

The Daffodils

Lesson

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Initiation : single, highland, gently, melancholy, profound, nightingale, chant, haunt, silence, plain time

Behold her, single in the field
Yonder solitary highland lass!
Reaping and singing by herself,
Stop here or gently pass!
Alone she cuts and binds the grain,
And sings a melancholy strain,
O listen! for the vale profound,
Is overflowing with the sound.
No nightingale did ever chant,
More welcome notes to weary bands,
Of travellers in some shady haunt,
Among Arabian sands;
A voice so thrilling never was heard
In spring time from the cuckoo-bird,
Breaking the silence of the seas,
Among the farthest Hebrides.
Will no one tell me what she sings?
Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow for old,
Unhappy, far-off things, and battles long ago;
Or is it some more humble lay,
Familiar matter of to-day?
Some natural sorrow, loss or pain,
That has been and may be again?
What'ever the theme the maiden sang,
As if her song could have no ending,
I saw her singing at her work;



And o'er the sickle bending;
 I listened motionless and still;
 And as I mounted up the hill,
 The music in my heart I bore,
 Long after it was heard no more.

-William Wordsworth

Word-Meaning

behold - see, **yonder** - that (person or thing) over there, **strain** - short spell of music or poetry, **profound** - a great depth, **lass** - a young girl, **hebrides** - islands near Great Britain, **plaintive** - mournful, sad, **humble lay** - common song

संगीत का तनाव
 ब्रिटेन के पास प्रायद्वीप

देखा

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गहन

लड़की

दरनाक

विनम्र स्तवना



Exercise

Think and Answer

A. Answer the following questions :

1. Where is the poet going? What does he see on his way?
2. To whom is the poet addressing when he says, "Stop here or gently pass!"?
3. Does the poet know what the reaper is singing about? What does the poet think the reaper's song is about?
4. To what does the poet compare the solitary reaper's song?
5. How do we know that reaper's song had a lasting effect on the poet?

B. Complete the following lines of the poem :

- No nightingale did _____,
 More welcome notes _____,
 Of travellers in some _____,
 Among _____,
 A voice so thrilling _____,
 In spring time from _____,
 Breaking the silence _____,
 Among the farthest _____.

C. Make sentences :

1. gently
2. overflowing
3. thrilling
4. farthest
5. mounted

The wind is blowing gently.
The river is overflowing its banks.
I have a thrilling experience.
Neptune is the farthest planet in our Solar System.
They mounted a small hill.

Vocabulary Skills

D. Write rhyming words of the following :

lass	<u>Flash</u>	heard	<u>Feared</u>
grain	<u>Brain</u>	lay	<u>way</u>
profound	<u>Surround</u>	pain	<u>gain</u>
chant	<u>Faint</u>	ending	<u>Sending</u>
weary	<u>Teary</u>	thrilling	<u>stirling</u>
still	<u>Till</u>	bore	<u>Score</u>

E. With the help of the clue, make a new word by adding a single letter in starting :

A common bird	<u>C</u> row
A night bird	<u>O</u> wl
A male duck	<u>D</u> rake
A slow creature	<u>S</u> nail
A cunning animal	<u>F</u> ox
A mammal	<u>W</u> hale

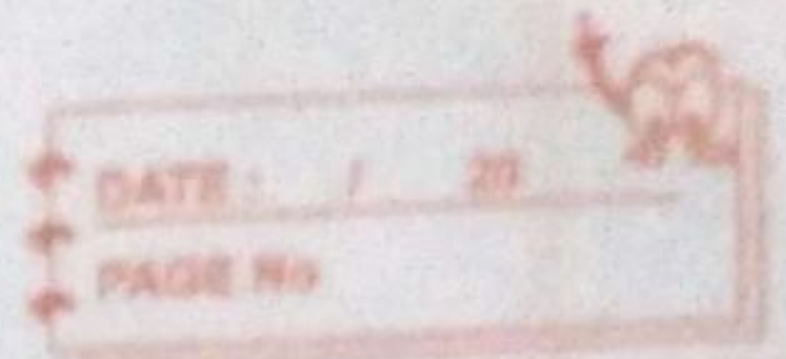
Grammar Skills

F. Identify the incorrect sentences in the following and correct them using 'had' :

1. I have a rare book on ancient coins and currency last year.
2. I was having an aunt who lived in Delhi.
3. Taruna has a beautiful doll which her aunt had given her.
4. Saurabh has a friend in school who could perform magic tricks.
5. In his college days, Shanky was having a cricket bat autographed by Kapil Dev.
6. She has a friend in her childhood who was from Canada.

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(1) Where is the poet going? What does he see on his way?

Ans. Poet is going on his way. He sees that a girl is reaping and singing a solitary song in the field.

2) To whom is the poet addressing when he says, "Stop here or gently pass!"?

Ans. The poet addressing the passer bys to stop and enjoy the song of gentle lass or gently pass without causing any hindrance.

3) Does the poet know what the reaper is singing about? What does the poet think the reaper's song is about?

Ans. The poet does not know about

the reaper's song. He thinks that the song is about a war long ago and old unhappy - far off things.

(4) To what does the poet compare the solitary reaper's song?

Ans. The poet compare the solitary reaper's song to that of a nightingale or a cuckoo bird. He says that this song is as much welcoming to the heart as that of a nightingale's song to weary traveller.

5) How do we know that reaper's song had a lasting effect on the poet?

Ans. Reaper's song makes the poet go into a different world. that song mesmerises him so much that he doesn't feel like leaving that place. He enjoys the song and forget all things.