

## Unit 1 – Prose - The Nose-Jewel

**Class: VIII**

**Subject: English**

### A) Choose the correct synonyms for the italicized words.

1. Nice fun indeed

a. **infact**

b. doubtedly

c. fine

2. The poor woman is in a panic.

a. **fear**

b. grid

c. crash

3. The mother consoled her little girl.

a. pretended

b. **comforted**

c. left

4. You are always self-centred.

a. **egostic**

b. generous

c. heroic

5. What is the secret you are whispering?

a. rumour

b. **murmur**

c. louder

### B) Find the antonym for the following words.

1. Delight × Un happy

2. Disgrace × Esteem, honor

3. Careless × Careful

4. Secret × Expose, Publishing

5. confine × Free

### C) Fill in the blanks.

1. The sparrows built their nests in the roof of Ramayya's house.

2. The diamond jewel was lying in the floor.
3. The diamond jewel belonged to Meenakshi Ammal's family daughter.
4. Kuppayi was the servant maid of Meenakshi Ammal.
5. Ramayya and his wife lived with the fear of getting caught

**D) Say the following statements are True or False.**

1. Two sparrows built a nest on a tree top. **FALSE**
2. Kuppayi swept out the diamond jewel. **TRUE**
3. Ramayya gave the diamond jewel to the magistrate. **FALSE**
4. Ramayya's wife put the stud away in her box. **TRUE**
5. The Police searched Rammaya's home. **FALSE**

**E) Answer the following questions**

**1. Where did the sparrows built the nest?**

The sparrows built the nest in the roof of Ramayya's house.

**2. Why did the bird drop diamond stud?**

The bird dropped diamond stud because he went in search of little worms for the young ones.

**3. What were the words of Meenakshi Ammal to her daughter?**

Meenakshi Ammal's little worms for the young ones.told her daughter not to tell her father till they find her nose jewel.

**4. Who was suspected of stealing the diamond nose stud?**

Meenakshi Ammal's maid servant kupayi was suspected of stealing the diamond nose stud.

## 5. What did Ramayya's wife do with the stud?

Ramayya's wife wore the stud delightfully.

## 6. What happened to Ramayya's wife at the end?

Hearing of police search, she put the stud away in her box. She spent her rest of life in fear of being caught.

## F) Answer the following in about 100 words.

### 1. Why did the sparrow throw the nose jewel into Ramayya's house?

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. One day ,the male sparrow found a diamond nose – jewel in a heap.He picked it up and came to the nest with the shining stud in his beak and informed his wife about it.The female bird shouted at him and told him that the diamond jewel was not of any use to her.she asked the male sparrow to search food for their young ones.so the bird dropped the diamond stud on the floor and went out in search of little worms for the young ones

**You must lose everything in order to gain anything**

### 2. Explain how Ramayya's wife reacted when she saw the nose jewel?

While Ramayya's wife was sweeping the floor she found the diamond nose stud .she picked it up with delight and wore it . Her husband told her that it was a mistake to keep the jewel.she did not bother about it.she knew that the jewel.she did not bother about it. she knew that the jewel belonged to her neighbour's daughter.yet she did not reveal about it to anyone.the maid servant of the neighbor was suspected the police searched her but,but could not

find it. Ramayya's wife put the stud away in her box. she soon developed a severe fever and was confined to her bed

## Vocabulary

### A) Pick out the correct homophone.

1. I am not \_\_\_\_\_ to drink soda. ( aloud , **allowed** )
2. The wind \_\_\_\_\_ the leaves. ( blue , **blew** )
3. I will \_\_\_\_\_ my friend. ( meat , **meet** )
4. He will play the \_\_\_\_\_ in the second play. ( **role** , roll)
5. I have \_\_\_\_\_ the movie already. ( scene , **seen** )

### B) Choose the correct homophone.

1. Every morning my father likes to look at the \_\_\_\_\_ on the grass.  
a) **due**                      b) dew
2. Chennai is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Tamilnadu.  
a) capitol                      b) **capital**
3. I was very \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend because my friends went to the village without informing me.  
a) **bored**                      b) board
4. The cat caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of a mouse.  
a) **scent**                      b) cent
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ rises in the east.  
a) son                          b) **sun**

**c) Expand the following:**

- ECG - Electro cardiography
- ILO - International Labour Organization
- SCERT - State council of educational research and training
- IIT - Indian Institute of Technology
- ISRO - Indian space Research Organization
- FIR - First Information Report
- UNESCO - United Nations International Scientific and cultural Organization.
- UNICEF - United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
- NASA - National Aeronautics and space Administration.
- AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.
- ADHD - Attention deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- UFO - An Unidentified flying object
- FAQ - Frequently Asked questions

**Grammar**

**B) Read the following paragraph and pick out the different types of nouns and put them in the table. Hobby is an activity that we enjoy doing in our free time. It keeps us busy in our leisure time. People choose their hobby on the basis of their interests and personality. Do you know what Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's hobby was?**

Proper Noun	Common Noun	Collective Noun	Abstract Noun
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's	Hobby	Activity	Personality

	People	Leisure	interests
			Time,busy

**C) Fill in the blanks with the suitable collective noun.**

[Choir, shower, bowl, flock, cup, pair, swarm, bunch, herd, bottle]

1. a herd of cows
2. a flock of birds
3. a choir of singers
4. a bowl of milk
5. a cup of tea
6. a swarm of ants
7. a bunch of grapes
8. a cup of rice
9. A pair of shoes
10. a shower of rain

**PRONOUN**

**A) Change the underlined words with correct pronoun.**

( they, he, her, him, it, she )

1. I saw Mr. Balu this morning and gave Mr. Balu my homework. him
2. Muthu likes computer games, but he doesn't play computer games very often. it
3. My aunt lives in Trichy but, my aunt often comes to visit my family. she
4. Neil Armstrong was born in 1930. Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in 1969. he
5. He helped the old lady. He gave the old lady food. her

**B) Change the possessive adjective into possessive pronoun.**

1. This is my pen. This pen is mine

2. Shenbah missed her purse.     The missed purse is hers
3. Her speech is nice.             The nice speech is hers
4. My book is new.                 The new book is mine
5. My bike is costly.             The costly bike is mine

### UNIT – 1- POEM - SPECIAL HERO

**B) Find a line from the poem to match the statements given below and write it in the blank.**

1. He always saves me from harm     Keeping me safe from harm
2. I am so lucky to get you     How did I get so lucky. you were the dad chosen for me
3. The affection between us has no end     Our love is everlasting

**C) Answer the following questions.**

1. Who is the speaker?

The poet Christina M Kerschen

2. Who is the special hero mentioned in the poem?

The special hero mentioned the poem is The poet's father.

3. How did the child feel when it was hold by its dad?

**Seems it was sent to me**

**From someplace up above.**

The child felt the love and kindness of her father. she felt that she was safe from harm seems it was sent to me from someplace up above.

4. What do the above lines mean?

The above lines means that the poet's father is sent to her from heaven.

**5. What did the child want to tell its dad?**

The child wanted to tell her dad that he was her special hero.

**D) Work in pairs and answer the questions below.**

1. "There is something special  
about a father's love".

Identify the alliteration in the given lines.

**2. Pick out the rhyming words from the poem.**

See - me

Love - above

Know - so

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