

## **SIMPLETON!**

### **Comprehension I: Simpleton!**

**Question 1.**

What did the older brothers call their younger cousin ?

**Answer:**

The older brothers called their younger cousin "Simpleton" because he was quiet and simple.

**Question 2.**

What did the three brothers see on the path when they were walking?

**Answer:**

The three brothers saw an ant-hill on their path while walking.

**Question 3.**

What did the simpleton say when his brothers wanted to upset the ant hill?

**Answer:**

The simpleton told his brothers not to spoil the ants' house and to leave them alone.

**Question 4.**

Why did the simpleton's brothers wish to catch one of the ducks?

**Answer:**

The simpleton's brothers wished to catch one of the ducks to roast and eat it.

**Question 5.**

What did the old man give the brothers in the castle?

**Answer:**

The old man in the castle gave the brothers a table full of food and a place to sleep.

**Question 6.**

How many pearls did the second brother collect?

**Answer:**

The second brother collected only two hundred pearls before sunset.

**Question 7.**

What was the second task given to simpleton?

**Answer:**

The second task given to Simpleton was to bring the key to the princess's sleeping room from the bottom of the lake.

**Question 8.**

Who helped simpleton to find the youngest daughter of the King?

**Answer:**

The queen bee helped Simpleton to find the youngest daughter of the King.

**Comprehension II: Simpleton!****Question 1.**

How did the two older brothers spend their time?

**Answer:**

The two older brothers spent their time wasting money and not doing anything useful. They believed they were clever but never did anything good in the world.

**Question 2.**

Why did they call their youngest brother a simpleton?

**Answer:**

They called their youngest brother a simpleton because he was quiet, kind, and did not behave like them. They thought he was foolish for being gentle and caring towards animals.

**Question 3.**

What was the attitude of the two older brothers towards the

three things they met on the way?

**Answer:**

The two older brothers were cruel and selfish towards the ants, ducks, and bees. They wanted to destroy the ant-hill, kill a duck for food, and burn the bees to take their honey.

**Question 4.**

What quality did the younger cousin brother show on all three occasions?

**Answer:**

The younger cousin showed kindness, compassion, and a sense of responsibility. He protected the ants, ducks, and bees, believing that all living beings deserved to live in peace.

**Question 5.**

How did the old man in the castle test the three brothers?

**Answer:**

The old man in the castle tested the three brothers by giving them a challenge written on a stone table. They had to find a thousand pearls lost by the king's daughter in one day; if they failed, they would turn into stone.

**Question 6.**

What were the three tasks set to the youngest brother?

How did he manage to solve each of them

**Answer:**

The youngest brother had three tasks:

- **First**, he had to find the lost pearls, which the ants helped him collect.
- **Second**, he had to retrieve the princess's room key from the bottom of a lake, which the ducks fetched for him.
- **Third**, he had to identify the youngest princess among the three sisters. The queen bee helped him by sitting on the lips of the youngest one, as she had eaten honey.

**C. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow:**

1. "Don't Spoil their nice house"

a Who said this?

**Answer:**

The Simpleton said this.

b What does the word 'their' refer to?

**Answer:**

The word 'their' refers to the ants.

c Why did he say so?

**Answer:**

He said this because he did not want his brothers to destroy the ants' home.

2. "She quickly flew to each of the sisters and lit on their lips as if they were flowers."

a. Who is 'She' here?

**Answer:**

'She' refers to the queen bee.

b. What did she do?

**Answer:**

She flew to the lips of each sister to identify the one who had eaten honey.

c. Who does she help here?

**Answer:**

She helped the Simpleton find the youngest princess.

**D. Write a fairy tale one like this lesson.**

**The Kindhearted Boy and the Enchanted Kingdom**

Once upon a time, in a faraway village, there lived three brothers. The elder two were clever but proud, while the

youngest was kind and gentle. They often mocked him, calling him foolish because he was always helping others.

One day, the three brothers set off on an adventure to find a hidden treasure said to be buried in the Enchanted Kingdom. As they walked through the forest, they saw a wounded bird struggling to fly. The elder brothers laughed and walked past it, but the youngest stopped and carefully wrapped the bird's wing with his scarf.

Further along, they reached a river where a small fish was caught in a net. The elder brothers wanted to leave it, but the youngest brother gently freed the fish and let it swim away. Finally, they entered a dark cave, where they saw a tiny mouse trapped under a rock. The youngest brother lifted the rock and let the mouse go.

At last, they arrived at the Enchanted Kingdom, where a wise old wizard stood before them. He gave them a challenge:

**“Whoever opens the golden chest will win the treasure. But beware—choosing the wrong key will turn you into stone.”**

The elder brothers quickly grabbed random keys and tried to open the chest, but both failed and turned to stone. The youngest brother hesitated, not knowing which key to pick. Just then, the bird he had saved flew in, carrying a golden feather. The fish jumped out of the river, holding a shiny pearl. The mouse scurried forward with a tiny golden key.

The boy took the key from the mouse and unlocked the chest. Inside, he found a magical potion that turned his brothers back to life. The wizard smiled and said, **“Your kindness has won you the greatest treasure of all—wisdom and compassion.”**

The three brothers returned home, and the elder ones never called their younger brother foolish again. From that day on, they all learned that kindness is the true key to happiness.

**Moral:** Kindness and compassion always bring great rewards.

**E . Write out the attitude of the simpleton and older brothers towards the following:**

**Attitude of simpleton and elder brothers towards**

a. ant hill

b. ducks

c. bees

<b>Situation</b>	<b>Attitude of Simpleton</b>	<b>Attitude of Elder Brothers</b>
<b>a. Ant Hill</b>	Showed kindness and stopped his brothers from destroying the ants' home.	Wanted to destroy the ant hill for fun and see the ants run in fear.
<b>b. Ducks</b>	Protected them and did not allow his brothers to harm them.	Wanted to catch and roast one for food.
<b>c. Bees</b>	Stopped his brothers from setting fire to the tree, showing his care for the bees.	Wanted to burn the bees' nest to steal their honey.

## **II. Grammar and Vocabulary:**

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct verbs choosing from the ones given in brackets:

(are, has, do, does, is, had, have, did, was, were)

**Answers:**

1. The children **are** making a lot of noise.
2. Kumar **has** read all the letters.
3. When **did** you come to my house?
4. He **did** n't do well.

5. Rita is going to Mysuru today.
6. Mr. Rao had gone to Hubballi yesterday night.
7. All my friends have met their Principal to ask about the examination now.

## B. 'Study the following'

He can lift the bag.

May I do this?

Would you please give me this?

**Now make as many sentences as possible from the given table. One example is done for you.**

**Table-1**

Nouns	Verbs	Sentence
I	can	speaking English well.
He	will	climb a coconut tree.
Raju	may	clean the house.
Shaila	shall	wash clothes.
They	ought to	help the poor.
We	need to	Finish our work.
You	must dare to	Speak the truth.

**Table -2**

Nouns	Verbs	Sentence
I	could	Help other workers.
She	would	Complete her homework.
Chandra	might	Visit his grandmother.
Ramya	should	Study for the exam.
They	used to	Play cricket every morning.
We	need to	Be careful while crossing the road
You	must	dare to tell the truth.

**Make as many sentences as possible using the clues given in the table: Examples are given below.**

<b>Pronoun noun</b>	<b>Be form of Verbs (Pre)</b>	<b>Be form of Verbs (Past</b>	<b>H form of Verbs</b>	<b>Past Participial</b>	<b>Main verb</b>	<b>Common Noun</b>
I	am	was	has		Write	
He	is	were	have	been	Write	a book
She	are		had		Written	a letter
We					Writing	a poem
You						a story
They						a play

1. I am writing a book.
2. I was writing a story.
3. I have written a poem.
4. He is writing a letter.
5. He was writing a play.
6. He has written a book.
7. She is writing a poem.
8. She was writing a story.
9. She had written a play.
10. We are writing a letter.
11. We were writing a book.
12. We have written a poem.
13. You are writing a story.
14. You were writing a letter.
15. You had written a book.
16. They are writing a play.
17. They were writing a poem.
18. They have written a story.



### C. Study the following:

He dances nicely.

He runs fast.

She sings well.

**Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in brackets:**

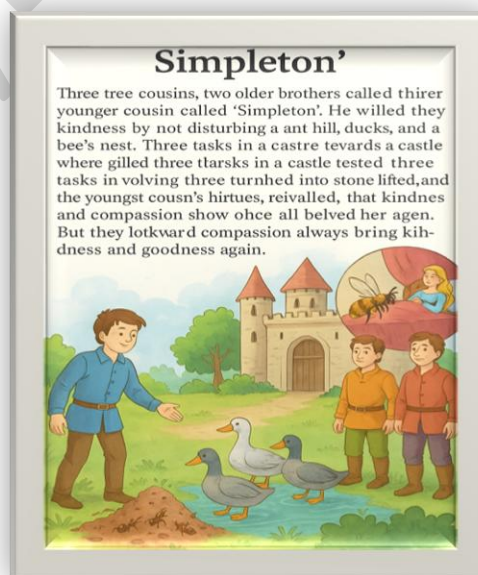
1. Ashwini writes the answers correctly (correct).
2. The soldiers fought bravely against the enemy. (brave)
3. The rich man donated money generously to the orphanage (generous).
4. The little boy held the old lady's hand and kindly helped her to cross the street (kind).
5. When our team lost, we boarded the bus sadly (sad).

### D. Use the word 'hard' both as an adjective and as an adverb in your own sentences.

Use of 'Hard' as an Adjective and Adverb

- As an Adjective: The rock was too hard to break.
- As an Adverb: He worked hard to achieve his goals.

## Simpleton! Summary



The story is about three cousins—two older brothers who consider themselves clever and their younger cousin, whom they mockingly call "Simpleton" because of his quiet and kind nature.

One day, while walking, they come across an ant hill, a lake with ducks, and a bee's nest. The older brothers want to destroy the ant hill, catch a duck, and burn the bees' nest, but the Simpleton stops them, showing kindness to the creatures.

Later, they arrive at a mysterious castle where an old man gives them three difficult tasks. The first two brothers fail and are turned into stone. When it is the Simpleton's turn, the ants he saved earlier help him find a thousand pearls, the ducks retrieve a lost key from the lake, and the queen bee helps him identify the youngest princess.

With these tasks completed, the castle is freed from its curse, and those turned to stone, including his brothers, become human again. In the end, his brothers no longer see him as a fool, realizing that kindness and goodness are more valuable than mere cleverness.