

English Language

Std VI

The tongue cut sparrow

B.1. Find from the text words or phrases that have the following meanings.

1. Expressing anger, rebuking- *scolding*
2. Gentle and unafraid of human beings- *tame*
3. Large wooden tub used (in olden days) for washing clothes- wash tub .
4. Cleaning something thoroughly by rubbing hard , specially with a brush and a soap and water- *scrubbing*.
5. Stretched tightly; overtired- *strained*.
6. A white substance obtained from potatoes, flour, rice, etc. used for stiffening clothes- *starch*.
7. Sadly- *mournfully*
8. Scolding and criticizing continuously- *nagging*.
9. Acted as a hostess and performed a small ceremony- *greeted*.
10. Really, literally- *simply*
11. Said forcefully and repeatedly by not accepting a refusal- *insisted*.
12. Things given and kept as a reminder- *memento*.
13. Too full of- *crammed*.
14. That cannot be seen- *invisible*.
15. Broad smile that shows the teeth- *grin*.
16. Breathing with short breaths- *panting*.
17. Wicked or cruel spirits- *demons*.
18. Took into his family, as a child- *adopted*.

B.2. Copy and complete the sentences briefly.

1. The old man was unhappy because *of his nagging wife*.

2. The old woman's temper was worse on washing days because the *scrubbing and wringing strained her back*.
3. The old woman *cut off the tongue* when the pet sparrow ate some of her starch.
4. The husband was not at home when *the old woman* cut off the tame sparrow's tongue.
5. There was *a quarrel* between the old man and his wife when he came to know what the cruel woman had done.
6. The sparrow could speak as *a human being* after his tongue had been cut off.
7. The sparrow's family consisted of *Mr & Mrs sparrow and their two daughters*.
8. Mrs Sparrow welcomed the old man by *offering him ceremonial tea*.
9. The ceremonial tea was prepared by *the eldest daughter*.
10. The sparrow and his family lived in- *bamboo house*.
11. The old man stayed with the sparrow family for *a week*.
12. The old man chose the smaller basket for his gift because *he was not greedy*.
13. The old woman was not only greedy but also *cruel*.
14. After the death of his wife the old man adopted a child and bought a splendid house.
15. The old man's advice to his son was that *not to be greedy*.
16. The old woman was punished for her *greed*.

B.6. Write the meaning of these phrases and construct meaningful sentences.

1. Because of- due to- He was unable to come to school because of high fever.
2. Be off - get out - The teacher in anger told the child to be off.
3. Tear off- to separate by tearing- The teacher tore off the page of the copy and made Raj do the work again.
4. Cut off - to remove something by cutting- The tailor cut off the extra cloth from the dress and made it short
5. In vain - useless- All his labour went in vain when the machine failed to work.
6. Point out - to show - The teacher pointed out the most disturbing student of the class.
7. Instead of - in place of - I want to have an ice cream instead of a cold drink.
8. Pay no heed - pay no attention - The old man paid no heed to the lecture of his children.
9. Ask for - request- The teacher asked for a red pen in the class.
10. To no purpose- useless- All his effort was to no purpose

11. Set out - start a journey- He set out for Mumbai last night .

12. At all - anyway- This chair is not at all comfortable.

B.7. There is one error in each line . Underline the error and write the correct word.

1.A fable is a *shorter* story told to teach - _short_.

2. a lesson. *A* example of a fable is a simple- _an_

story of two cocks *which* had a fight. One was - _who_

beaten, and ran away out *from* sight . The other was- _of_

so pleased at his victory that he *flying* updated to his - _flew_

roof and began boasting aloud. An eagle *looked* him - _saw_

and swooped down and carried him *of*. The moral - _off_

of the fable is : It is *fool* to boast - _foolish_