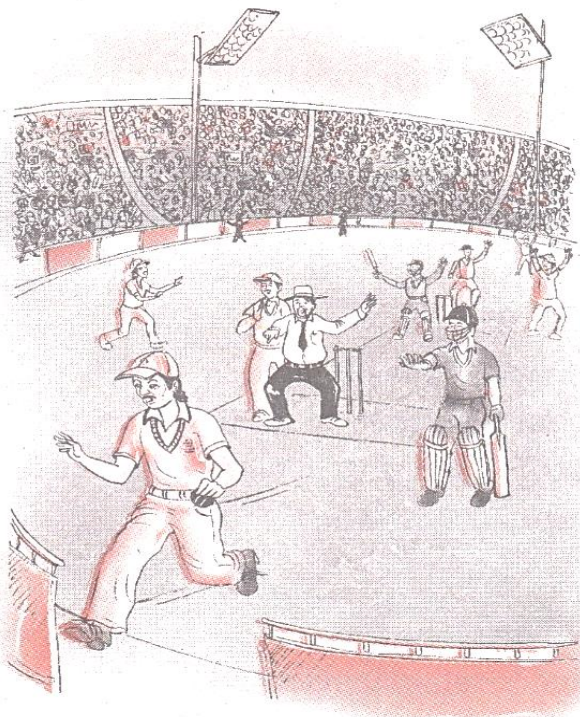




Be Sporty Yaar....!



It was just not their day ! In Munich Olympics 1972, the Basketball final match was being played between Russia and America. The Russians were winning by 49-48. Americans started jumping with joy at their unexpected victory. Just then, a Bulgarian referee pointed out that there was still one second left before the game finished. The Americans played for one more second and went back to their celebration. Then came a British referee who declared that there were still

3 seconds left. Americas had no choice but to go back to the field for the third time. It was in these three seconds that Alexander Below, a Russian player, managed to score 51-50 and won the gold medal for his country.



Is it possible for anyone to win a silver medal without taking part in games ? R.A. Christie was chosen for Indian Hockey Team which was to play Asian Games at Jakarta in 1962. Later on, due to non availability of foreign exchange, Christie could not accompany the team though his name was very much in the list of players. It so happened, the hockey team played without Christie and won a silver medal. And Christie whose name was still in the list got the medal, sitting at home.



Gan Keng Woon of Malaysia met with his death while he was playing. During the game, the 33 years old Woon suddenly slipped and

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feel down. His **denture** (artificial teeth) slipped from its place and got stuck in his wind pipe. By the time he was taken to the hospital, he had died of **suffocation** (သုံ့ငါးဖျား).



In World Cup Soccer 1990, Holland was cent perfect sure of its victory. So confident were they, that even before the team had won the finals, the over-enthusiastic officers in Holland got printed a million postage stamps saying 'Netherlands, 1990 World Cup Winners.' Unfortunately, Holland could not win the finals and those one million stamps had to be destroyed.



A Hampshire cricketer injured his hand in a match against Yorkshire. He filled in an accident insurance form. Under **witness** (es) (ဓနုခံ) he put : "2,891 spectators, 21 players, schoolboy up a tree !" The insurance company was clean bowled. It paid up !



In 1936 Olympic at Berlin, everyone was expecting the previous year winner Stella Walls of Poland to retain the gold medal in 100 metre race. Much to their disappointment, at the last moment, Helen Stefens of America won the race. The angry Polish **accused** (someone to put a charge against) Helen of being a **fraud** (dishonest). They accused her of being a man **disguised** (မူပျာပေါ့မိ) as woman. To **resolve** (provide solution) the controversy the judges decided to have her physically examined by lady officer. Only after passing this test, she was declared the winner.



In 1936, India was playing a cricket match against England. The English team was fielding. Alf Gower was the bowler. In his third ball Gower came running and instead of throwing the ball towards the batsman, he kept on running. He passed the umpire, pitch and the spectators and went straight into the pavillion with the ball still **clutched** (မိမိသိမ်းတိုက်) in his hand. Later, it was found that the poor bowler had suddenly felt the **urge** (desire) to go to the toilet so badly that he had no time even to hand the ball over to anyone else.

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Do it Yourself

Q.1 Answer the following questions with appropriate words given in bracket :

(fraud, resolve, denture, disguise, suffocation, witness)

1. What happens when one cannot breathe air ? _____
2. Ranjan cheats Raju. How is he ? _____
3. The teacher interfered when she saw two students fighting. What did he try to do ? _____
4. Why does Vijay's Grandfather visit the dentist ? _____
5. What will you do to hide who you are ? _____
6. Rutu saw the murderer while he was killing the person. Why is she called in the court ? _____

Q.2 (A) There are seven incidents in this lesson. Read the expressions/statements and write the number of the incidents against each of them :

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| 1. Artificial teeth may kill a person. | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. Spectators can help you in getting money. | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. Are you a he or a she ? | <input type="text"/> |
| 4. His internal urge was greater than his function. | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. Overconfidence can result into a great wastage. | <input type="text"/> |
| 6. Take rest and win a medal. | <input type="text"/> |
| 7. Clocks can beat you any time. | <input type="text"/> |

(B) Answer these questions :

1. What was the final score in Munich Olympics, 1972 ? In whose favour ?
2. How could the Russian team win the 72 Munich Olympics Basket championship ?

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3. Why could Christie not join the Indian Hockey team ?
4. Why was Christie lucky ?
5. How did Gan Keng Woon die ?
6. Who were the officers of Holland certain about in World Cup Soccer, 1990 ?
7. Why had the million postage stamps to be destroyed ?
8. What was the Helen Stefens accused of ?
9. Who was expected to win 100 meter race at the 1976 Berlin Olympics ? Did it happen so ? Why ?
10. What was the test Helen Stefens had to pass ? Why ?

(C) What do you learn from incidents no. 1 and 4 ? Complete these sentences :

1. From incident no. 1 I learn that _____

2. From _____

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