

Rip Van Winkle



Fun with New Words

Comprehension

A. Circle the correct meaning of the given words. You may need to use the dictionary:

idled away wasted

rested

admired

constant coffee

construct

steady

companion dog

stranger

partner

realise to understand

to set free

real

descend to not send

to be decent

to move down

barrel a wooden

a musical

a bag

container

instrument

contents to be happy

the ingredients

the index of a book

B. Match the words in the box with their meanings. You may take the help of a dictionary:

grizzled

astonished

foothills

stroked

familiar

1. near the lower part of a mountain

2. with grey hair

3. to rub gently

4. to be very surprised

5. known to you

...foothills...

...grizzled...

...stroked...

...astonished...

...familiar...

Let's Read

C. State True or False:

1. Rip was kind to children.

True

2. Rip was a hardworking man.

False

3. The short old man on the mountain was his constant companion. False
4. Rip helped the old man on the mountains because he wanted to have a drink from the barrel. False
5. Rip was away for twenty years because he was asleep on the mountains. True
6. The drink from the barrel made him fall asleep for twenty years. True
7. Nobody recognised Rip when he came back because he had reached the wrong village. False

D. Complete the following sentences :

1. Rip's village was situated at the foothills of Kaatskill mountains.
2. The children of the village loved him because he played with them and told them stories.
3. Wolf, the dog. was his constant companion.
4. The villagers stared at him because they could not recognise him.
5. The old woman who recognised Rip was his neighbour.

E. Tick (✓) the correct answer (Multiple Choice Questions) :

1. What kind of a man was Rip Van Winkle?
 - (a) A rude neighbour
 - ✓ (b) A kind neighbour
 - (c) A short-tempered neighbour
 - (d) All of the above

2. What was the name of the good-natured villager?
- (a) Rip Van Winkle ☒ (b) Rip Van Kinkle ☐
 (c) Sip Van Winkle ☐ (d) Lip Van Winkle ☐
3. What was the only problem with Rip?
- (a) He was very lazy ☒ (b) He was very active ☐
 (c) He was very angry ☐ (d) None of these ☐

F. Answer the following questions:

1. Where was Rip's village located?
 Rip's village was located at the foothills of the Kaatskill mountains.
2. Why did the children like Rip?
 The children liked Rip because he played with them, taught them to fly kites and shoot marbles, and told them long stories.
3. What was the problem of Rip Van Winkle?
 The problem with Rip Van Winkle was that he was very lazy.
4. Who was really frightened?
 Rip was really frightened.
5. On ^{waking} walking up, what did Rip Van Winkle find?
 On waking up, Rip Van Winkle found that he was at the place where he had first met the old man.

Let's Write



Language Practice

G. Work in groups of four.

1. What were the strange things about the men on the mountains?
- (i) They all were dressed the same way.

- (ii) They all had beards of various shapes and colours.
 (iii) Their faces were serious.
 (iv) They were completely silent.

2. What kind of a man was Rip Van Winkle?

- (i) He was a kind neighbour.
 (ii) He was ready to help anyone.
 (iii) He loved children and told them stories.
 (iv) He was a lazy man.

Vocabulary Building

H. Pick out the names of the games mentioned in the story.

- flying kites
- ninepins
- shooting marbles
- mountain-climbing

flying kites
 chess ninepins
 shooting marbles
 mountain-climbing
 shooting
 skipping
 hopping



I. Sometimes we join two words to make a describing word. For example, Rip was a good-natured man, everybody liked him.

Here are some more describing words. Use them to complete the given paragraph:

long-sleeved

high-heeled

well-dressed

open-mouthed

sweet-looking

odd-looking

part-time

Mrs Das has a part-time job in a clothes shop. Yesterday, odd-looking woman walked into the shop. She was wearing high-heeled shoes. A sweet-looking dog was with her. "I want

long-sleeved shirt for my dog, please," she said. "For your dog?" asked Mrs Das, open-mouthed in surprise. "Yes," replied the woman. "I want him to be well-dressed for my next party."

J. Silent letters

What is common in the following groups of words?

1. knee, knife, knot, know

the sound 'k' is silent

2. neighbour, daughter, fight, straight

the sound 'gh' is silent

3. honest, honour, hour, heir

the sound 'h' is silent

Try and make more silent letter words :

gnat : gnat

gnat

tongue : tongue

clue

chalk : talk

folk

whistle : nestle

bustle

K. Read the two paragraphs given below :

My mother is always awake before anyone else in the family. I usually wake up after 6 o'clock. I loll around lazily for a few minutes. Then I get up and get dressed for school.

At bedtime, I read a story book. When I feel tired I lie down and go to sleep very quickly. I fall asleep in no time at all!



1. Now find the opposites of the following words from the paragraphs and complete the table :

awake : asleep

get up : fall asleep

mother : father

few : many

wake up : go to sleep

lazily : energetically

before : after

go : come

2. Fill in the blanks using the words in the previous questions:

(i) wake up and get up quickly! You will be late for school.

(ii) Shh! The baby is asleep..... Don't make a sound, or she will wake up..

(iii) Are you still awake? You should be asleep..... now you will not be able to get up..... in the morning for school. N.

L. Pick out the most suitable Preposition in the brackets:

1. The carriage is (on, at, in) the door.

2. Father is not (on, in, at) home.

3. There is a bridge (on, over, at) the river.

4. Open the book (on, at, from) page 12.

5. What is the time (in, by, from) your watch?

6. Children are fond (about, for, of) sweets.

7. She is afraid (about, from, of) dogs.

8. Write (with, in, from) ink.

9. The policeman is (at, on, about) duty.

10. Listen (about, to, on) me, please.

Subject-Enrichment ACTIVITIES



Creative Writing

M. Write about yourself using the following expressions (do you play in the park, go to bed late, fuss over food, study hard, etc.):

always frequently usually often sometimes rarely

For example: I always do my work neatly.

1. I frequently visit my native place.

2. I usually go to the market with my father.

3. I often go to the temple.
4. I sometimes write to my grand parents.
5. I rarely go to see movie in cinema hall.

N. Use the following clues to complete the following exercise:

play stop buy learn see meet learn be
eat go travel start read visit

1. Write three new things you have done in the last three years.
 - (i) I have started studying at night.
 - (ii) I have started helping my mother in her household work.
 - (iii) I have started my tuition classes.
2. Write three things you have not done in the last three years.
 - (i) I have not played kabaddi.
 - (ii) I have not visited Agaa.
 - (iii) I have not disobeyed my parents.

Let's Talk

O. Read the speech bubbles. Who walks to school most often? Put them in order:

Anu
I don't usually walk to school. I often go by cycle.

4

John
I never walk to school. I live very far away.

5

Arjun
I always walk to school. I live right opposite the school.

1

Mini
I sometimes walk to school, at times I take the bus also.

3

Nazim
I usually walk to school. It's a nice way to start the day.

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