Snow-White

Snow-White was a princess. Her skin was as white as snow. So her parents named her 'Snow-White'. Her cheeks were as red as a rose and her hair was as black as *ebony*. So she looked beautiful in all ways.

Her mother, the queen died when she was a few months old. The king married again with a very beautiful woman. The new queen was very proud of her beauty. She had a big magic *mirror*. Every day she looked in the mirror as she stood in front of it. Then she used to ask the mirror who was the most beautiful woman in the world.

"Little glass upon the wall,

Who is fairest among us all ?"

The mirror always replied that she was the fairest of all.

"Gracious Queen, so grand and tall,

You are the fairest of them all."

The reply of the mirror pleased the queen very much.

In a few years, Snow-White grew up tall to be a very beautiful girl. Her step-mother, the queen became jealous of her. One day when she asked her magic mirror,



"Little glass upon the wall,

Who is fairest among us all ?"

The mirror replied,

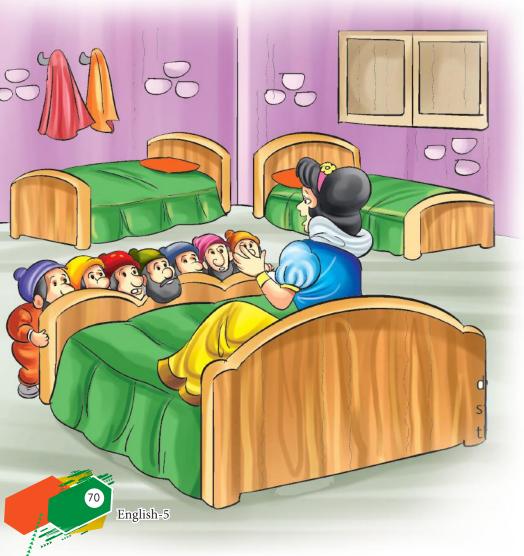
"Gracious Queen, you're grand and tall,

But Snow-White is fairest of you all."

Hearing this the queen became very angry. She ordered one of her servants to take Snow-White to the forest and kill her. But the servant couldn't kill the *innocent* girl. He left her alive in the forest.

Snow-White ran around weeping all day. In the evening, she found a small house on a hill-side. The door was not locked. As she entered the house, she saw a table. There were seven little plates, seven little spoons and seven little glasses on it. There was food on the plates and clean water in the glasses. Snow-White was very hungry. She ate a little from each plate and drank a little from each glass.

She went to the side room. There were seven little clean beds with clean white bedsheets on them. She was tired and wanted to take rest. So she tried each of the little



beds. Somehow she lay down on one of them and soon fell asleep.

The small house belonged to seven *dwarfs*. They used to dig out silver in the mountains. When they returned in the evening they found Snow-White sleeping. They stood around her bed and looked at her. After some time Snow-White woke up and was afraid. The dwarfs politely asked her who she was. She told them all about herself. They felt pity for her. So they let her to live in there. Snow-White used to clean their house, wash their clothes and cook their dinner. So the dwarfs were very pleased with her.

Queen, the step-mother of Snow-White was very happy thinking Snow-white as dead. Now she was the fairest of all. In her joy, she did not look into the magic mirror for many days. One day as she looked into it and asked,

"Little glass upon the wall,

Who is fairest among us all ?"

The mirror replied,

"Gracious Queen, you're grand and tall,

But Snow-White is fairest of you all."

Then the queen asked where she was. The mirror told her that she was in the Seven Dwarfs' house.

The queen became worried. So she changed herself into an old woman, took a poisoned comb with her and arrived at the Seven Dwarfs' house. Snow-White was sitting at the window.

"Come out, my dear," the old woman said, "I've brought lots of nice things for you! I'm sure you will like them." Then she showed Snow-White the comb.

At first Snow-White *hesitated* to come out. But when the old woman repeated his words in sweet voice, she came out. The wicked old woman said, "Let me comb your beautiful hair for you, dear." And she *stuck* the poisoned comb in her hair. Snow-White fell down senseless on the ground and the wicked queen ran back home.

In the evening, the seven Dwarfs came home. They found Snow-White lying senseless in front of their house. They took the poisoned comb out of her hair and she was well again to get up. Snow-White told them about the visit of the old woman. They told her not to go out of the house.

The wicked queen soon came to know from the magic mirror that Snow-White was alive. She changed herself into a farmer's wife and took an apple which was half red and half white. She put a poisoned pin in the red half. She put the poisoned apple on other apples in a basket.

When she knocked the door at the Dwarfs' house, Snow-White refused to open the door. The wicked queen showed her the apples. The queen cut the apple into two. She gave the red half to Snow-White and began eating the other half herself.

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Snow-White bit off a piece of the poisoned apple and fell down dead. The wicked queen laughed loudly and ran away home.

In the evening the Dwarfs found Snow-White dead. They tried everything to bring her back to life but in vain. Snow-White looked fresh and beautiful as a flower even in that state. So the Dwarfs did not bury her. They put her in a *coffin* of glass with some holes for passing air.

After a few days a prince came that way. He looked at Snow-White and liked her very much. He asked the Dwarfs to let him have the coffin. Somehow they let the prince take it. On the way the horse which was carrying the coffin stumbled. The piece of apple which was in Snow-White's mouth came out. She opened her eyes and got up. The prince was *overjoyed*.

The prince took her to his father's palace and married her the next day.

One day the wicked queen asked her magic mirror,

"Little glass upon the wall,

Who is fairest among us all ?"

The mirror replied,

"Gracious Queen, you're grand and tall,

But Snow-White is fairest of you all."

The queen became very angry. In a fury she threw the mirror down and it broke. She became so sad with jealousy that she ended her life by taking poison.

Word Treasure

ebony : black wood gracious : highly stylish, attractive and pleasant innocent : not guilty dwarf : a very short man hesitated : slow to act coffin : a box for a dead body *mirror* : a looking glass *grand* : impressive, noble

stuck : pushed into hair and fixed
overjoyed : extremely happy.



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

A. Tick (\checkmark) the correct option :

Ι.	Who was the most fai	rest of	all women on earth wl	hen S	now-White grew up tal	?
	a. milkmaid	Ľ	o. the queen		c. Snow-White	
2.	Who told the queen t	that Sno	ow-White was alive ?			
	a. the mirror	L t	o. servant		c. dwarf	
3.	Who took the coffin ?	?				
	a. the dwarfs	L t	o. the prince		c. the queen	
4.	Who gave Snow-Whi	te the _l	poisoned apple to eat	?		
	a. the prince	L t	o. the queen		c. a dwarf	
5.	Who married with Sn	ow-Wl	hite ?			
	a. a dwarf	C ł	o. the prince		c. no one	
Answer the following questions :						
I. Who was Snow-White ?						

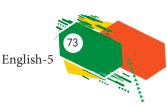
- 2. Why was her step-mother jealous of Snow-White ?
- 3. What did the queen order her servant to do ?
- 4. Where did Snow-White reach ?
- 5. What did the queen do to kill Snow-White ?
- 6. How did Snow-White come back to life again ?

C. Match the following :

Β.

- Snow-White's mother, the queen died
- 2. Gracious queen, so grand and tall,
- 3. But the servant could not kill air,
- 4. When the dwarfs returned in the evening
- 5. The dwarfs put Snow-White in a coffin

- a. the innocent girl.
- b. when she was a few months old.
- c. of glass with some holes for passing .
- d. you are the fairest of them all.
- e. they found Snow-White sleeping.



Fun with Words

D. Add -ing or -ful to the suitable words :

clatter	sing	suceess	
harm	tear	shine	
whirl	creak	cheer	
master	howl	јоу	
search	right	lap	
help	write	bubble	
scream	grate	dread	
mourn	sin	thought	
event	sorrow	flow	

Write the words below :

Essential Grammar

We use modal verbs before other verbs to express certain meanings, for example, permission, ability, possibility, certainty, etc.

Modal Verbs : can, could, may, might, shall, should, will, would, must.

- 1. Modal verbs have no s with the third person singular (he/she/it form). In other words they do not change with singular or plural doer.
 - Ex. : John can speak Japanese.



They may be late.

This must be your coat.

2. We make modal questions and negatives without do; other verbs have do.

Ex. : Can you help me ?

(NOTE–Do you can help me ?)

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You <mark>must</mark> not tell him.

Use of 'would'

We often use would in the expression 'I would like' to ask for things. It is more polite than 'I want'.

Ex. : I would like a return ticket, please. I would like a seat by the window.

We can offer things with would you like ... ?

Would you like a drink ?

Would you like coffee ?

We often use would you like to ... ? in invitations.

Would you like to come to London with us ?

D. Make sentences with 'I would like..., please' :

E. Make sentences with 'Would you like... ?'

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Essential Speaking

H. When two friends go to a restaurant, how they talk. Work in pairs :

Sam	: Would you like some snacks and drinks ?
Tom	: But where ?
Sam	: At the resataurant over there.
Tom	: But I have not much money.
Sam	: Don't worry. Let's cross the road.
Tom	: This is a very expensive restaurant. Isn't it
Sam	: Yes, it is. But it gives high quality dishes.



Tom		Are you sure we can afford to eat here ?
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Sam -	÷	We're going to taste only few delicious. And I have calculated for that.
Tom	:	Where should we sit ?
Sam	:	Let's sit here.
Tom	:	Oh, yes, have you eaten here before ?
Sam	:	No, but I have heard much about it.
Tom	:	It looks fine.
Waiter	:	Good evening, sir.
Sam	:	Excuse me. Could we see the menu about it?
Waiter	:	Yes, of course.
Tom	:	We'll look over the menu for a few minutes.
Waiter	:	Now, what would you like ?
Sam	:	l'd like a cheese-burger.
Tom	:	And I'd like a dosa, please.
Waiter	:	Here you are.
Sam	:	The burger is so delicious.
Tom	:	Mine too.
Waiter	:	We have fresh pastries, if you'd care for some dessert.
Sam	:	I'd like a strawberry ice-cream.
Tom	:	And I'd like a coffee please.
Sam	:	Could we have the bill, please ?
Waiter	:	Here it is.
Tom	:	Thank you Sam, for the nice snacks and drink.
Sam	:	You are welcome, my dear friend.

Essential Writing

I. What did your grandma do in the morning ? Look at the pictures and write. Use the clue words :





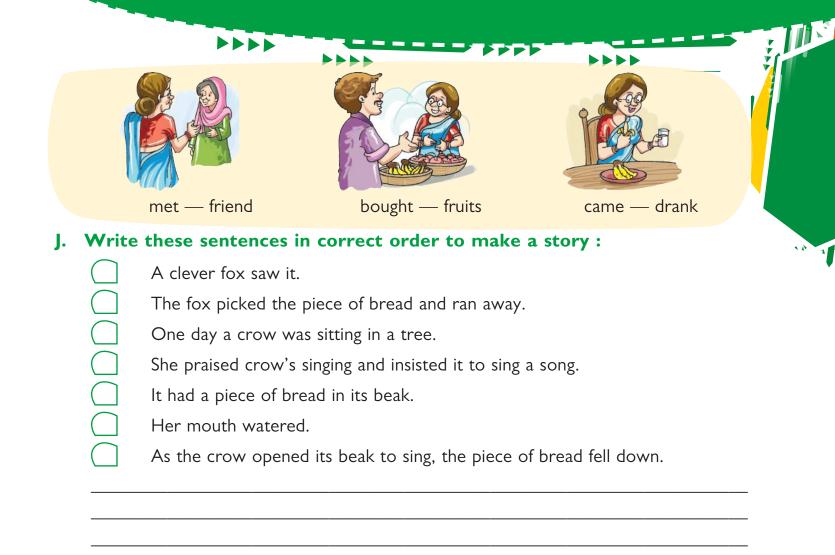


went — temple

bought — flowers

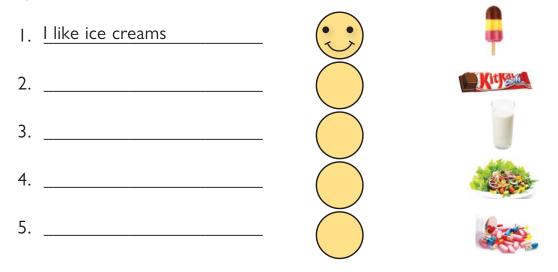
worshipped — the lord

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Fun to Do

K. Look at the things draw the faces and write sentences with your own opinion :



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