough sound made by the parrot.
6. Shrieked - spoke in a loud, high voice.

II Answer these questions :-

1. How do parrots and parakeets learn to talk?

Ans - The parrots and parakeets learn words and phrases after some members of the family repeat them many times in front of these birds.

2. Where did Aunt Ruby get the parrot from?

Ans - Aunt Ruby bought the parrot from a bird catcher who visited all the houses on their road.

3. Why did Aunt Ruby stop liking the Parrot?

Ans - One day, the parrot lunged forward and pushed aunt Ruby's Spectacles off her nose. After that she did not like the parrot anymore.

4. How did Aunt Ruby treat the Parrot?

Ans - Aunt Ruby treated the parrot very unkindly. She said that it was useless because it couldn't talk, sing or dance.

III. Read the lines and answer the questions:-

1. "I see your aunt's Parrot has escaped."

- Who is the speaker? Who is he speaking to?
- How did the Parrot escape?
- Did the Parrot come back?

Ans a. Here, Grandfather is the speaker. He is speaking to Ruskin Bond, the author of this story.

b. One afternoon, while giving the parrot its lunch, Aunt Ruby's nephew purposely left the cage door open. Soon, the parrot flew away from the cage and escaped.

c. Yes, the parrot came back few days later.

2. "You're useless. Can't talk, can't sing, can't dance!"

a. Who is the speaker? Who is it speaking to?

b. What happened after the speaker said this?

c. Who had said these words before?

Ans a. Here the speaker is the parrot. It is speaking to Aunt Ruby.

b. After the parrot said these unkind words back to Aunt Ruby, she felt embarrassed and ashamed. Therefore, she ran inside.

c. Aunt Ruby ^{had} said these words ~~before~~ to the parrot ~~before~~.

Ans. Textual Exercises

Pg-13 Grammar - Q.A Write the plural forms of these nouns :-

- Ans -
- | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. foot - feet | 6. Sheep - Sheep |
| 2. Shelf - Shelves | 7. volcano - volcanoes |
| 3. thief - thieves | 8. buffalo - buffaloes |
| 4. tooth - teeth | 9. woman - women |
| 5. wolf - wolves | |

Pg-14 Grammar - Q.B Complete this paragraph. Use the words in the box with the plural forms of the words in the brackets.

- Ans -
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| 1. Some groceries | 4. many flavours |
| 2. few melons and apples | 5. any packets |
| 3. The fruits | |

Pg-14 Vocabulary - Q.A Use 'dis-' with the words in the box and complete this paragraph. Use the correct form.

- Ans -
1. dishonest
 2. disagreed
 3. disobeyed
 4. disappeared
 5. disorder

Q. Match the birds with the sounds they make :-

1. owl - f. hoots
2. duck - b. quacks
3. Sparrow - e. chirps
4. Pigeon - a. coos
5. goose - g. cackles
6. rooster - c. crows
7. Parrot - d. squawks

Q. Make your own sentences with the following words :-

- i) Useless (ii) lunged (iii) Upset (iv) Greedy
v) Pet.

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A. Complete these sentences with the correct collective nouns from the box:-

1. range
2. bunch
3. gang
4. troupe, audience
5. series
6. flock

B. Underline the material nouns in these sentences:-

1. milk, ghee
2. marble
3. silver
4. leather
5. silk

Pg-5 Vocabulary

Complete these sentences with the correct homophones in the brackets:-

1. Sent
Scent.

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2. Peek
Peak

3. Laze
Lays

4. Jined
Jind

5. Knew
new

6. heard
herd

7. loose
lose

8. aloud
allowed