

Class - II

English

The Three Butterflies

Neeli, Peeli and Lali were three brothers. And they were butterflies. The most handsome butterflies in all the land, and best friends, too. Their mother, Rangberangi, had taught them all they knew. She told them many things, "But", she said, "the most important thing of all to remember is that you must always depend on and support each other. Together, you will be stronger than the Sun, Wind and Rain combined even though you fly on delicate gossamer wings. Individually you are just ordinary butterflies, weak and fragile. So never let each other down."



When they grew up, Neeli, Peeli and Lali decided to explore the world, just as every good fairytale character must do. So they set off, discovering wonders that they had never dreamed possible. Excited and laughing, they flew restlessly about as though there was no tomorrow.

Then a mean, black cloud spotted them and felt jealous of the fun that they were having. "Ha," he laughed to himself, "let's see how loyal they really are to each other. I'll put them to the test."



He began to rain. Neeli's wings got wet, Peeli's wings got wet and Lali's wings got wet. Soon, it was difficult for them to fly with wet, heavy wings. "We must find some shelter before our wings get damaged," they cried.

A gulmohar tree sparkled with red flowers. "Oh good Gulmohar, please let us take shelter in your flowers until the rain cloud has passed."

"I can take Lali, the red butterfly," said the Gulmohar, "for my flowers are red. But I can't take the other two".

"If you will not take in my brothers, I will not take shelter here either," said Lali angrily. Peeli and Neeli tried to persuade Lali, but he would not agree.

Then they came upon the blue mauve flowers of the Kachnar tree. The rain came down a little harder now, for the black cloud was a little annoyed that his plan had not worked. "Beautiful Kachnar," the three pleaded, "give us shelter until the rain has passed..."



"I can protect Neeli in my blue flowers," said the tree, "but I cannot take in the other two."

"Then I too will not take shelter here," cried Neeli. The rain drenched them as the cloud grew furious. "I will never desert my brothers."

The same thing happened when they came to the Amaltas tree, which dripped with a thousand yellow flowers. "If you will not help my brothers," said Peeli, "I too will do without your help."

And they flew away together. The cloud turned white with shame when he realized the love and loyalty the brothers shared.

Soon the Sun was shining through and Neeli, Peeli and Lali flew on happily, exploring the wide world once more.

1(a). Complete the story

The name of the three butterflies are, and They are three brothers. Their mother told them to each other. All the three butterflies wanted to the world. "I will put them to test" said the They find it difficult to fly because their were and wet. They wanted to take to protect their wings from rain. They met and the three asked them to give shelter. All of them could not get shelter at one place. So they flew away. The cloud turned with shame. All of them flew away when they saw sun-shine.

(b) List all the words underlined in the story. Arrange them alphabetically. Take the help of dictionary to find their meanings.

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Q 2. Learn the poem. You will recite it in your class.

What To Do About Grandma

When grandma goes to sleep at night,
I shut all the windows and doors.
I put cotton in my ears because, well,
my grandma snores.

She snores so loud it jiggles the house
and makes the shutters shake.
One time our neighbors ran out screaming -
they thought there was an earthquake.

Another time she snored so loud
our ears and noses bled.
Now everyone runs for cover
when my grandma goes to bed.

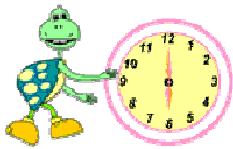
Yes, grandma's known for snoring.
She's known all over town.
Even power saws and freight trains
tell my grandma to pipe down.

She's louder than a motor bike
or a great big thunder clap.
Oh dear! Oh no! I've got to go!
It's time for grandma's nap!

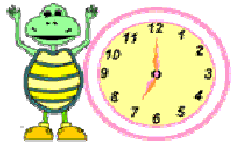
Q 3. Colour the leaves.



Q 4. Write the correct time:



Good morning! Rise and shine. It's time to get up and be ready for school. It is

 : Mamma give me my milk quickly, it's already : Wow! It is Saturday and the school will get over at : Guess what! A magician is coming to perform for all of us, so we have to be there in the hall, sharp at : Mommeeeeeee. Its Time for lunch. The rats are jumping in my stomach, give me something to eat or the rats will faint :