Chapter 1: Papa's Spectacles

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Exercise 1.1 — New Words

Q1 What does the word 'spectacles' mean?

SOLUTION

Spectacles are a pair of lenses held in a frame that you wear over your eyes to help you see clearly.

Answer: Spectacles are glasses worn over the eyes to help with seeing.

Q2 What does the word 'pair' mean?

SOLUTION

A pair means a set of two things that go together and are used as one item, such as a pair of shoes or a pair of spectacles.

Answer: A pair means two things that go together and are used as one.

Q3 What does the word 'glanced' mean?

SOLUTION

Glanced means took a quick, brief look at something.

Answer: Glanced means took a quick look.

Q4 What does the word 'searching' mean?

SOLUTION

Searching means looking carefully in many places to find something that is lost or missing.

Answer: Searching means looking carefully in many places to find something.

Exercise 1.2 — Answer the following questions

Q1 What is Papa searching for?

SOLUTION

The poem tells us Papa is searching everywhere because he has lost his spectacles — his only pair.

Answer: Papa is searching for his spectacles (glasses), which he has lost.

Q2 What are the possible places where Papa can find it?

SOLUTION

According to the poem, Papa checks inside his pockets, looks under his chair, searches near the window, and looks everywhere around him.

Answer: Papa looks inside his pockets, under his chair, and near the window.

Q3 At last, where does Papa find his lost item?

SOLUTION

The child tells Papa to stop and look. The spectacles are found right on Papa's own head.

Answer: Papa finds his spectacles on his own head.

Exercise 1.3 — Think and discuss

Q1 Apart from reading, guess some other chores that Papa cannot do without the spectacles.

SOLUTION

The poem tells us Papa cannot read the newspaper, watch TV, or cut vegetables without his spectacles.

He would also find it hard to drive, cook, do any fine handwork, or recognise people from far away without them.

Answer: Without his spectacles, Papa cannot watch TV, cut vegetables, drive, cook carefully, or do any work that needs clear eyesight.

Q2 What makes your papa happy?

SOLUTION

This is a personal question about your own father.

Think about things your papa enjoys — such as spending time with family, watching his favourite show, eating a meal he likes, or being helped at home.

Answer: My papa is happy when we spend time together as a family, when he reads the newspaper peacefully, or when I help him at home. (Write your own answer based on your family.)

Exercise 1.4 — Let us Learn — Arrange in ascending order

Q1 Arrange the words in ascending order (smallest/lightest first, biggest/heaviest last):

1. Towel, Sari, Handkerchief, Bedsheet
2. Apple, Strawberry, Cherry, Watermelon
3. Twenty-nine, Fourteen, Ninety-one, Forty-seven
4. Hen, Crow, Sparrow, Eagle
5. Ox, Rabbit, Elephant, Squirrel

SOLUTION

1. Handkerchief, Towel, Sari, Bedsheet
2. Cherry, Strawberry, Apple, Watermelon
3. Fourteen, Twenty-nine, Forty-seven, Ninety-one
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Answer: 1. Handkerchief, Towel, Sari, Bedsheet 2. Cherry, Strawberry, Apple, Watermelon 3. Fourteen, Twenty-nine, Forty-seven, Ninety-one 4. Sparrow, Crow, Hen, Eagle 5. Squirrel, Rabbit, Ox, Elephant

Exercise 1.5 — Let us Learn — Fill in the blanks (pair of)

Q1 Fill in the blanks to complete the phrases using the word 'pair of'. Write seven things that come in pairs.

SOLUTION

The word 'pair' is used for two things that go together.
Common examples: a pair of scissors, a pair of trousers, a pair of spectacles, a pair of shoes, a pair of gloves, a pair of socks, a pair of earrings.

Answer: 1. a pair of scissors 2. a pair of trousers 3. a pair of spectacles 4. a pair of shoes 5. a pair of gloves 6. a pair of socks 7. a pair of earrings

Exercise 1.6 — Let us Learn — Encircle the correct spelling

Q1 Encircle the word that is spelt correctly from each set:

1. watter / water / weter
2. vegatables / veggetables / vegetables
3. balloon / baloon / ballon
4. hause / house / houze
5. elephant / elefant / ellephant
6. spactacles / spektacles / spectacles
7. karpenter / carpenter / carpainter
8. fruitt / friut / fruit
9. receive / recieve / raceive
10. prinsipal / principal / princpal

SOLUTION

1. water
2. vegetables
3. balloon
4. house
5. elephant
6. spectacles
7. carpenter
8. fruit
9. receive
10. principal

Answer: 1. water 2. vegetables 3. balloon 4. house 5. elephant 6. spectacles 7. carpenter 8. fruit 9. receive 10. principal

Exercise 1.7 — Let us Learn — Complete the story using correct prepositions

Q1 Complete the story using the correct prepositions from the box (around, after, before, in, above, on, among):

'My father has a habit of keeping his spectacles _____ random places. Last week, he could not find his spectacles and looked _____ the house. We checked the big box that reached _____ our waists. My father looked for the spectacles _____ the newspapers kept _____ the table. He continued searching for two hours _____ finally giving up. He sat down on the bed _____ giving one final look to the room and said with a sigh, "Looks like it is time to get a new pair."'

SOLUTION

The prepositions fit as follows:

1. 'keeping his spectacles in random places' — in (placed inside/among random spots)
2. 'looked around the house' — around (looked in all parts of the house)
3. 'the big box that reached above our waists' — above (higher than waist level)
4. 'looked for the spectacles among the newspapers' — among (mixed in with the newspapers)
5. 'newspapers kept on the table' — on (resting on the surface of the table)
6. 'two hours before finally giving up' — before (prior to giving up)
7. 'sat down on the bed after giving one final look' — after (following the final look)

Answer: 1. in 2. around 3. above 4. among 5. on 6. before 7. after