



Sanathoi went into his garden. It was midnight. It was someone singing that woke him up. He saw a man with bright golden hair, wearing a strange outfit and singing a song.

“Who are you?” asked Sanathoi when the song finished.



“I am Alex, Sanathoi,” said the stranger. “How did you come here? I haven’t seen a person like you before,” said Sanathoi.

“I am not from your planet. I have come from another planet called Octalulu. My spaceship landed near your garden. The fragrance from your garden brought me here,” replied Alex.

Sanathoi looked to his right. He saw a huge, round disk at some distance in the field nearby. “But Alex, how do you know my name?” asked Sanathoi.

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* outfit –a set of clothes.

“Our science is highly advanced. When we meet a person, we know everything about him or her. This machine which is behind my ear helps me in getting such information.”

“A marvel indeed,” said Sanathoi.

“If you come to my planet, you will see a lot of such devices. People on earth have not been able to keep pace with us,” said Alex.

“I think you are right. But we too are progressing fast, aren’t we?” asked Sanathoi.

“Yes, I agree. I think you will like to visit my planet, won’t you?” asked Alex.

“Oh! I would love to. But is it possible?” asked Sanathoi.

“Why not? I will take you to Octalulu. There are lots of things for you to see,” said Alex.

“I don’t think it is possible. How can we go and come back before dawn?” asked Sanathoi.

“Well, I promise to bring you back before day-break,” said Alex.

“But I am getting a little nervous. Shall we be back before my parents wake up?” asked Sanathoi.

“Oh, sure. Don’t worry,” answered Alex.

Both of them walked towards the spaceship. Alex took the pilot's seat. Sanathoi sat beside him. Alex pressed a few

buttons. The spaceship began to go up without making any sound.

“Wow! It’s really great!” said Sanathoi excitedly.

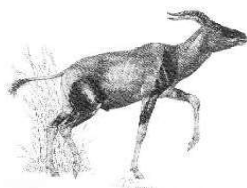
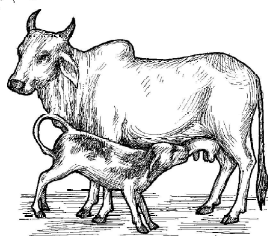
Soon the spaceship was among the stars. Sanathoi felt extremely delighted.

“Oh, I have never felt so happy. Oh



my! It’s so lovely to be surrounded by stars. Every star is

so beautiful!” exclaimed Sanathoi. “Very soon, you’ll be in Octalulu,” said Alex.



The spaceship slowed down and landed outside a huge golden gate. As both of them came out, the gate opened by itself. Sanathoi saw a lot of tall and beautiful buildings on both

sides of a wide road. He walked in with Alex. He was surprised to see a few monkeys, tigers and deer moving together. He had never seen such a thing before. “We have developed an excellent system. There is no violence. All animals enjoy



being together,” said Alex.

Sanathoi saw beautiful plants and flowers. There was greenery all around.

“Don’t you have schools?” asked Sanathoi.

“No, there are no separate places for schools. Our children learn everything through computers in their homes,” said Alex.

“Everything looks so different here,” said Sanathoi. “And there is no poverty here. That is a big problem that you face on earth,” said Alex.

“Yes, Alex. A lot more needs to be done by us,” said Sanathoi sadly. “You have an excellent system really,” he added.

“It’s time for me to take you back. You have to reach home before it is morning,” said Alex, looking at his watch.

Both of them walked towards the spaceship. “It was a thrilling experience,” Sanathoi thought as he took his seat.

A little later the spaceship was on earth.

“Goodbye, Alex. Please come again,” said Sanathoi as he came out of the spaceship.

“Goodbye, Sanathoi. We are friends now. I’ll definitely come again,” promised Alex.

The door of the spaceship closed. Sanathoi saw the spaceship going up. He kept looking at it until it vanished.

Let us read and learn the following words with their meanings:

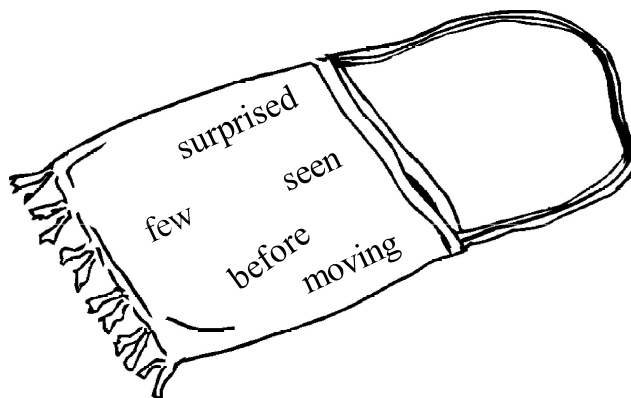
octalulu	: an imaginary planet
outfit	: clothes worn together as a set.
spaceship	: spacecraft
fragrance	: sweet smell
marvel	: wonder
nervous	: afraid
violence	: being violent
excellent	: extremely good

EXERCISE

1.(a) Answer the following questions orally:

- (i) Who came into the garden of Sanathoi?
- (ii) Which planet did Alex come from?
- (iii) What strange things did Sanathoi see in the planet?
- (iv) How did the children learn on the planet?
- (v) What time did Sanathoi reach home?

- (b) In the passage below, some words are missing. They are inside the bag below. Find out the words and fill in the blanks:



He was _____ to see a _____ monkeys,
tigers and deer _____ together. He had never
_____ such a thing _____.

- (c) Match words of opposite meaning.

beautiful	-	light
bright	-	short
less	-	dull
heavy	-	ugly
long	-	more

- (d) **Add '-r' or '-er' to the following words to make new words. One is done for you.**

Example: mine – miner

dance	teach
sing	learn
drive	dance

- (e) **Pick out the odd word:**

clouds	desert	sky	sun
fantastic	wonderful	extraordinary	simple
port	airport	station	market

- (f) **Imagine that you are Sanathoi. In about 5-6 lines, write down what you saw in Octalulu.**

2. (a) Read the passage:

Ritu is going to Sendra on Sunday. She tells her friend Manileima about it.

My father is taking us to Sendra on Sunday. He will also take us to Keibul Lamjao. I am taking my camera. My younger brother Robin will also



go. My mother is all set for the programme. She will prepare our food early in the morning. We will take it and have it there. I will take photographs of Loktak and Sangai. I am really restless to see Sangai at Keibul Lamjao. I think, they will be waiting for me. On our return we will stop at Loukoipat. There I will go boating. It will be exciting.

Now, Rewrite the above passage using the contracted forms given in the box :

He'll I'm She'll We'll I'll It'll
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2. Manileima returns home from school and tells her mother what Ritu is going to do on Sunday. Write it using the contracted forms given in the box. The first two sentences are done for you :

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