



STEPPING STONE  
SCHOOL (HIGH)

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**CLASS – II**  
**ENGLISH**  
**WORKSHEET – 10**

**DATE – 2.6.20 / DAY – 10**

**TOPIC – PROSE : THE FARMER, HIS SON AND THE DONKEY**

**TIME LIMIT – 30 minutes**

**Read the notes carefully and on the basis of it, copy the exercises and solve them on a sheet of paper date wise. Keep the worksheet ready in a file to be submitted on the opening day.**

**RECAPITULATION**



In our last worksheet (as we can see in the picture given below) we read that a farmer and his son was going to the market to sell their donkey. The donkey moved ahead and they walked behind.

On their way, they met a woman, who said that the farmer can make his son sit on the donkey. So the farmer made his son sit on the donkey. As they moved further some old men said that it is very bad that a young boy is riding the donkey and the father is walking. So the farmer made his son get down and he sat on the donkey. After sometime two old women said that the father is selfish, he is riding the donkey while the poor son is walking. So the farmer made his son sit behind him. Then they met a gang of boys who made fun of them.

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## The Farmer, His Son and the Donkey

Aesop

Have you ever read a story with a moral? A moral is a lesson that we learn through the story. Aesop's fables is a collection of stories with morals. Read this story from the collection.

One day a farmer and his son were going to the market with their donkey to sell it. The donkey **plodded** on in front while the farmer and his son walked behind.

They had gone just a short distance when a woman called out to them, 'Why are you both walking? Your son could ride on the donkey.' The farmer told his son to get on the donkey and they went on their way.

When they had walked a little further, some old men shouted to them, 'Why is that young boy riding while his father walking? It's **horrible**. Young people are not **thoughtful** nowadays.'

Quickly, the farmer told his son to get down and he climbed on the donkey.

They had not been going for very long when two old women shouted at them. 'Look at that **selfish** farmer on the donkey while his poor son **trails** behind!'

**Sighing**, the farmer told his son to get up behind him and they went on their way.

A little further along the road, they met a gang of boys. The boys made fun of the farmer and

plodded: walked slowly  
horrible: very bad; used to describe something you strongly dislike  
thoughtful: showing that you think about and care for others  
selfish: a person who cares only about himself rather than about other people  
trails: (here) walking with heavy footsteps as if tired  
sighing: taking a deep breath



Now let us read further to see what happens next, and whether the farmer is able to sell the donkey or not.

his son. 'Look at you, **monsters**. You are making the poor donkey carry such a heavy **burden**. You should carry the donkey!' they said.

Now, the farmer made the donkey lie down. Then he tied the animal's feet together. He got a long pole, put it between the donkey's legs and he and his son carried the donkey upside down.

The donkey was heavy. As they came to a bridge, the farmer **stumbled** and fell. The donkey slipped into the river, and soon he drowned.

The farmer said sadly, 'From now on, I will **make up my own mind** about the right thing to do. You can't please all the people all the time!'



## EXPLANATION OF THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS

The gang of boys called them **monsters** because they were making the donkey carry their heavy **burden**. They told the farmer and his son that, they should carry the donkey.

So the farmer made the donkey lie down and tied its feet together. He put a long pole between the donkey's legs. Then he and his son carried the donkey upside down.

As they came to a bridge, the farmer **stumbled** and fell. As the donkey was heavy, it slipped into the river and drowned.

The farmer sadly said to himself that from now on he will **make up his own mind** about the right thing to do. He learnt that he cannot **please** all the people all the time.

## WORKSHEET

Now, read the topic explained above and solve the following exercises.

### I. Meanings (Copy and memorize)

- 1) Monsters = cruel persons
- 2) Burden = load
- 3) Stumbled = lost balance while walking
- 4) Make up (one's) mind = to choose and decide between different options
- 5) Please = make someone happy

### II. Write the opposites (One is done for you)

- 1) Son × daughter (eg.)
- 2) Heavy ×
- 3) Down ×
- 4) Right ×
- 5) Lie ×

### III. Fill in the blanks (One is done for you)

- 1) The farmer made the donkey lie down. (Eg.)
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ was heavy.
- 3) The donkey \_\_\_\_\_ into the river and soon he \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) You can't \_\_\_\_\_ all the people all the \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Write True or False (One is done for you)

- 1) The old woman wanted the farmer and his son to ride on the donkey – False (Eg.)
- 2) The old man said that the farmer was horrible –
- 3) The gang of boys made fun of the farmer and his son –
- 4) The farmer and his son put the donkey in a basket and carried him –
- 5) They tied the donkey's legs and carried him upside down on a pole –

### V. Make Sentences (One is done for you)

- 1) Farmer – The farmer grows crops. (Eg.)
- 2) Donkey –
- 3) Long –
- 4) Heavy –
- 5) River –
- 6) Time –

### VI. Who said to whom? (One is done for you)

- 1) "Look at you, monsters."

Ans) A gang of boys said to the farmer and his son.

- 2) "You should carry the donkey!"
- 3) "I will make up my own mind about the right thing to do."
- 4) "You can't please all the people all the time."

## VII. Questions and Answers (Copy and memorize)

1) Where were the farmer and his son going?

Ans) The farmer and his son were going to the market to sell their donkey.

2) Why did the farmer made his son get off the donkey?

Ans) Some old men said that it is horrible to see a young boy riding while the father is walking. So, the farmer made his son get off the donkey.

3) How did they carry the donkey?

Ans) The farmer made the donkey lie down and tied its feet together. He put a long pole between the donkey's legs. Then he and his son carried the donkey upside down.

4) How did the donkey drown?

Ans) As they came to a bridge, the farmer stumbled and fell. As the donkey was heavy, it slipped into the river and drowned.

5) What lesson did the farmer learn?

Ans) The farmer learnt that he should make up his own mind about the right thing to do.

6) What is the moral of the story?

Ans) The moral of the story is, "We cannot please all the people all the time."

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