



# ACADEMIC WORLD SCHOOL™

BEMETARA

Class- III

## Subject- English Summer Assignment

### General Instructions:-

- Answer all the questions as instructed.
- Write in clean and neat hand writing.
- Refer cam scan pages of the text book.

### 1. Reggie Mouse's Shrinking Clothes

**Warm-up**

Look at the pictures. Write the names of the food items. Tick (✓) your favourite food.

		
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### Reading

Let us read the story of Reggie Mouse who only ate cheese.

Reggie Mouse loved cheese. He ate cheese for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Reggie's mother, Rita Mouse, was worried.

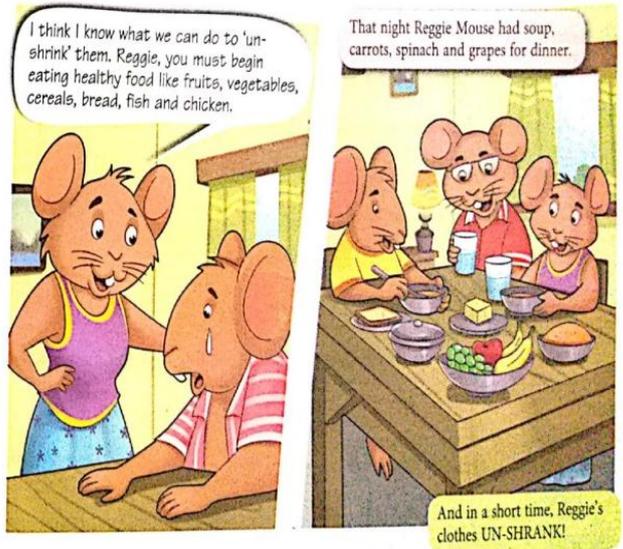
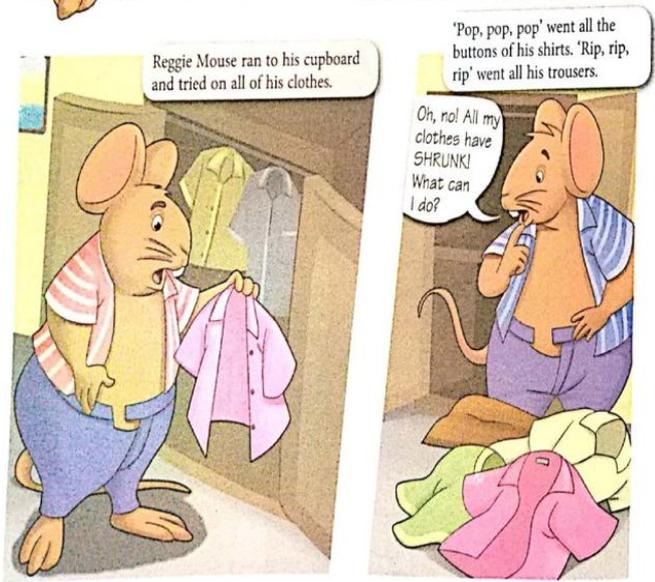
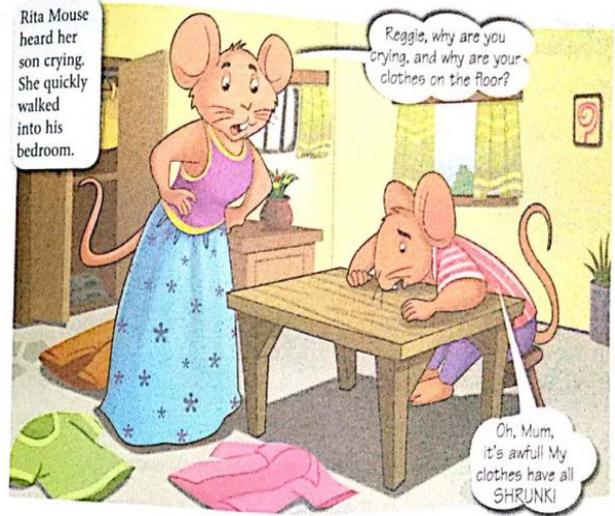
Reggie, it is fine to eat cheese, but you should also eat healthy foods like fruits, vegetables, cereals, bread, chicken and fish.

Reggie was not ready to listen to her.

No way, Mum! I love cheese. I will not eat anything else.

A few months later, Reggie Mouse was getting ready. Suddenly, all the buttons on his shirt went 'pop, pop, pop'.





**1. Complete the sentences**

- a) Reggie Mouse ate \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ was not ready to listen to his mother.
- c) Reggie was very \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) Reggie Mouse ran to his \_\_\_\_\_ and tried on all of his clothes.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ heard her son crying.

**2. Choose the correct answer**

- a) Reggie Mouse loved to eat \_\_\_\_\_.

  - i. Butter and cheese
  - ii. Only cheese
  - iii. Fruits and vegetables.

- b) Rita Mouse was his\_\_\_\_\_.
- i) Aunt
  - ii) Grandmother
  - iii) Mother
- c) Eating cheese made Reggie Mouse \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) Fat.
  - ii) Tall
  - iii) Thin
- d) Soon Reggie Mouse's clothes\_\_\_\_\_.
- i) became too loose
  - ii) became too tight
  - iii) fitted him perfectly
- e) In order to 'un-shrink' the clothes , Reggie Mouse stopped eating\_\_\_\_\_.
- i) Butter
  - ii) Cheese
  - iii) Fruits and vegetables

### **3. Who said these words and to whom?**

- a) Oh no! My shirt has shrunk!
- b) Reggie it is not fine to eat cheese.
- c) No way, Mum! I love cheese. I will not eat anything else.
- d) Reggie why are you crying, and why are your clothes on the floor?
- e) Oh, Mum, It's awful! My clothes have all shrunk!

### **4. Write the meaning and frame sentences with the words given below**

- a) Healthy
- b) Shrunk
- c) Cupboard
- d) Quickly
- e) Buttons

### **5. Answer the following questions in one sentence**

- a) Who was Reggie?
- b) Who was Rita Mouse?
- c) What does Reggie Mouse love to eat?
- d) Did Reggie Mouse start eating healthy food at the end?
- e) Why was Reggie Mouse crying?

## 6. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences

- What advice did Reggie's mother give to her son?
- What was the only way to 'un-shrink' the clothes?
- Why were Reggie's clothes all lying on the floor?

## 7. Think and answer

- What do you think would have happened if Reggie had listened to his mother when she warned him?



### Warm-up

Do your grandparents have any amazing skills that you love? Talk about the skills in class.

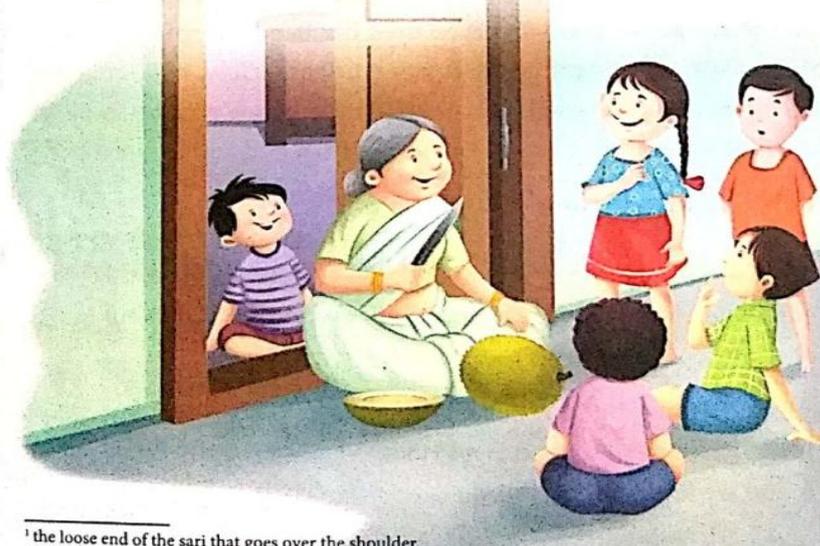


### Reading



Let us read the story of a grandma who will show you how to slice a jackfruit.  
Read on to find out what happens!

Grandma sat down on the broad wooden doorstep and tucked her *pallu*<sup>1</sup> in. She then lifted the shining steel vessel and poured oil onto her palm and began rubbing it on both her hands. Next was the turn of the knife. The same knife that looked so **menacing** when it was lying harmlessly beside the other kitchen utensils, looked like a toy in her **deft** hands. The blade got a **generous** coating of the oil. Five pairs of **awestruck** eyes watched her every move.



**menacing:** dangerous  
**deft:** quick and neat in movement  
**generous:** (here) providing more than the amount that is needed  
**awestruck:** filled with respect

<sup>1</sup> the loose end of the sari that goes over the shoulder

Turning to me, the eldest, she said, 'Come, show me your palms. Let me put some oil.'

I was dumbstruck. I couldn't believe I was going to be a part of this! At a ripe old age of ten, that was an honour indeed. I suddenly felt grown-up and ready to take on the world. One whole week of eagerness and impatience had finally led us here, in that little room near the well. One week of nonstop questions and doubts on when the right time was to cut the giant jackfruit that Uncle had carried home one evening from the fields.

You don't get to see Grandma cut a jackfruit every day now, do you?

She made me squat facing her and asked me to hold the fruit steady. I was nervous. What if I moved? Wouldn't the knife find me, instead of the fruit? What if my legs can't take all the squatting and I slip? What if the oil makes my hands lose their grip? While these questions were kicking up a storm in my little head, the biggest of them all came up—what if I lose control and Grandma gets hurt?!

I think she read my mind that day.

She looked me in the eye, and said, 'Now, now, don't be scared. Just hold it the way I show you and it will be fine. Hold it here, like this.' And she showed me how to hold the giant jackfruit that probably weighed as much as I did!

The knife sliced through the coarse skin, as if it were slicing through butter. (Not a big surprise, since it was Grandpa who had sharpened that knife a little while ago.) She let the knife go through till the end of the fruit, and then used her hands to split it wide open. The fragrance of jackfruit was all around us. It was a bright yellow, and looked absolutely delicious. Five pairs of greedy eyes! Five pairs of little hands waiting to be let loose on that ripe, juicy fruit!

'Can we eat, Amamma? Can we eat? Now? Please?'

'Can I take this big one here?'

'Why should he get the big one, Amamma? He poked my eye today. You shouldn't even give him anything!'

We made a racket, like only kids can, but not once did our hands go near the jackfruit. There were some unsaid rules in my Grandma's house and we knew them.

squat: to crouch  
kicking up a storm: creating confusion  
coarse: rough  
fragrance: a pleasant smell

<sup>1</sup> maternal grandmother in Telugu



Grandma then painstakingly took out the little pieces of fruit and removed the seed from each and placed them in a big vessel. When she was done with the entire fruit, she called out to my aunt to bring five plates. She counted out four pieces of fruit for every plate and gave it to us, saying we could come back for a second helping if we finished all four.

—Chandipriya Athipatla

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## 1. Complete the sentences

- Grandma sat down on the \_\_\_\_\_ doorstep.
- The knife was so \_\_\_\_\_.
- There were \_\_\_\_\_ children in the story "The Growing Years".
- The \_\_\_\_\_ was nervous when Grandma asked her to hold the jackfruit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ brought the jackfruit from the field.

## 2. Choose the correct answer

- a) To cut the jackfruit, Grandma used \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) a blade
  - ii) a knife
  - iii) a saw
- b) Among the children, the narrator was \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) the youngest
  - ii) Grandma's dearest
  - iii) the eldest
- c) When Grandma invited the narrator to help, she was \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) confident
  - ii) nervous
  - iii) depressed
- d) Grandma gave the children \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) three pieces of fruit
  - ii) five pieces of fruit
  - iii) four pieces of fruit
- e) Uncle brought the jackfruit from the \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) market
  - ii) field
  - iii) kitchen

## 3. Who said these words and to whom?

- a) Come show me your palms.
- b) Now don't be scared.
- c) I was nervous. What if I moved.
- d) 'Can we eat, Ammamma? Can we eat? Now? Please?'
- e) Why should he get the big one, Ammamma?

## 4. Frame sentences with the words given below

- a) Grandmother
- b) Knife
- c) Field
- d) Vessel
- e) Jackfruit

**5. Answer the following questions in one sentence**

- a) Who was sitting on the broad wooden doorstep?
- b) Why did the knife look like a toy in Grandma's hands?
- c) Why was the narrator nervous?
- d) Who brought the jackfruit and from where?
- e) Who wrote the story "The Growing years?"

**6. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences**

- a) What made the narrator both excited and fearful at the same time?
- b) Why did no hand go near the jackfruit?
- c) The children questioned Grandma for one whole week. What were the questions about?

**7. Think and answer**

- a) How do we know that Grandma had a lot of patience?