

CHAPTER - 7

Hickory, Dickory, Do

I Word Meanings:

1. Crawled - moved slowly
2. Pantry - a small room for storing food
3. Discovered - found
4. Terrified - Scared
5. Huddled close together - Stayed very close to each other
6. Heartily - happily
7. Struck the hour - rang once

II Answer these questions.

1. Why did the three mice decide to go through the crack in the wall?

Ans The three mice decided to go through the crack in the wall to go out and see what the world looked like.

2. What did they find in the hall?

Ans They saw many wonderful things and a tall clock in the hall.

3. What did the three mice do when they heard the ticking of the clock?

Ans The three mice huddled close together when they heard the ticking of the clock.

4. What did Dock do after eating the bun?

Ans After eating the bun, Dock slipped inside the hole behind the clock.

5. Why did the three mice run back home?

Ans When the clock struck the hour, the three mice were terrified and ran away.

III Read these lines and answer the questions.

1. "Be good and don't go out of your nest till I come back."

a. Who said this and to whom?

Ans Mamma Mouse said these words to
Tlickory, Dickory and Dock.

b. Where was the speaker going?

Ans Mamma Mouse was going into the house
to look for food.

c. What happened after the speaker left?

Ans After Mamma Mouse left, the three
mice also went into the house through
the same crack in the wall.

2. Suddenly, Dickory let out a squeal
of joy?

a. Why did Dickory let out a squeal
of joy?

Ans Dickory let out a squeal of joy
because he had found half a bun
to eat.

b. What did the three mice do next?

Ans The three mice heartily ate the bun
until they finished it.

the hour. The huge gong was just beside Dock's ear and the noise made the poor little mouse almost deaf. He screamed in terror and ran down the clock as fast as he could. When he reached the hall he saw his brothers running up the stairs, and he ran after them with all his might.

It was only when they were safe in their nest again that they stopped to breathe.

When Mamma Mouse came back in the morning, they told her of their adventure. She said, "You see, my



dears, I told you not to leave the nest. What if someone had seen you? You should listen to me."

Hickory, Dickory and Dock never ran away again.

L. Frank Baum



Comprehension

A Complete these sentences from the story.

1. Mamma Mouse was happy to find a barrel of flour
2. The three little mice decided to explore the world outside
3. They were surprised by everything they saw in the hall
4. They were curious about the ticking clock
5. Dock was terrified when the clock struck the hour

B Answer these questions.

1. Why did the three mice decide to go through the crack in the wall?
2. What did they find in the hall?
3. What did the three mice do when they heard the ticking of the clock?
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 - a. Why did Dickory let out a squeal of joy?
 - b. What did the three mice do next?
 - c. Do you think they had a good time?



D Discuss in class.

Hickory, Dickory and Dock never ran away again. What do you think could be the reason for this?



Work with Words

YOUNG ONES OF ANIMALS. COLLOCATIONS

E Mamma Mouse asked her young ones to stay at home while she searched for food. What are the young ones of these animals called? Match the columns.

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| 1. goose | a. foal 5 |
| 2. frog | b. lamb 4 |
| 3. eagle | c. kid 6 |
| 4. sheep | d. gosling 1 |
| 5. horse | e. eaglet 3 |
| 6. goat | f. tadpole 2 |

F Fill in the blanks with the correct words to make sentences.

have make keep give take

1. We should always make an effort to complete our work on time.
2. Shreya asked a friend to take a picture of her and her family.

3. Kamaal stopped the car to give way to the pedestrians.
4. The family planned to have dinner with their relatives.
5. Jinia promised to keep in touch with her friends when she moved to another city.

Spell Well

6 In the morning, the baby mice told Mamma Mouse about their adventure. Work in pairs. Make six words with the letters in ADVENTURE. Share your list with your partner.

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| 1. <u>nature</u> | 3. <u>date</u> | 5. <u>rate</u> |
| 2. <u>meat</u> | 4. <u>are</u> | 6. <u>venue</u> |

Look It Up!

H These pairs of words have the same pronunciation. Find out the difference in their meaning with the help of a dictionary.

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| 1. waist – waste | 3. paws – pause | 5. reign – rain |
| 2. mail – male | 4. heel – heal | 6. weather – whether |



Know Grammar

ADVERBS

Read these sentences.

Mamma Mouse went to find food for her little ones yesterday. (when)

The three mice heartily ate the bun. (how)

Dock saw a clock and slipped inside. (where)

The words **yesterday**, **heartily** and **inside** are adverbs. They tell us when, how and where something happens. Adverbs are words that tell us more about verbs.

WHEN ADVERBS	HOW ADVERBS	WHERE ADVERBS
tomorrow	happily	outside
afterwards	quietly	indoors
late	gently	here

I Fill in the blanks with the correct adverbs in the brackets.



It is Diwali today (today/tomorrow). Mother, Jay and I are lighting the *diyas* outside (outside/inside). Father is carefully (impatiently/carefully) fixing the lights. Grandmother is cooking our favourite sweet. Music is playing softly (softly/gently) in the background. Our cousins will arrive soon (after/soon). Everyone is eagerly (quietly/eagerly) waiting for the celebrations to begin.

J Fill in the blanks with the correct adverbs given in the box.

downstairs there tomorrow always recently

1. Siya and her friends are planning to go camping tomorrow.
2. Nimisha rushed downstairs as she heard the doorbell ring.
3. I have recently started doing yoga.
4. Diya always washes her hands before and after eating.
5. There stands an old gulmohar tree.