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Day Dreams

Liza was a *cute* girl. She was a farmer's daughter. She looked herself in the mirror every day. She *admired* her beauty in her mind. She thought, "One day a prince will come and marry me. With my beauty only a prince shall do for me. I shall not go with a farmer's son." But she didn't have a silky gown to match with her beauty.

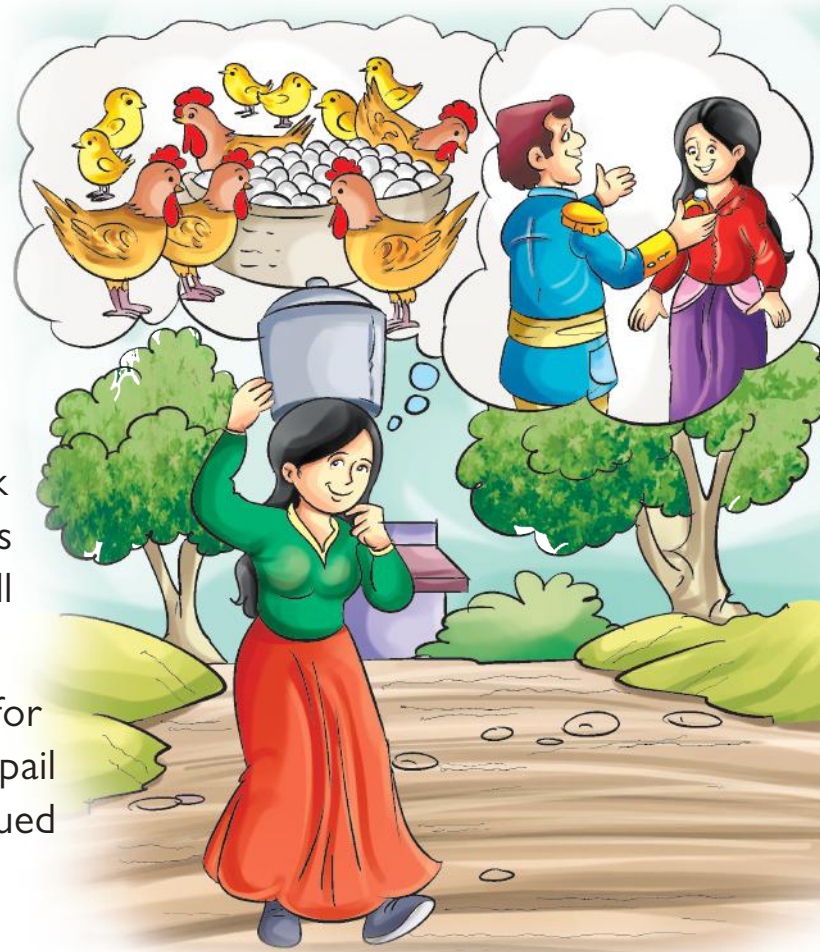
Liza's day began very early in the morning. Every day she had to milk the cow. Then she took the milk to the market. But she was slow in her work due to her day-dreams. Her mother always *scolded* her. "What are you dreaming of every time, Baby? Work quickly or you shall be late to the market." Liza used to hear but not listen to.

One day Liza was dreaming about her prince while sweeping, her father also scolded her. "No prince from a castle will come for you, Baby. Just do your house chores. Soon I'll marry you with my friend's son."

"Moo!" said the cow, as she too called out to Liza. The girl *tossed* her lovely head and picked up the pail. Then she *marched* angrily to the cowshed.

Liza milked the cow. The thick, creamy milk was *sloshing* about in the pail. "Our cow has given more milk today", she thought. "I'll get a good price."

Liza set the pail on her head and started for the market. It was her daily practice. So her pail was *well-balanced* on her head. She continued her story.



“I’ll buy three hundred eggs with this money. Father ! Father will not refuse. I am going to start a new business from today. He also wants more money. Isn’t it ?”

“I’ll bring the eggs home to *hatch*. Even if some of the eggs break, there will come out at least two hundred and fifty chicks.” For a moment she thought of the creamy milk which sloshed about in the milk-pail on her head.

She saw the big stone lying in the middle of the way. She walked around it.

“I’ll feed the chicks well, so that they will grow into fat hens. These fat hens will sell at a high price.”

Liza was *excited* now. Her flow of dream thoughts speeded up.

“I shall take my share of the money. I’ll buy the most beautiful gown for myself. Silky, white *dazzling* with pearl buttons and bright blue ribbons to tie it to the waist.

I like blue ribbons as they match with my blue eyes. I’ll tie up my hair also with more blue ribbons.”

“I’ll buy long white gloves and tiny slippers.”

Liza’s feet on road were a little *trembling* as she was riding on her dreams.

“I’ll be invited everywhere in my beautiful dress. I’ll go to all Christmas parties. Other girls will be quite jealous of me with my silky shining dress. And the boys ! All the boys will pray me to dance with them !”

Now Liza was quite excited. She forgot that she was carrying a milkpail on her head. She was lost in *fantasies*.

“The boys will *go down* on their knees. They’ll beg me to marry them. I’ll refuse every one of them. A farmer’s son ! No, no. I’ll marry only a prince. I’ll turn up my nose and toss my head at any other !”

At this moment, Liza gave a toss to her head. Her pail *tilted* and milk from her pail fell on her clothes. As she felt its *wetness*, she came to her senses. Liza tried to grab the pail but it was too late..... the pail fell on the ground. Her dreams lay on the earth with the milk.

Only dreaming leads to nowhere. Even a small dream needs long hard work to turn it into *reality*.

Word Treasure

marched : forced herself to walk quickly

sloshing : moving around with a splashing sound

dazzling : shining brightly

trembling : shaking slightly

go down : bow down

wetness : covered with water (milk here)

well-balanced : put in a steady position

admire : look at with pleasure

tossed : jerked one's head sharply

fantasies : imagination

tilted : moved into a sloping position



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

1. Liza wanted to marry a _____ only.

a. prince

b. farmer

c. soldier

2. Liza dreamt of buying _____ eggs.

a. 300

b. 200

c. 100

3. Liza thought she will be invited every where because of her :

a. fairy colour

b. eyes

c. silky shiny colour

4. Liza thought to earn some money to buy a :

a. good house

b. big cow

c. beautiful dress

5. Liza had milk in a _____ on her head.

a. pail

b. jug

c. none of these

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct option :

prince, stone, invited, creamy, admired

1. She _____ her beauty in her mind.

2. With my beauty only a _____ shall do for me.

3. The thick _____ milk was sloshing about in the pail.

4. She saw the big _____ lying in the middle of the way.

5. I'll be _____ everywhere in my beautiful dress.

C. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements :

1. Liza was a doctor's daughter.
2. Liza liked blue ribbons as they match with her blue.
3. Liza thought that she'll buy five hundred eggs with the money.
4. She saw a big mountain in the middle of the way.
5. Liza's dreams lay on the earth.

D. Answer the following questions :

1. Who was Liza ?
2. What work did Liza do ?
3. What was Liza's dream ?
4. What did Liza's mother say to her ?
5. What did Liza's father say to her ?

Fun with Words

Liza tossed her head and the pail fell on the ground. 'Toss' means jerk one's head sharply backwards.

People **express** their emotions by the movements of their head, face or mouth.

Many people **nod** their head to mean 'yes,' and **shake** their head when they mean 'no'.

People **smile** when they are happy or to be polite.

They **laugh** when they hear something funny.

They may **cry** when they're sad.

They **yawn** when they're tired or bored.

E. Fill in the blanks with the above 'expression' words :

1. When Liza is happy she _____.
2. He caused me to _____ saying funny jokes.
3. When I want to say 'yes' I only _____ my head.
4. Annie was bored, she _____ and went to sleep.
5. When she wants to say 'no' she only _____ her head.
6. The child was sad so she _____.

Essential Grammar

We use **can/could** to show ability in **present/past**.

Ex. : She **can speak** English but she **cannot speak** French.

Bob **can play** football but he **cannot play** baseball.

I **can play** piano but I **cannot play** violin.

“Bill and Liza want to buy a house.” “How much **can they pay** ?”

“Ann and I have got a lovely hotel room.” “**Can you see** the sea from it ?”

I **could walk** when I was ten months old.

I **could not understand** the teacher yesterday.

Could you remember the things clearly ?

Note : **Can't** is the short form of **cannot** and **couldn't** is the short form of **could not**.

F. Fill in 'can/can't/could/couldn't' :

1. She was tired but she _____ sleep.
2. Bill _____ ride a motorcycle but he _____ drive a car.
3. Sarah _____ sing when she was only five.
4. Little Mary is ten month's old now. _____ she walk.
5. My daughter _____ speak Spanish but she _____ speak German.

Note : There are other uses of **could**—permission, possibility. **Can** is not considered polite for permission.

Essential Writing

• Use these proverbs in your own dialogues and write then down. :

There are old saying of good advice in every land. These are called wise words or proverbs.

A proverb with a slight variation is found in another land also. More or less they give the same advice.

1. a. A sparrow in the hand is better than a hawk in the air. (Iran)
b. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. (Italy)
c. Oat bread today is better than cake tomorrow. (Yugoslavia)
2. a. Haste makes waste. (England)
b. Mistakes happen because of haste, never by doing a thing slowly. (China)
c. Who pours water into a bottle with haste, spills more than he gets in. (Spain)

