Chapter 10: Glass Bangles

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Exercise 10.1 — New Words

Q1 What does the word 'clinking' mean?

SOLUTION

The story describes the air filled with the 'clinking of glass' in Ravi's workshop.
'Clinking' describes the light, sharp ringing sound that glass or metal objects make when they touch each other.

Answer: The light, sharp ringing sound made when glass or metal objects knock together.

Q2 What does the word 'artisans' mean?

SOLUTION

In the story, artisans work in Ravi's workshop shaping bangles.
'Artisans' are people who are skilled at making things by hand, especially crafts or objects of art.

Answer: Skilled craftspeople who make things by hand, such as glass bangles.

Q3 What does the word 'furnace' mean?

SOLUTION

The story says Ravi and his team heat glass in a furnace to shape it.
A 'furnace' is a very hot enclosed structure used to heat materials like glass or metal.

Answer: A very hot enclosed structure used to heat materials like glass or metal.

Q4 What does the phrase 'floral patterns' mean?

SOLUTION

Ananya introduced 'floral patterns' into the bangle designs.
'Floral patterns' are designs or decorations that look like flowers or are inspired by flowers.

Answer: Designs or decorations that look like or are inspired by flowers.

Q5 What does the word 'elements' mean?

SOLUTION

The story says Ananya wanted to put modern 'elements' into the traditional bangle designs. Here, 'elements' means features or parts that are added to make something new or different.

Answer: Features or parts that are added to something to make it new or different.

Exercise 10.2 — Answer the following questions

Q1 How were glass bangles made in Ravi's small workshop?

SOLUTION

The story describes the process clearly.
First, Ravi and his team heated glass in a furnace.
They then carefully shaped the hot glass into bangles.
They added beautiful colours and designs before cooling them to perfection.

Answer: Ravi and his team heated glass in a furnace, then carefully shaped it into bangles, added colours and designs, and finally cooled them.

Q2 Who was Ananya? How did she help Ravi?

SOLUTION

The story tells us that Ananya was Ravi's daughter who had completed her schooling.
She had an eye for design and wanted to add modern elements to the traditional bangle designs.
She introduced delicate floral patterns and geometric shapes, combining old and new designs.
This resulted in a special collection for Diwali that was a big success.

Answer: Ananya was Ravi's daughter. She helped him by adding modern floral and geometric designs to the traditional bangles, creating a new Diwali collection that customers loved.

Q3 How did the success of the new bangles help the community?

SOLUTION

The story says the success of the new collection had a positive impact on the entire community.
The increased demand for bangles led to more work for local artisans.
More jobs were also generated in packing and transportation.

Answer: The success brought more work for local artisans and also created new jobs in packing and transportation, helping the whole community.

Exercise 10.3 — Think and discuss

Q1 If you were in Ananya's place what other modern designs or colours would you add to make the bangles more attractive?

SOLUTION

This is an interpretive question about personal creativity, grounded in the story's theme of mixing old and new.
A student might think of bright colours or patterns they see around them.

Answer: I would add bright colours like turquoise and gold, and patterns inspired by nature such as leaves and butterflies, to make the bangles look fresh and modern while keeping the traditional feel.

Q2 Ravi and Ananya felt proud seeing people wearing their bangles on Diwali night. Have you ever created something (drawing, writing, or a project) that made you happy? Share your experience.

SOLUTION

The story shows how creating something with care and effort brings pride and happiness.
Students are asked to connect this feeling to their own experience.

Answer: Yes, I once drew a painting for a school project. When my teacher displayed it on the board, I felt very happy and proud, just like Ravi and Ananya felt seeing people wear their bangles.

Q3 Make a list of things that you buy from local markets during festivals.

SOLUTION

The story is set during Diwali, when people buy bangles and other festive items from local shops.
Students are asked to think about things they personally buy during festivals.

Answer: During festivals, we buy diyas, candles, sweets, new clothes, flowers, decorations, and sparklers from local markets.

Exercise 10.4 — Use capital letters and punctuation marks

Q1 Rewrite with correct punctuation: the air was filled with the clinking of glass

SOLUTION

The sentence is a statement, so it needs a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end.
No comma or question mark is needed here.

Answer: The air was filled with the clinking of glass.

Q2 Rewrite with correct punctuation: On diwali night the streets of Firozabad were lit with lamps and lights

SOLUTION

'Diwali' is a proper noun and must be capitalised.
A comma is needed after 'night' to separate the introductory phrase from the main clause.
The sentence ends with a full stop.

Answer: On Diwali night, the streets of Firozabad were lit with lamps and lights.

Q3 Rewrite with correct punctuation: did ravi like ananya's new designs at first

SOLUTION

This is a question, so it needs a question mark at the end.
'Ravi' and 'Ananya' are proper nouns and must be capitalised.
The first letter of the sentence must also be capitalised.

Answer: Did Ravi like Ananya's new designs at first?

Q4 Rewrite with correct punctuation: ravi and ananya made a special collection for diwali

SOLUTION

This is a statement, so it ends with a full stop.
'Ravi', 'Ananya', and 'Diwali' are proper nouns and must be capitalised.
The first letter of the sentence must also be capitalised.

Answer: Ravi and Ananya made a special collection for Diwali.

Q5 Rewrite with correct punctuation: did the customers love the new bangles

SOLUTION

This is a question, so it needs a question mark at the end.
The first letter of the sentence must be capitalised.

Answer: Did the customers love the new bangles?