

13 Gulliver and the Lilliputs



Gulliver was a doctor in a ship. Once, he was travelling in his ship. But the ship sank in the sea. Gulliver was the only man who did not die. He swam for hours and then found himself on an unknown island. It was the land of the Lilliputs.

Gulliver was tired. He soon fell asleep. When he woke up, he found that he could not move at all. He was bound to the ground with threads. The threads were fastened to tiny pegs on the ground.



Soon, Gulliver felt something moving on his left leg. It came up to his chest. It was a tiny human being. He was only six inches tall. Several of these tiny human beings were climbing all over him. In surprise, Gulliver gave a loud roar. This frightened the tiny men and they ran away.

Gulliver tried to free himself, but he could not. The tiny men shot arrows at him. The small arrows hurt him. At last, Gulliver stopped struggling. He showed signs that he was hungry. The tiny men then brought food for him. They put a huge ladder on his shoulder. Many of them climbed up the ladder and put loaves of bread and pieces of mutton into his mouth. The tiny men then carried Gulliver to their city. They lifted him on a cart. 1500 horses drew the cart. Then they chained Gulliver in a temple. Many people came to see Gulliver. Even, the Emperor himself came to see this strange giant.

One day six wicked tiny men shot arrows at Gulliver. One arrow almost hit Gulliver's left eye. The guards ran after them and caught them. Gulliver took them into his coat pocket. He took one of them and pretended that he was going to swallow him. The man gave a loud cry. But Gulliver put him down on the ground and let him go. He did the same with the others.

Gulliver soon became a friend of the Lilliputs. Now he was free to move anywhere. But he also created a lot of problems for the place. He ate too much of their food. The Lilliputs thought that he would not leave anything for them to eat.

EXERCISES

1.(a) A. Answer the following questions:

- (i) What was Gulliver?
 - (ii) What happened to his ship?
 - (iii) Who did not die when the ship sank?
 - (iv) How did Gulliver find himself on an unknown island?
 - (v) Whose land was the island?
 - (vi) How did Gulliver find himself when he woke up?
 - (vii) Why could not Gulliver move at all?
- (b)
- (i) What did Gulliver feel on his left leg? What did it do to him?
 - (ii) What was it? Describe it?
 - (iii) Why did Gulliver give a loud roar? What effect did it have on the Lilliputs?
 - (iv) Why did Gulliver fail to free himself? What did he finally do?
 - (v) What signs did Gulliver show to the Lilliputs?
 - (vi) What did the Lilliputs bring for him?
 - (vii) How was Gulliver given food? What did the Lilliputs give to him to eat?

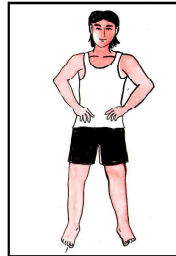
- (c) (i) Where did the Lilliputs carry Gulliver and how was it done?
(ii) How many horses drew the cart on which Gulliver was lifted?
a) 500
b) 1000
c) 1200
d) 1500
- (iii) Where was Gulliver chained and what happened there?
(iv) What did the Emperor do?
(v) What did the six wicked Lilliputs do to Gulliver?
(vi) How did Gulliver punish the six wicked Lilliputs?
(vii) What problems did Gulliver create for the place?

2. **In the following paragraph, the encircled words are wrong. Rewrite the paragraph using the correct words from the text.**

When the ship sank, Gulliver walked to the island of the Lilliputs. The Lilliputs were big men. The Lilliputs came up to Gulliver's face. He was happy. So he gave a loud laughter.

3. **Suppose you go to an unknown place. You find that the people there are as tall as trees.**

Now complete the following paragraph by using the right words in the blanks. The words are in the body of the big man.



In my dream, I was on an island. I met a _____ man. I tried to run away, but the giant _____ me. He put me in his _____. But there was a _____ in his pocket. I _____ through it and ran away.

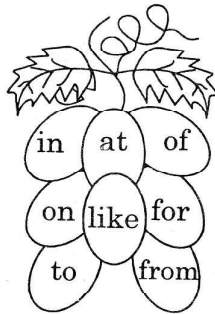
4. **Look at the following words. Two letters are missing in each word. Fill them in with the correct letters to make the right words. The clues are on the right side.**

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| 1. T _ _ Y. | - | The size of the Lilliputs. |
| 2. _ H _ P. | - | Gulliver travelled in it. |
| 3. _ S _ AND | - | This is where Gulliver came. |
| 4. _ ADD _ R | - | The Lilliputs used it to climb. |

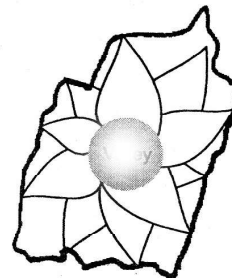
5. Join and make meaningful groups of words:

A piece of	milk
A slice of	keys
A bowl of	meat
A jug of	soup
A bunch of	bread

6. Complete the following passages with the words given in the bunch of grapes. You may use the words more than once :



- I** Manipur is a flower the lofty heights. Look
the picture. The valley is the centre the flower.
Numerous tribes live the hills. They
are petals of the flower.
The green hills addthe beauty like
green leaves. Manipuris are proud
their native place. It is a paradise
.....the earth
them.



II. Assam is a neighbouring state

..... Manipur. The
Assamese produce beautiful handi-
crafts. They make many things
..... bamboo. We can use
them decorating our
rooms. Assam, Bihu



is the most important festival. They celebrate the festival
many days. The womenfolk dance and sing the beat of
drums. They wear colourful dresses the time of dancing.

III. Do you know the seven sister states the North Eastern

part India ? Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur,
Meghalaya, Mizoram,
Nagaland and Tripura are
..... seven sisters.

These states are famous
..... flora and
fauna. Sirui lily and Dzuko
lily grow
Manipur. Wild life
sanctuary
the one-horned rhinoceros
is Kaziranga
..... Assam. Sangai
is found



Keibul Lamjao Manipur. Many rare varieties
..... orchids grow these states.

7. By changing the circled word to its opposite, rewrite these sentences. One has been done or you.

a) I carry a (light) bag to school every day.

I carry a heavy bag to school every day.

b) Tomba (won) the race.

c) I (love) eating vegetables.

d) This glass of milk is (full).

e) The Old man is (wise).

8. Give the opposite of the words by adding *un* or *im*.

happy _____ Important _____

polite _____ perfect _____

seen _____ healthy _____

proper _____ safe _____

lucky _____ patient _____

possible _____ pure _____

8. Match the following animals. One is done for you.

Male	Female
jackass	lioness
buck	hind
stag	hen
lion	jenny
cock	doe
hound	ewe
ram	bitch