

Understanding the Text

A. Choose the correct answer.

1. The boy finds that on a rainy day
 - a. his twin brother follows him around
 - b. his neighbour comes out to play
 - c. a little boy, just like himself, comes out to play
2. The boy finds that his playmate
 - a. smiles at him all the time
 - b. never speaks to him
 - c. stands in the same manner as him
3. The boy does not feel good when
 - a. it rains all day long
 - b. his friend does not come out to play
 - c. he has to step on his friend's feet
4. The boy never hears his playmate speak because
 - a. they do not know each other's language
 - b. he is the boy's reflection
 - c. he is an alien from another world

B. Explain in your own words the following lines or phrases from the poem. Use the questions given in brackets as hints to answer your question.

1. 'A little boy just like myself'. (Why does the boy say that his playmate looks just like him?)
2. 'Which is a sorry sight'. (What does the boy mean by 'a sorry sight'?)
3. 'He is always upside-down'. (Why is the playmate always upside-down?)

C. Answer the following questions.

1. What is the difference in the way the two boys stand in the puddles?
2. What makes the boy think that the other boy is kind-hearted?
3. How would life be if you had no playmates?

4. Have you ever come across a playmate like the little boy has? If so, when and where?

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D. Read the line and answer the questions that follow.

1. *And we step in all the puddles*

- Who is 'we' here?
- Where does he find all the puddles?
- How do you think the boy feels when he steps into the puddles?

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E. Think and answer.

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- Why do you think the playmate in the poem comes out only on rainy days?
- What kind of day do you like to go out and play? Give reasons for your answer.

Playing with Words

Phonics

Rhyming words are words which have the same ending sounds.

For example: ringing, singing, clinging

Do you know that we also have dictionaries with rhyming words? These are useful when you want to write rhyming poems.

If you read the poem *My Playmate* carefully, you will find many rhyming words.

For example: day—play, town—down, sight—right, kind—find

F. Write the words that rhyme with the following words.

1. rain

gain

2. sorry

lorry

3. talk

walk

4. never

ever

5. feet

meet

G. Two long words are given below. Make at least five words from each of them.

IMMEASURABLE

measure able blue sure sum

THUNDERSTRUCK

thunder struck truck hunter sun

Learning the Language

A sentence is a group of words that makes complete sense.

For example: The book on the table is new.

(This is a sentence as it makes complete sense.)

The book on the table

(This is not a sentence as it does not make complete sense.)

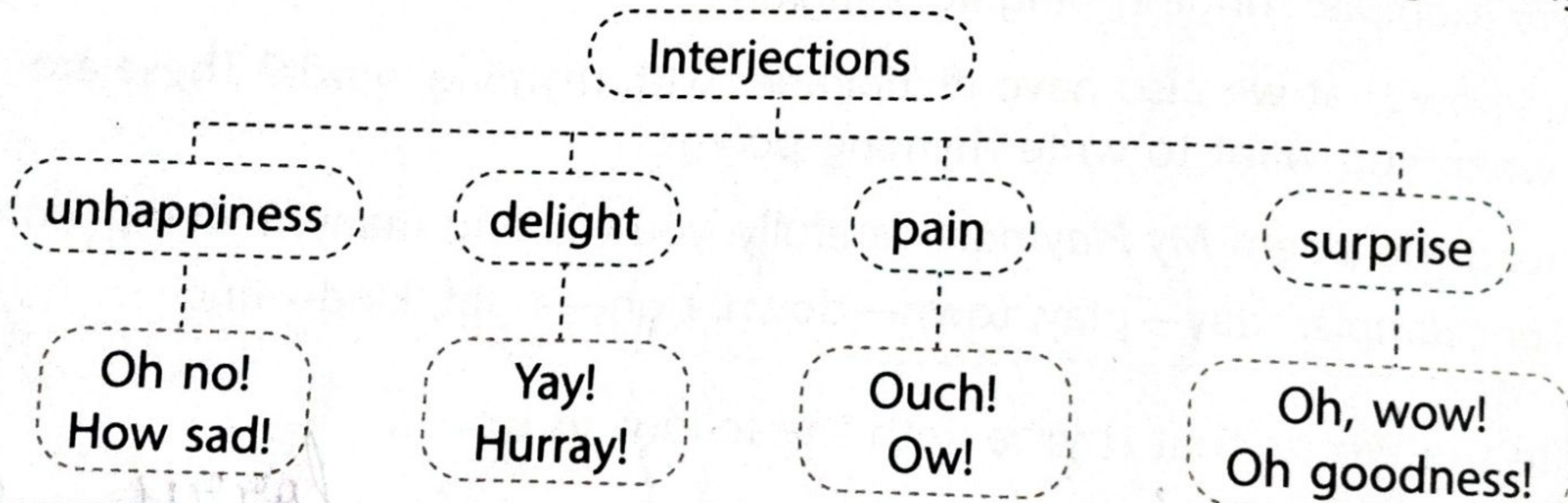
A sentence must begin with a capital letter and end in a full stop (.), a question mark (?) or an exclamation mark (!).

H. Write the words in the correct order to make complete sentences.

Remember to begin the sentences with capital letters.

- This is my school.*
1. school my this is.
 2. puppet made a of is wood.
 3. what tonight eat will we?
 4. is my where friend?
 5. reading books is a good habit
 6. you live do where?
- what will we eat tonight?*
- Reading books is a good habit*
- where is my friend?*
- where do you live?*

An interjection is a word or a group of words that expresses a strong feeling.



I. Choose interjections to complete the following sentences.

1. Oops! (Oh yes/Oops) I stepped upon my friend's foot.
2. Alas! (Alas/Wow) I have never heard him speak.
3. Ah yes! (Oh yes/Ow) When I smiled at him, he did the same.
4. Ouch! (Ouch/How terrible) Your right foot is pressing on mine.
5. Oh wow! (Oh wow/Oh dear) On rainy days, this boy magically appears to play with me.