

Chapter 1: Revathi's Musical Plants

WARMING UP [PAGE 16]

Warming up | Q 1 | Page 16

Discuss in groups and share your answers with the class.

1. Can you name the famous musician in Emperor Akbar's court, who could perform miracles, when he sang different Ragas?
2. What miracles could he perform with his music?
3. What impact does music have on human beings?
4. Do you think music can have an impact on animals, birds, and even plants?

ENGLISH WORKSHOP [PAGES 2 - 22]

English workshop | Q 1. (a) | Page 20

Read the story and complete the following.

At first, Revathi's plants did not look normal and healthy because,

SOLUTION

At first, Revathi's plants did not look normal and healthy because they had pale green leaves and their growth was stunted due to insufficient sunlight.

English workshop | Q 1. (b) | Page 20

Read the story and complete the following.

When Revathi played her favourite raga, the plants began to move because,

SOLUTION

When Revathi played her favourite raga, the plants began to move because they liked the music she was playing.

English workshop | Q 1. (c) | Page 20

Read the story and complete the following.

Revathi's grief knew no bounds because,

SOLUTION

Revathi's grief knew no bounds because she could not find her pot of balsam plants.

English workshop | Q 1.(d) | Page 20

Read the story and complete the following.

Revathi was confident of proving her ownership of her pot of plants because,

SOLUTION

Revathi was confident of proving her ownership of her pot of plants because she knew that her plants loved music and would respond to her favourite raga. They would bend their stems towards her, proving that they were hers.



English workshop | Q 1.(e) | Page 20

Read the story and complete the following.

Revathi won the prize for the 'Best plant' because,

SOLUTION

Revathi won the prize for the 'Best plant' because her plants were the best looking and the healthiest.

English workshop | Q 2. (a) | Page 20

Answer in your own words.

What did Revathi discover about her balsam plants?

SOLUTION

Revathi discovered that her balsam plants were growing well and looked healthier than the other plants at the far end of the courtyard. She also discovered that when she was playing her violin, they would move their stems, bending slightly towards her.

English workshop | Q 2. (b) | Page 20

Answer in your own words.

Why did she decide to keep her new knowledge 'a secret'?

SOLUTION

Revathi decided to keep her new knowledge a secret perhaps because she felt that it was something only between her and her beloved plants, whom she considered her friends. Or perhaps she felt that nobody would believe her if she mentioned that her plants were music lovers.

English workshop | Q 2. (c) | Page 20

Answer in your own words.

How did the plants respond when Revathi played her favourite tune?

SOLUTION

When Revathi played her favourite tune on her violin, the plants all bent their stems towards her even though there was no breeze.

English workshop | Q 2. (d) | Page 20

Answer in your own words.

How did the plants react to the fast rhythmic music?

SOLUTION

When Revathi played a tune with a quick rhythm, the plants turned away from her as though they did not like what she was playing.

English workshop | Q 2. (e) | Page 20

Answer in your own words.

How did Revathi prove to the organisers of the competition, that the plants truly belonged to her?



SOLUTION

When Revathi played her favourite tune, the plants bent their stems towards her as though they wanted to touch her in their happiness. This convinced the organisers that the plants were hers.

English workshop | Q 2. (f) | Page 20

Answer in your own words.

What helped Revathi to claim her plants - her belief in magic or the belief in her convictions? Explain your choice.

SOLUTION

Her belief in her convictions helped Revathi to claim her plants. She was sure that her plants were music lovers and would respond to her favourite raga as they had done before. There was no magic involved. It was a fact.

English workshop | Q 3. (A) | Page 21

A word chain consists of words of a certain category that begin with the letter, that the previous word has ended with.

Complete the word chain adding Four Nouns from the text. Music - courtyard - d

_____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .

SOLUTION

music - courtyard - days - surprise - evening - grief.

English workshop | Q 3. (B) | Page 21

Add the appropriate Prefix to make the following words opposite in meaning.

- continue
- possible
- certain
- definite
- believe
- important
- place
- known
- regular

SOLUTION

continue	discontinue
possible	impossible
certain	uncertain
definite	indefinite



believe	disbelieve
important	unimportant
place	displace/misplace
known	unknown
regular	irregular

English workshop | Q 3. (C). 1 | Page 21

Use the following expressions to make sentences of your own.

make up one's mind

SOLUTION

make up one's mind - One should think carefully before one makes up one's mind about anything important.

English workshop | Q 3. (C). 2 | Page 21

Use the following expressions to make sentences of your own.

struck as odd

SOLUTION

struck as odd: My friend's continuous laughter on seeing her marks struck me as odd.

English workshop | Q 3. (C). 3 | Page 21

Use the following expressions to make sentences of your own.

knew no bounds

SOLUTION

knew no bounds: My joy knew no bounds when I saw the little puppy on my bed.

English workshop | Q 3. (C). 4 | Page 21

Use the following expressions to make sentences of your own.

flash across one's mind

SOLUTION

Flash across one's mind: When Sonam saw the tears in Dia's eyes, it flashed across her mind that there was some problem.

English workshop | Q 3. (C). 5 | Page 21

Use the following expressions to make sentences of your own.

to surmise

SOLUTION

to surmise: When the teacher saw Naomi crying, she surmised that she had failed in the test.

English workshop | Q 3. (C). 6 | Page 2

Use the following expressions to make sentences of your own.

not to deter

SOLUTION

not to deter: The loss of a leg did not deter Sudha Chandran from dancing.

English workshop | Q 4 | Page 21

Imagine there is a 'Best Plant' Competition in the locality/colony where you live. Frame a Notice about the same, in the form of an attractive poster. Cover the following points.

1. Name of the organisation.
2. Name of the Contest.
3. Day, Date, Venue.
4. Who can participate.
5. Prizes.
6. Contact details for further enquiry

SOLUTION

Who's the greenest or us all?'

Green Trees Society

Invites all of you with green fingers to participate
In our **Who's the greenest or us all?'** competition.

Anybody and Everybody eligible.

All you need is your own potted plant.

Day: Saturday

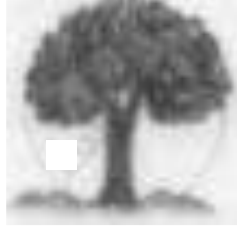
Date: 8 September. 2018

Venue: The Clubhouse, Everest CHS, M.G. Road, Malad.

PRIZES GALORE

1st prize: Rs. 1000
And many more.





English workshop | Q 6. (1) | Page 22

Make the following Negative using the negative word given.

There were a few potted plants in the courtyard. (not many)

SOLUTION

There were not many potted plants in the courtyard.

English workshop | Q 6. (2) | Page 21

Make the following Negative using the negative word given.

They looked healthier than the other plants. (not as healthy as).

SOLUTION

The other plants did not look as healthy as these plants.

English workshop | Q 6. (3) | Page 21

Make the following Negative using the negative word given.

She refused to share her secret. (would not)

SOLUTION

She would not share her secret.

English workshop | Q 6. (4) | Page 21

Make the following Negative using the negative words given.

She went around asking everyone about her plants. (No one/did not).

SOLUTION

She did not omit anyone when she went around asking about her plants.

English workshop | Q 7. (1) | Page 22

Make the following Affirmative using the word given.

There was no breeze. (hardly)

SOLUTION

There was hardly any breeze.

English workshop | Q 7. (2) | Page 22

Make the following Affirmative using the word given.



Their ridicule did not deter her. (failed to).

SOLUTION

Their ridicule **failed to** deter her.

English workshop | Q 7. (3) | Page 22

Make the following Affirmative using the word given.

Her mother knew nothing about it. (denied)

SOLUTION

Her mother **denied** knowing anything about it.

English workshop | Q 7. (4) | Page 22

Make the following Affirmative using the word given.

She did not give up. (refuse to)

SOLUTION

She **refused to** give up.

English workshop | Q 8 | Page 22

Imagine that Revathi's father is abroad on business and she wishes to convey the news of her prize-winning plants. Draft an email for the above subject. Use an email format.

SOLUTION

From: revathi@yahoo.com

To	Shekhar@hotmail.com
Subject	My balsam plants

Hi Dad,

How are you? How is your trip? Have you done a lot of sightseeing the past weekend?

Please don't forget to send some pics. I wish we could all have been in Paris with you.

I have some excellent news for you. Do you know those potted balsam plants 1n the corner of our courtyard? Well, I took one pot and gave 1t a lot of love and care. And guess what! It won the first prize in the 'Best Plant' contest 1n our colony!

But more important than that, Dad, is the fact that I have discovered that my plants love music, especially my favourite raga, Mohanam. They bend towards me when I play that raga on my violin, and move away when I play some music with a quick rhythm. No, it is

not my imagination; I proved it to the organisers of the contest, and they have praised me for my discovery. They will certainly talk to you about it when you come back.

Dad, I want to prove my discovery to you too. Please come back soon. Rest everything is fine. Lots of hugs and kisses from all of us.

Revathi.