



# ACADEMIC WORLD SCHOOL™ BEMETARA

Class- IV

Subject - ENGLISH

## Summer Assignment



### 1. Heidi

#### Warm-up

Look at the pictures and speak about them. Share with your friends something interesting you have done with your grandparents.



#### Reading

This is the story of a young girl called Heidi who lived under the care of her grandfather in the Swiss Alps. Let us read the story to find out the sweet relationship between the grandfather and the granddaughter.

Heidi was awakened early next morning by a loud whistle. The sun was shining through the round window and falling in golden rays on her bed and on the large heap of hay. As she opened her eyes, everything around her seemed **gleaming** in gold. She looked around her in **astonishment** and could not imagine for a while where she was.

Soon, she heard her grandfather's deep voice. Heidi jumped quickly out of bed and had on all her clothes. Then, she climbed down the ladder and ran outside the hut.

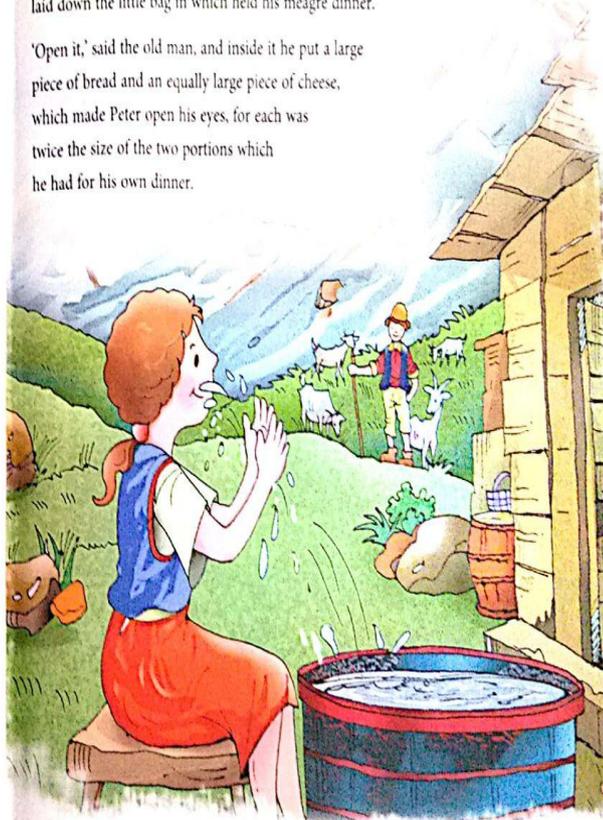
There stood Peter already with his flock of goats, and her grandfather was just bringing his two out of the shed to join the others. 'Do you want to go with them to the mountain?'

**gleaming:** shining  
**astonishment:** surprise

asked the old man. Nothing could have pleased Heidi better, and she jumped for joy in answer.

'But you must first wash and make yourself clean; or the sun that shines so brightly overhead will laugh at you. I have put everything ready for you.' He pointed to a big tub of water that stood in the sun before the door. Heidi ran to it and began splashing and rubbing, till she quite **glistened** with cleanliness. Grandfather went inside the hut, calling to Peter to follow him and bring in his **wallet**. Peter obeyed with astonishment, and laid down the little bag in which held his meagre dinner.

'Open it,' said the old man, and inside it he put a large piece of bread and an equally large piece of cheese, which made Peter open his eyes, for each was twice the size of the two portions which he had for his own dinner.



'There, now there is only the little bowl to add,' continued the grandfather, 'for the child cannot drink her milk as you do from the goat; she is not accustomed to that. You must milk two bowlfuls for her when she has her dinner, for she is going with you and will remain with you till you return this evening; but take care she does not fall over any of the rocks, do you hear?'

Heidi now came running in. 'Will the sun laugh at me now, Grandfather?' she asked anxiously. Her grandfather had left a coarse towel hanging up for her near the tub, and with this she had so thoroughly scrubbed her face, arms and neck, for fear of the sun, that as she stood there she was as red all over as a lobster. He gave a little laugh. 'No, there is nothing for him to laugh at now,' he assured her. 'Now you can be off.'

She started joyfully for the mountain. During the night the wind had blown away all the clouds; the dark blue sky was spreading overhead, and in its midst was the bright sun shining down on the green slopes of the mountain, where the flowers opened their little blue-and yellow-cups, and looked up to him smiling. Heidi went running hither and thither and shouting with delight, for she had not seen such a variety of flowers before.

Enchanted with all this waving field of brightly-coloured flowers, Heidi forgot even Peter and the goats. She ran on in front and then off to the side, tempted first one way and then the other, as she caught sight of some bright spots of glowing red or yellow. 'Peter! Peter! Look at these flowers!' she said excitedly. And all the while



coarse: rough  
hither and thither: here and there  
enchanted: attracted towards  
caught sight of: saw suddenly

she was plucking whole handfuls of the flowers which she put into her little apron, for she wanted to take them all home and stick them in the hay, so that she might make her bedroom look just like the meadows outside.

—abridged from Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Johanna Spyri (1827–1901) was born in a small village near Zurich in Switzerland. Heidi is her most famous work. It was written as a book 'for children and those who love children'. The book has been translated into fifty languages, and more than fifty million copies have been sold worldwide. About twenty films and television serials of the story have also been made.



## 1. Complete the sentences

- Heidi woke up to a \_\_\_\_\_ morning.
- Heidi's Grandfather had a \_\_\_\_\_ voice.
- Grandfather gave Peter a large piece of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Peter had brought a \_\_\_\_\_ of goats with him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ were covered with flowers.

## **2. Choose the correct answer.**

a) Heidi's Grandfather advised her to stay \_\_\_\_\_.

- i. at home
- ii. on the Alps
- iii. in the garden

b) Peter had a flock of \_\_\_\_\_.

- i) birds
- ii) goats
- iii) sheep

c) Heidi's bed was made of \_\_\_\_\_.

- i) heap of hay
- ii) pile of papers
- iii) loaves of bread

d) Heidi was very happy staying at her \_\_\_\_\_.

- i) Grandfather's house
- ii) Parents' house
- iii) friend's house

e) Heidi rubbed herself with a \_\_\_\_\_.

- i) coarse towel
- ii) soft towel
- iii) black towel

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

a) 'But you must first wash and make yourself clean.'

b) "Do you want to go to the mountain?"

c) 'Open it!.'

d) "Will the sun laugh at me now, Grandfather?"

e) "Peter! Peter! Look at these flowers! "

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

- a) Coarse
- b) Wallet
- c) Portion
- d) Gleaming
- e) Cheese

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

- a) Who was Heidi?
- b) When did Heidi wake up?
- c) Who was Peter?
- d) How was Grandfather's voice?
- e) What did Peter bring with him?

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

- a) Describe what Heidi found when she woke up.
- b) How did Heidi turn red as a lobster?
- c) Why did Grandfather say that the sun would laugh at Heidi?

**7. Think and answer.**

- a) Peter Looked after Heidi on the mountains. Have you ever done something for your friends that made them happy?



### 3. Good Neighbours

#### Warm-up

How many friends do you have in your neighbourhood? How do you spend time with them? Discuss in class.

#### Reading

Let us read about two children from the same neighbourhood who became friends.

After school one winter day, Jack's mother told him to go out and play in the snow. 'But it's so cold outside, Mother!' Jack said.

'Put on your coat and your hat and your mittens,' his mother said. 'You can build a snowman before your father comes home.'

'I'm going to need a carrot for the nose,' Jack said. 'And I'll need some things for the snowman's hat and face.'

Jack got a bucket and collected everything he needed to decorate his snowman. His mother promised she would watch him build the snowman from the window.

Outside, in his front yard, Jack started with a very small ball of snow. He got on his knees and rolled the snow into a big ball. At another window, someone else was watching Jack play. It was his new neighbour Naoko. Naoko asked her mother if she could go outside and help Jack build his snowman.

'It's very cold outside. Are you sure you want to go out and play?' her mother asked.

'Yes, Mother!' Naoko said. 'I will wear my coat and my hat and my mittens.'

Naoko's mother helped her put on her winter clothes and promised to watch her from the window. 'You can play until your father comes home,' her mother said.

**mittens:** gloves with one section for the thumb and another section for all four fingers

**yard:** an enclosed ground next to a building



Naoko rolled two big balls of snow and put them on top of each other. When she finished, she took off her hat and scarf and decorated the snowman. Lastly, she found some sticks and pine cones and made her snowman's eyes and mouth and arms. Her mother clapped from the window.

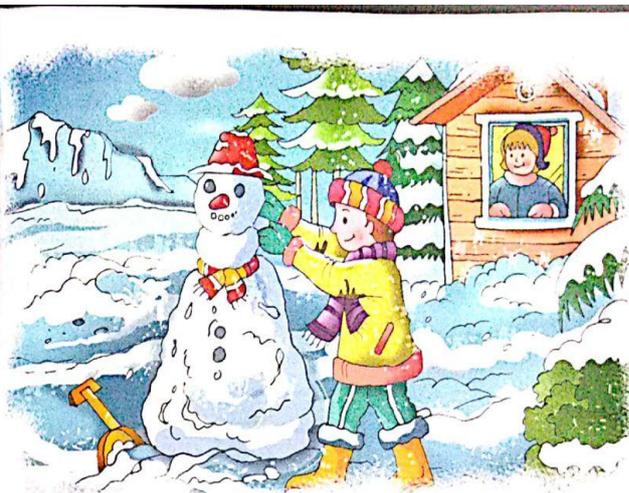
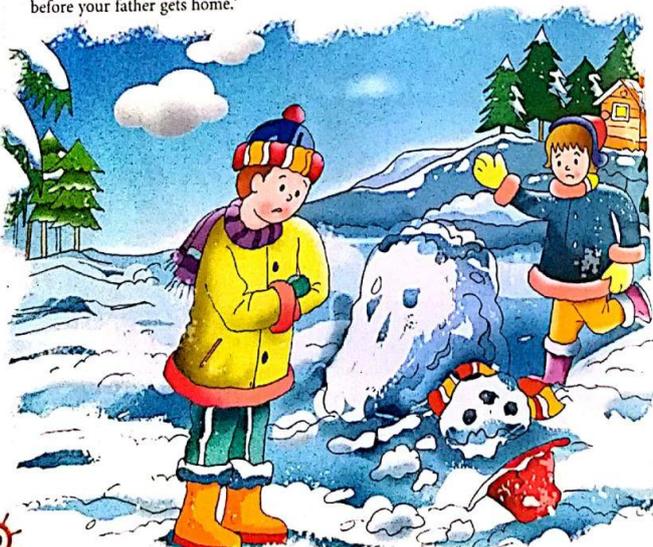
Jack made a hat for his snowman with his bucket. He used his mother's sewing buttons for the eyes and mouth. Lastly, he added a carrot for the snowman's nose. After he finished, Jack's mother smiled and pointed. His father was driving up the street.

Suddenly, a terrible thing happened. The head fell off Jack's snowman and crashed to the ground!

'Oh no! My snowman has fallen apart,' Jack said, 'and my father is almost home!'

Naoko heard Jack's cry and ran over to his yard to see what the problem was.

'I'll help you roll another snowball,' Naoko said. 'If we do it together, we can finish it before your father gets home.'



Naoko ran outside to Jack's yard and asked if she could help him finish his snowman.

'Yes, please help me,' Jack said. 'My father will be home from work very soon.'

'Okay. What can I do?' Naoko asked.

'I built my snowman's body with two snowballs. I need to roll one more for my snowman's head.'

'But snowmen only have two snowballs. One is for the body and one is for the head,' Naoko said.

'No, snowmen always have three snowballs,' Jack said. 'I don't think I need you to help me after all.'

Jack picked up some snow and made it into a small snowball. He got on his knees and rolled the snow away from Naoko to make the snowman's head.

Naoko walked into her own yard and began to build her own snowman.

'I don't want to build a snowman with Jack anyway,' she thought to herself. 'I'm going to make my own.'



Together, Jack and Naoko rolled a new snowball. They shaped it with their mittens until it was round. Then, they lifted it up onto the snowman's body and decorated it with the carrot and bucket and buttons.

'We finished it just in time,' Jack said. 'Thank you for your help.'

'You're welcome. I like your snowman better,' Naoko said. 'Mine doesn't have a nose.'

Jack walked over to look at Naoko's snowman. He loved the pine cone eyes and mouth and the sticks for arms, but he knew it wasn't finished. Jack ran back to his snowman and pulled the carrot out. He broke it into two pieces and gave half to Naoko.

'Hurry,' Jack said. 'Your snowman needs a nose and your father is driving up the street too.'

'Thank you,' Naoko said.

'You're welcome,' Jack said. 'I think our snowmen make good neighbours.'

—Tara Benwell

Tara Benwell is a teacher who writes fiction for children. She is the administrator of 'My English Club', a social networking site for English learners. Her published book, *Proper Order of Things*, has received a good response from her readers.

## **1. Complete the sentences**

- a) Jack got a \_\_\_\_\_ and collected everything he needed to decorate his snowman.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ ran outside to Jack's yard.
- c) Naoko's \_\_\_\_\_ helped her put on her winter clothes.
- d) Jack made a \_\_\_\_\_ for his snowman with his bucket.
- e) Naoko heard \_\_\_\_\_ cry and ran over to his yard to see what the problem was.

## **2. Choose the correct answer.**

- a) Jack's mother told him to wear his \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. hat and mittens
  - ii. mittens and coat
  - iii. coat, hat and mittens
- b) Jack put all the items for decoration in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) bowl
  - ii) bucket
  - iii) glass
- c) According to Naoko, snowmen should be made out of \_\_\_\_\_ snowballs.
- i) one
  - ii) two
  - iii) three
- d) For making the snowman's mouth, Jack used \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) pine cones
  - ii) sewing buttons
  - iii) a carrot
- e) Naoko decorated her snowman with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) hat and a scarf
  - ii) hat
  - iii) scarf

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

- a) 'We finished it just in time.'
- b) 'I like your snowman.'
- c) 'I don't think I need you to help me after all.'
- d) 'If we do it together, we can finish it before your father gets home.'
- e) 'Oh no! My snowman has fallen apart.'

### **4. Frame sentences with the words given below.**

- a) Snowman
- b) Yard
- c) Scarf
- d) Mittens
- e) Decorate

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

- a) Who was the neighbour of Jack?
- b) Who promised Naoko to watch her from the window?
- c) Why did Jack's snowman fall down apart?
- d) How did Naoko help Jack to complete his snowman?
- e) Who is the author of the story "Good Neighbours"?

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

- a) Who were Jack and Naoko?
- b) What was the difference between Jack's and Naoko's snowman?
- c) By when was Jack supposed to complete his snowman?

### **7. Think and answer.**

- a) Why was Jack not cordial to Naoko at first ? Give reason for your answer.

\*Cordial - warm and friendly.