Chapter 2: Gone with the Scooter

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Exercise 2.1 — New Words

Q1 Give the meaning of the word: dribble

SOLUTION

In the context of hockey, dribble means to move a ball forward with small, quick taps of the stick while running.

Answer: To move a ball forward with small, quick taps of the hockey stick.

Q2 Give the meaning of the word: rustling

SOLUTION

Rustling describes a soft, crackling sound made by something light moving, like dry leaves or paper.

Answer: A soft, crackling sound made by something light moving, such as dry leaves.

Q3 Give the meaning of the word: grab

SOLUTION

To grab means to take or snatch something quickly and suddenly.

Answer: To take something with a quick, sudden movement.

Q4 Give the meaning of the word: boast

SOLUTION

To boast means to speak about yourself or something related to you in a way that shows too much pride.

Answer: To speak too proudly about yourself or your possessions.

Q5 Give the meaning of the word: unaware

SOLUTION

Unaware means not knowing about something that is happening around you.

Answer: Not knowing about something; not conscious of what is happening.

Q6 Give the meaning of the word: thud

SOLUTION

A thud is a heavy, dull sound made when something falls or hits a surface with force.

Answer: A heavy, dull sound made when something falls or hits hard.

Exercise 2.2 — Answer the following questions

Q1 What was Gopi doing on the veranda?

SOLUTION

The story says it was a summer afternoon and Gopi was sitting in the veranda, reading a book.

Answer: Gopi was sitting in the veranda, reading a book.

Q2 What sound did Gopi hear before he went to the garden?

SOLUTION

Gopi heard something rustling past and then falling with a thud in the garden.
He thought it might be a mango falling from the tree.

Answer: He heard a rustling sound followed by a thud in the garden.

Q3 Describe Gopi's search for the ball.

SOLUTION

Gopi first searched in between the thick grass near the garden fence but found nothing.
He then looked among the bushes, but found nothing there either.
Finally, his eyes fell on a heap of dry leaves, where he found a white hockey ball.

Answer: Gopi searched in the thick grass near the fence, then in the bushes. Finally, he spotted a white hockey ball on a heap of dry leaves.

Q4 Complete the table: (a) 'The ball I found is a hockey ball.' — said by / said to (b) 'My father bought me a brand-new football.' — said by / said to (c) 'I lost a ball four months ago.' — said by / said to (d) 'Show me the ball and I will tell you.' — said by / said to

SOLUTION

(a) 'The ball I found is a hockey ball.' — said by Gopi, said to his friends at the playground.
(b) 'My father bought me a brand-new football.' — said by Deepak, said to Gopi and his friends.
(c) 'I lost a ball four months ago.' — said by Manoj, said to Gopi.
(d) 'Show me the ball and I will tell you.' — said by Ramani, said to Gopi.

Answer: (a) Said by: Gopi; Said to: his friends. (b) Said by: Deepak; Said to: Gopi and friends. (c) Said by: Manoj; Said to: Gopi. (d) Said by: Ramani; Said to: Gopi.

Q5 Who grabbed the ball from Gopi? How did the game start?

SOLUTION

Manoj grabbed the ball from Gopi and tossed it to Deepak.
Gopi asked everyone to stop and suggested they play before it got dark.
Manoj went to the goalpost as goalkeeper, Gopi stood at the centre with the hockey stick, passed the ball to Deepak, and the game began.

Answer: Manoj grabbed the ball and tossed it to Deepak. Gopi told everyone to stop and play before dark. Manoj became the goalkeeper and Gopi passed the ball from the centre to start the game.

Q6 Why did everyone laugh at the end of the story?

SOLUTION

Jay hit the ball so hard that it flew out of the playground gate and fell into the basket of a passing scooter.
The scooterist did not know what had happened and drove away.
By the time the children ran to the gate, the scooter — and the ball — were gone.
The children found the situation funny because they had just found the ball that afternoon and now they had lost it in such an unexpected way.

Answer: The ball flew into a passing scooter's basket and the scooterist drove away with it. The children found it very funny that the ball they had found that afternoon was now gone with the scooter.

Exercise 2.3 — Think and answer

Q1 What would you have done if, like Gopi, you had found a ball that did not belong to you?

SOLUTION

Like Gopi, I would not keep the ball for myself since it belonged to someone else.
I would ask my friends and neighbours if they had lost a ball, just as Gopi did.

Answer: Like Gopi, I would ask around to find the owner instead of keeping it for myself, because it would not be right to keep something that belongs to someone else.

Q2 Imagine what happens to the hockey ball after it is taken away by the scooter. Where does it go? Who finds it?

SOLUTION

This is an imaginative question — any reasonable answer grounded in the story situation is correct.
The scooterist might reach home, unload the basket, and find the ball. He might keep it or give it to his child.

Answer: The scooterist might reach home and find the ball in his basket. He could give it to his child, who will happily play with it and wonder where it came from.

Q3 Notice that the scooterist is wearing a helmet. Why is it important to wear a helmet? Should the pillion rider also wear a helmet?

SOLUTION

A helmet protects the rider's head in case of an accident, which can prevent serious injuries.
Yes, the pillion rider should also wear a helmet because they are equally at risk if there is an accident.

Answer: A helmet protects your head from injury during an accident. Yes, the pillion rider should also wear a helmet because they face the same risk.

Exercise 2.4 — Match the following

Q1 Match the words with their meanings: Dribble, Boast, Rustle, Grab — (a) a soft crackling sound, (b) take something with a sudden movement, (c) moving a ball with small taps while playing hockey, (d) to speak too proudly.

SOLUTION

Dribble → (c) moving a ball with small taps while playing hockey
Boast → (d) to speak too proudly
Rustle → (a) a soft crackling sound
Grab → (b) take something with a sudden movement

Answer: Dribble → (c); Boast → (d); Rustle → (a); Grab → (b)

Exercise 2.5 — Fill in the blanks with connector words

Q1 Complete the following story using the words given in the box: since, however, because, when — 'Gopi completed his work _____ he wanted to go outside and play. _____ when he reached the playground nobody was there. _____ his friends were yet to join him, he decided to take a walk. After 15 minutes, five of them came and everyone started to discuss the games. They decided to play hopscotch _____ they got to know that Ramani would not be joining them.'

SOLUTION

Blank 1: 'because' — Gopi completed his work because he wanted to go outside and play.
Blank 2: 'However' — However, when he reached the playground nobody was there.
Blank 3: 'Since' — Since his friends were yet to join him, he decided to take a walk.
Blank 4: 'when' — They decided to play hopscotch when they got to know that Ramani would not be joining them.

Answer: 1. because; 2. However; 3. Since; 4. when

Exercise 2.6 — Adverbs — encircle the adverbs

Q1 Encircle the adverbs in the following sentences and identify whether each tells 'how many times the action happens' (frequency) or 'time of the action': (a) Gopi immediately got up and ran into the garden. (b) Shama often writes in her diary. (c) All his friends regularly gathered to play hockey. (d) I always complete my homework. (e) Yesterday I ate an ice cream after lunch. (f) Monika never eats junk food. (g) Now they are going to sing their favourite song.

SOLUTION

(a) immediately — time of the action
(b) often — how many times (frequency)
(c) regularly — how many times (frequency)
(d) always — how many times (frequency)
(e) Yesterday — time of the action
(f) never — how many times (frequency)
(g) Now — time of the action

Answer: (a) immediately (time) (b) often (frequency) (c) regularly (frequency) (d) always (frequency) (e) Yesterday (time) (f) never (frequency) (g) Now (time)