



CLASS: IV

Subject: English

Date: 05/05/2020

Topic: SUNDAY (A POEM)

Time Limit: 30 Minutes

Worksheet No. : 8

[Copy the questions following the notes and solve them on a sheet of paper date wise. Keep the worksheets ready in a file to be submitted on the opening day.]



Rabindranath Tagore (1861–1941) was a poet, author, playwright, polymath, painter and a composer of music and songs. His most famous writings include *Gora* and *Ghare-Baire*. He was the first Indian to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature for his collection of poems, *Gitanjali*.

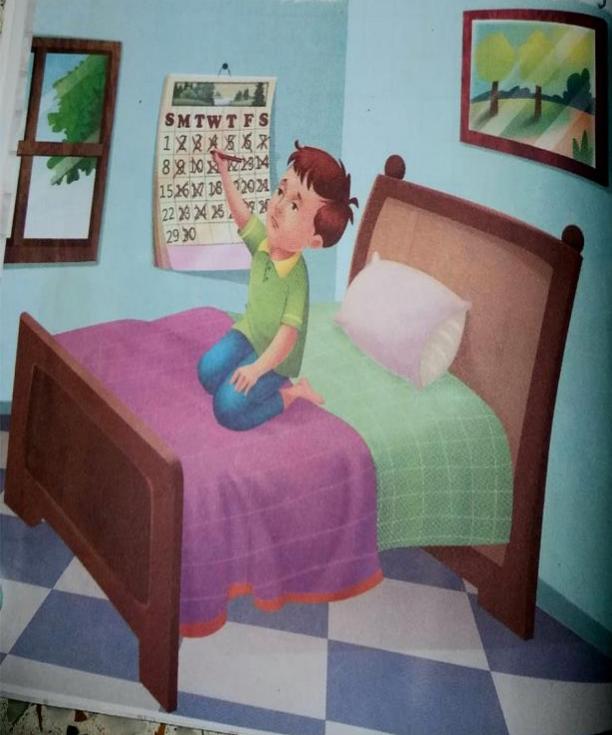
The weekdays are an unkind lot;
To go back home they have no thought,
But why is Sunday so pursued,
That she stays half the time she should?

The weekdays come with such dull, long faces,
No child can stand such airs and graces,
But when at weekends I get up,
There's Sunday with her face lit up.

The weekdays come so **fast and thick**
How do they travel to reach so quick?
But why does Sunday take so long,
Behind the others **trudging on**?

fast and thick the actual phrase is 'thick and fast' which means rapidly and in great numbers

trudging walking slowly and with heavy steps



PREPARE 

In the poem, the child accuses the days of the week in different ways. Work in pairs and do a role play. One of you be Sunday and the other the weekdays. Now discuss how you feel being called slow, and dull and unkind respectively. You can also express your opinion about the boy who said those things to you.

PRACTISE
Comprehension

A. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. How do they travel to reach so quick?
But why does Sunday take so long,
Behind the others trudging on?
 - a. Who is the poet referring to as 'they'?
 - b. How do 'they' travel?
 - c. Who is trudging on and behind whom?

(Read the above poem. Then, go through the explanation of the first six lines, given below. Try to understand and then learn the explained lines of the poem. After that, answer the questions that follow, on a separate sheet of paper. Arrange the worksheets, along with the answer sheets, datewise in a file, ready to be submitted on the opening day of the session.)

This is a beautiful poem, 'Sunday', written by Rabindranath Tagore, one of the greatest Indian poets. In this poem, a child like you, complains about the busy and laborious weekdays and eagerly waits for the fun-filled Sundays.

The boy, being tired of his laboriously busy daily routine of the weekdays, feels that the weekdays come to him very quickly, carrying so much work for him. He wonders how do those weekdays travel so fast! At the same time, he is surprised and also angry that why do Sundays come so late, so slowly, at the extreme end of all those weekdays. Then the boy again complains about how very unkind and cruel the weekdays are, as they make us work so hard throughout and it seems they do not have any hurry to go back. It seems to the little boy that the weekdays do not care to go back as quickly as they have come.

1. Answer the following questions in one word:- (Copy the questions and then answer)

(i) He is the poet of this poem. _____

(ii) Who comes very fast? _____

(iii) Who comes slowly behind the others? _____

(iv) Name the weekdays. _____

2. Learn the spellings and meanings of the following words and then write them down on the sheet of paper:-

(i) fast and thick

(ii) trudging