

Chap-2 Arachne

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I. Word Meanings:

1. Pale : having less or no colour
2. Spin : make thread from cotton or wool
3. Weave : make cloth from thread
4. Web : woven cloth
5. boast : talk with a lot of pride about one's abilities

II. Make sentences with the following words:

1. Wisdom
2. Wonder
3. Boast
4. Pity
5. Garden

III. Answer the following questions:

1. Who was Arachne? Describe her appearance.

Ans: Arachne was a young girl in Greece who was a very talented weaver and spinner. Her face was pale but fair and her eyes were big and blue.

2. How was the quality of the things that Arachne wore?

Ans: The things which Arachne wove on her loom were the finest. The cloth which she made was so thin and soft and bright that people came from all parts of the world to see it.

3. What did Athena weave during the contest?

Ans: Athena wore a web of beautiful pictures in the sky using colours from nature. They were pictures of flowers and gardens, castles and towers, men and beasts, and giants and dwarves.

4. Why did people forget all about Arachne's web?

Ans: People forgot all about Arachne's web because they were enchanted by Athena's web of beautiful pictures in the sky.

IV. Reference to the context:

1. "Who taught you to spin and weave so well?"
(a) Who said this and to whom?
(b) What was the answer to this question?

Ans: (a) Athena, the Goddess of Wisdom, said this to Arachne.

(b) Arachne answered that no one taught her to spin and weave. She learned it all by herself.

2. "Arachne wove a beautiful web."
(a) How was the web that Arachne wove?
(b) What did the people say when they saw it?

Ans: (a) Arachne wove a beautiful web which was so thin and light that it would float in the air and yet it was so strong that it could hold a lion in its cage.

(b) When the people saw it they said that Arachne was skilled enough to boast of her work.

- V. Opposite words.
- ① Young - Old
 - ② Thin - Thick
 - ③ Sharp - Blunt
 - ④ Agree - Disagree
 - ⑤ Float - Sink

VI. Textual Exercises:

Comprehension

A. Choose the correct answer: (Pg-12)

1. Arachne lived in
(a) India (b) Greece (c) France
2. From morning till night Arachne used to
(a) sleep and dream (b) eat and run (c) spin and weave
3. Athena was the
(a) queen of Jupiter (b) Goddess of water
(c) goddess of wisdom and craft
4. The weaving Contest was to be held after
(a) three days (b) seven days (c) four days
5. Great Jupiter sat
(a) among sheep (b) among the clouds (c) with the people
6. Athena wove her web with
(a) sunbeams that covered the mountains and the snowy cover of the clouds
(b) Cotton and jute thread
(c) moonlight that covered a tree and water.

Grammar

A. Write the correct plurals of these words: (Pg-14)

1. match — matches
2. calf — calves
3. fox — foxes
4. branch — branches
5. half — halves
6. key — keys
7. cry — cries
8. house — houses
9. tomato — tomatoes
10. life — lives

H.W. B. Match the singular nouns with
the Plural Nouns: (Pg-15)

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| 1. | foot | → (e) | feet |
| 2. | mouse | → (h) | mice |
| 3. | ox | → (f) | oxen |
| 4. | louse | → (g) | lice |
| 5. | goose | → (b) | geese |
| 6. | person | → (c) | people |
| 7. | fireman | → (a) | firemen |
| 8. | cactus | → (d) | cacti |

Vocabulary

A. Fill in the blanks with antonyms of the underlined words: (Pg-15)

1. The small bird is sitting on a big branch.
2. The view from my window is beautiful but the dirt on the window pane is ugly.
3. Jayant only looks weak because of his illness. He is very strong.
4. This knife is blunt. But that one is very sharp.
5. We always keep our classroom clean. We cannot study in a dirty classroom.
6. The bed is very hard, but the pillow is very soft.

H.W.B. Match the columns (Pg - 16)

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1. Weaver → (d) Loom
2. Carpenter → (e) Saw
3. Doctor → (a) Stethoscope
4. Barber → (c) Scissors
5. Chef → (b) Spatula

Workbook Exercises ^{To be done} (In the Book)

Grammar

Write the plurals of these nouns in the correct columns:

<u>-s</u>	<u>-es</u>	<u>-ies</u>	<u>-ves</u>	<u>No change</u>	<u>Irregular Pronouns</u>
Shirts	dishes	ponies	thieves	deer	women
Pencils	glasses	babies	knives	sheep	children
Donkeys	watches	stories	wives	aircraft	teeth

Vocabulary

Complete these sentences with antonyms of the words in colour.

- Asif is wearing a new sweater because his old one is torn.
- Our school team won the match this week but we lost the one last week.

3. Summers in New Delhi are very hot while winters are quite cold.
4. The clown made us all laugh. But the baby began to cry.
5. This car is very fast. But that scooter is very slow.
6. Our street is quiet in the morning but it gets quite noisy in the evening.
7. Manmeet thought the bread was fresh but it turned out to be stale.
8. I wrote a short letter to my friend. She sent me a long letter in reply.

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