

6. A Stitch in Time

Competency-based Questions Based on the Coursebook Lesson

A. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

Khrrrrrrr... 'Oh no,' wails Shyam. The seams of his favourite shirt have come apart. 'I can't wear this shirt anymore, Thatha!'

'Of course you can, silly,' his grandfather says. 'We can repair it!' Thatha takes a needle and a spool of blue thread. He shows Shyam how to stitch the seams together.



1. What do you think Shyam was doing before he wailed?

Shyam was trying to wear his shirt before he wailed.

2. The seams of Shyam's favourite shirt came apart. Did you ever face a situation where your favourite thing got damaged? What did you do?

No, I have never faced such situation.

3. Based on the reading of the extract above, write a short character sketch of Shyam's grandfather.

Shyam's grandfather is a helpful person. He believed in repairing things instead of throwing away.

4. Thatha knows how to sew. Do you think it is a useful skill to have? Why or why not?

Yes, it is a very useful skill. If we know it, we don't have to wait for others to do it for us and can do it on our own.

Vocabulary

These verbs are similar in meaning. They are used according to the nouns that go with them.

- We use **make** with the following nouns:

decision	choice	progress	effort	mess	offer
plan	money	journey	bed	discovery	reservation
enquiry	mistake	noise			

- The verb **do** is used with these nouns:

work	harm	favour	exercise	experiment	classwork
business	duty	shopping	damage	job	

A. Now, complete the sentences using **make** or **do** (in the correct tense).

- You'll have to work hard if you want to make progress.
- You cannot go out to play till you make your bed.
- Don't worry about the result. Just do your best.
- Do your sums carefully. Try not to make any mistakes.
- I was a bit nervous when it was my turn to make a speech.

Grammar and Usage

A. Fill in the blanks with **a, an, the, or X** for no article.

- Chandigarh is located at the foot of the Shivalik mountains.
- Yesterday, I bought a dozen oranges.
- Is this the book you told me about?
- Let's go to X Egypt.
- The Sahara is the world's biggest desert.

6. ~~.....~~ ~~X~~ Mt Everest is the highest mountain peak in the world.
7. I spoke to ~~.....~~ the headmistress about practice.
8. Do you speak ~~.....~~ ~~X~~ Italian?
9. I need ~~.....~~ a bottle of water.
10. The bus was waiting near ~~.....~~ the gate of our school.



B. Complete the following passage with a, an or the. Put X, where nothing is required.

I was walking down the road last week when I saw a black Ambassador. It looked familiar, and I tried to recall where I had seen the car before. Inside the car, was a man. He was sitting behind the wheel, munching an apple. He also looked familiar. By this time, I was thinking hard. I had even forgotten what I had left ~~.....~~ ~~X~~ home to do; all I could think of was the car, the man and where I had seen ~~.....~~ ~~X~~ both of them before.

Finally, I gave up, and when I could take it no more, I walked up to the car, knocked at a window and when the man rolled the window down, I asked him nervously, 'I'm sorry, sir, but do you know ~~.....~~ ~~X~~ me? I'm quite sure that I know you and your car, though I can't remember how.'

I heard a familiar voice, 'Rashi, have you forgotten your spectacles at home again?' Suddenly, ~~.....~~ ~~X~~ everything made sense. The voice belonged to my uncle, and I remembered that before I was distracted by the car, I had been taking my spectacles to be repaired.

Writing

- A. Write a letter to your friend about a day you spent with your favourite relative, explaining why it was such a memorable day.

Write in Notebook.