

READING COMPREHENSION



READING IS THINKING



A1. Read the passage and answer the questions given below.

Laxman was a poor labourer in need of money. One day, as he was walking by the river, he heard a voice calling for help. He saw a man in the middle of the river. The drowning man was holding on to some bundles as he cried, "Save me and I will give you the most valuable bundle out of these three."

It was Sahadeva, one of the richest merchants in town. "Save me," he cried again. "I will give you the bundle which I consider to be the most valuable." Laxman was a kind-hearted man and would have jumped into the river to help the drowning man in any case. Moreover, he was in need and knew that one of Sahadeva's bundles contained money. So, he jumped into the river and rescued Sahadeva, risking his own life.

Q1. Who was Laxman?

Q2. Who was drowning in the river?

Q3. How many bundles was he having?

Q4. What kind of a man was Laxman? How can you say?



TAJ MAHAL

Read the following passage, then answer the questions below:

The Taj Mahal is in Agra, India. It is about 200 kilometers north of Delhi, the capital. It is one of the most famous buildings in the world. It was built by Shah Jahan, one of the great Moghul emperors, in memory of his beautiful wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died in 1631 AD. Shah Jahan loved his wife very much but she died when she was giving birth to her first child. The emperor was heart-broken and he decided to build a tomb for her so that people would always remember her name.

The building work began in 1631 and was finished 20 years later. More than 20,000 workers and craftsmen helped to build the Taj Mahal which is made of white marble. It is surrounded by beautiful gardens.

Questions: A. Mark these sentences TRUE or FALSE :

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| 1. The Taj Mahal was built by Shah Jahan. | { } |
| 2. India is the capital of Delhi. | { } |
| 3. Mumtaz Mahal died in the year 1361. | { } |
| 4. 20 thousand workers and craftsmen helped to build the Taj Mahal. | { } |
| 5. The Taj Mahal is one of the most famous buildings in the world. | { } |

B. Answer the following questions:

6. Why did the emperor build the Taj Mahal?

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7. How did the emperor feel after the death of his wife?

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8. What is the Taj Mahal made of?

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9. When was the Taj Mahal built?

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10. What do you know about the Taj Mahal?

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Note: Read the passages carefully and answer the questions. Students are requested to write the answers and make a pdf, then send it to me for correction.

