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### **1. MY HOME**

1. I live in my home.
2. It is in the village Gonawila.
3. It was built by my father.
4. There are many rooms in it.
5. Its outer walls are painted light blue.
6. There is a beautiful garden around my home.

### **2. MY BROTHER**

1. My father's name is Piyal.
2. His name in full is Piyal Warnakulasooriya.
3. He is the principal of a school.
4. He has a small library in our home.
5. He reads books and magazines there often.
6. He helps me to do my class home work.
7. He is a popular person in my village.
8. People say he is both a good teacher and a good principal.

### **3. MY MOTHER**

1. My mother's name is Malinee.
2. Malinee is her Christian name.
3. Her surname is Fernando.
4. The name she uses often is Malinee Warnakulasuriya.
5. She is the music teacher in my father's school.
6. She is fair and pretty.
7. My mother cooks tasty meals for us.
8. She can play many musical instruments.

### **4. MY BROTHER**

1. My brother's name is Lakshman.
2. His friends call him lucky.
3. He is fourteen years old.

4. He is older than me by three years.
5. My brother loves to play cricket.
6. He is in the junior cricket team of our school.
7. He is very good at mathematics and science.
8. I go to school with my brother.

### **5. MY SISTER**

1. My sister's name is Hasini.
2. The meaning of the name is 'the laughing girl'.
3. She goes to school with my mother.
4. She has a beautiful doll.
5. It is a teddy bear.
6. Hasini loves to sing and dance.
7. She can play on the melodica well.
8. She is in the junior band of our college.

### **6. MY BICYCLE**

1. I have a red bicycle.
2. My parents gave it to me on my 10th birthday.
3. I wash and clean it very often.
4. So it has the look of a new one.
5. I think I can use it for another ten years.
6. Some people do not have bells or lights on their bicycles.
7. We should never ride a bicycle without brakes.
8. My bicycle is complete with a bell, light and a stand.

### **7. OUR TELEVISION SET**

1. My father bought our television set from a shop at Dankotuwa.
2. It is a colour T.V with a large screen.
3. It gives very clear pictures and sounds.
4. We all watch the T.V in the evening.
5. My sister and I like the children's programmes.
6. My mother likes musical programmes.
7. The Discovery programmed is my father's most favourite one.
8. Some T.V programmes help us in our studies
9. But we should not spend a lot at time to watch the T.V.

## **8. MY DOLL**

1. My doll is a beautiful teddy-bear.
2. It has golden fur on its body.
3. The teddy's body is very smooth and soft.
4. It has two big ears and two beads for his eyes.
5. Aunt rosy gave it to me as a present.
6. She has a small workshop where these dolls are made.
7. I like to keep the teddy near me when I am at home.
8. It sits there and looks at me with its shiny eyes.
9. Sometimes I feel it is quite alive.

## **9. MY ROOM**

1. I have a small room for myself.
2. But it is quite enough for me.
3. Its walls are painted pink.
4. I study and sleep in it.
5. My books, clothes, and play things are kept in my room.
6. I always keep my room clean orderly.
7. There is a picture of a flower vase on one of the walls.
7. It was painted by my mother especially for my room.
8. My room is my small world.

## **10. MY CLASS ROOM**

1. My class room is near our principal's office.
2. So we always have to be behaving well.
3. Every morning we sweep the class room and arrange the desks and chairs nicely.
4. There are few paintings on the walls of the class room.
5. They were done by Nadika and Rasika, two of my class-mates.
6. The teacher's table is near the black-board.
7. Every morning we keep a vase of flowers on the teacher's table.
8. We pick the flowers from the school garden.
9. They make our class look very pleasant.

## **11. MY SCHOOL**

1. I attend Dankotuwa Balika Vidyalaya.
2. It is the best school in the area.
3. It has several large buildings, a big garden and a playground.
4. My school has all the facilities, a good school should have.
5. Our school uniform is a two-piece suit of light blue and white.
6. There is a large number of teachers and about a thousand of students in my school.
7. The place I like most there is the library.
8. We find a large number of books in it.
9. I like my school and I am proud of it.

## **12. OUR HOME GARDEN**

1. We have a large garden around our home.
2. There are a large number of trees and plants in it.
3. Five mango trees, two avocado pear trees along the border of the garden.
4. There are some king coconut trees along the border of the garden.
5. All these trees were planted by my grandfather about thirty years ago.
6. That was a long time before I was born.
7. These trees give us a lot of fruits.
8. About an year ago my mother planted several rose bushes in front of our home.
9. The rows of cannas along the path were planted by me during the New Year holidays.
10. In the middle of the garden there is a wooden bench for us to sit, in the evening.

## **13. THE POST - OFFICE**

1. The post - office is the place where we mail letters.
2. There are several counters at the post- office.
3. An assistant post master sits at each counter.
4. The chief post master sits in a large room there.
5. There is a mail room at the back of it.
6. The postman sort letters there, seated at long tables.
7. Every morning a red van comes to the post - office and delivers few large mail bags.
8. In the evening few such bags are taken away from it by the same van.

9. In a very busy post - office, one will have to wait in a queue to buy stamps.
10. The postman who short out letters go out next riding their bicycles, to deliver them.

#### **14. THE MARKET**

1. Every village and town has its market.
2. Farmers bring fruits, vegetables, and yams to the market every day.
3. There are few rows of small shops about the market.
4. One can buy rice, dhal, sugar, dry-fish, fish and meat at them.
5. a lot of people come to the market to buy and sell goods. So it is a very busy and noisy place.
6. The juggler, the lottery tickets vendor, the haberdasher, the shoe-repairer, and the ice cream vendor are few special people we meet there.
7. Very often we see few stray dogs and cats around the fish and meat stalls.
8. They come there to pick scraps.

#### **15. THE CROW**

1. The crow is a very common bird.
2. It lives in almost all the parts of Sri Lanka.
3. It is a large bird with charcoal black feathers.
4. Crows are often found in couples.
5. But in the evening all gather to a large tree to spend the night.
6. In most towns we find such 'crow trees'!
7. Thousands of them come there in the evening.
8. Crows are fearless, watchful and busy birds.
9. They would attack anyone who comes near their nests.
10. Some crows dash into kitchens and snatch away food.
11. No one loves a crow, but it does us some good by eating up rubbish.

#### **16. THE DOG**

1. The dog has been a friend of man from ancient times.
2. When the early man was roasting meat, the dogs that lived in the nearby jungle used to come there.
3. The man gave them few bones and scraps and they got friendly with him.

4. The dogs then left the jungle and started to live near the man's cave.
5. They used to follow the man when he went hunting, and they helped him to find animals.
6. The dog is a very useful animal and it guards the man's home.
7. We can teach it to do a lot of things.
8. When trained well, a dog can help the police officers to catch offenders.
9. The dog loves its master and his family.

## **17. THE CAT**

1. In every home we find a cat. It is a nice pet with a clean soft fur coat.
2. We find cats in different colours such as black, white, grey and with patches of various colours all over the body.
3. A yellow and black cat is called calico cat, and it is very rare.
4. From very early times the cat has had been friendly with the man.
5. It left the jungle and began to live in his home. The man loved the cat because it killed the rats that stole his food at night.
6. The cat never follows his master like the dog.
7. It loves the comforts of the home and the tasty meals such as fish, meat and milk.

## **18. THE PARROT**

1. The parrot is an intelligent bird.
2. It can talk a few words when taught.
3. Though people say that parrots 'talk', it's only an imitation of what it heard.
4. A parrot has bright green feathers and a pair of wings with red patches at the tips.
5. The red ring it has around the neck is called the "neck lace".
6. Parrots are found in large or small flocks.
7. It makes its nest in the hollow of a tree.
8. Its beak is very sharp and strong.
9. It can cut open hard nuts with it.
10. When tamed it becomes an interesting pet.
11. However tame, a parrot will fly away when it finds a chance, and will never return.



## **19. THE PEACOCK**

1. The peacock is a very beautiful bird.
2. Its neck and body are covered with bright blue feathers.
3. the most beautiful part of its body is the long tail.
4. The peacock can spread the tail like a huge fan.
5. It usually does it in the morning, when the first rays of the sun appear.
6. The peahen is not so beautiful and her feathers are brown.
7. She has no long tail.
8. The peacock lives in jungles, in small flocks.
9. It eats small snakes, lizards, insects, and seeds.
10. Though it is very beautiful, its voice is very ugly.
11. It is a harsh scream that could frighten you in the jungle.

## **20. THE OSTRICH**

1. The ostrich is the largest among all birds.
2. It is found in jungles in Africa.
3. The height of a full grown ostrich is about eight feet.
4. It has two large wings but it cannot fly.
5. The ostrich can run very fast with its strong legs.
6. It uses these legs to kick enemies.
7. The ostrich lives in grasslands that are in the jungles.
8. It eats grass, leaves, seeds and berries.
9. African Bushmen hunt ostriches for meat and feathers.
10. Ostrich feathers are used to adorn the hats worn by fashionable ladies, in Western countries.

## **21. THE BUTTERFLY**

1. The butterfly is an insect found in most countries.
2. Like the bee, it goes from flower to flower sucking nectar.
3. These visits help the flowers to bear fruit.
4. The sight of a butterfly gives us pleasure.
5. The beauty of the butterfly is in its colorful wings.
6. There are several stages in the life of a butterfly.
7. First, we see the egg and when it is hatched, we see a caterpillar.
8. Then we find a pupa that lives in a cocoon.
9. After few days, a full grown butterfly emerges from the cocoon.
10. There is another kind of butterflies, called moths.

11. They have black wings and bodies and they fly about only at night.
12. The butterfly is beautiful, but if you touch a caterpillar, you will get an ugly itch.

## **22. THE RAILWAY STATION**

1. The railway station is the place where people wait for trains.
2. It is crowded and very noisy.
3. The people who wait there for trains talk, joke or read papers to pass the time.
4. The station master is in charge of the railway station.
5. There are assistants, porters, ticket checkers and signalmen to help him.
6. The long wooden benches on the platform are always full of people.
7. If we want to travel by train we have to buy tickets.
8. In large railway stations there are loud speakers to announce the time of arrival of trains.
9. In places like the Fort railway station a large television screen does the job.
10. The rest room, toilets, parcel room and the canteen are few features we find in many railway stations.

## **23. STREET BEGGARS**

1. Street beggars are very common in our towns and cities.
2. They are always dressed in shabby rags.
3. They go to people and humbly plead for a coin or two.
4. Some beggars get angry when they get a small coin.
5. They mutter bad words and frown at you if you do not give them anything.
6. Sometimes beggars become a great nuisance.
7. They touch you, pull at your clothes, and go on asking for money.
8. To some beggars begging is a profitable job.
9. There are beggars who bank money and Lend money on interest.
10. Most of the beggars carry the collected money wherever they go.
11. Once Rs, 50000/ was found in an old bag that lay under the body of a dead beggar.

## **24. RICE**

1. The rice plant belongs to the grass family.
2. It grows well in warm and wet climates.
3. Rice is the staple food in all the Asian countries.
4. The rice plant needs a lot of mud and water at the early stages of growth.
5. Farmers prepare the fields likewise and sow seeds there.
6. The rice plant needs lot of sunshine at the last stages.
7. When the ears of rice are ripe they turn golden.
8. It is the time to reap them.
9. To get rice the farmers have to hull the paddy seeds.
10. It can be done with the help of a mortar and a pestle.
11. Rice flour is used to prepare roti, pittu, string hoppers, hoppers and oil cakes.
12. Milk rice or 'kiribath' is a very popular food in our country.

## **25. SNAKES**

1. Asia, Africa and South America are famous for all kinds of snakes.
2. Sri Lanka is an Asian country and we find a lot of snakes there.
3. Snakes belong to a large class Called Reptilian.
4. They form two main groups, namely the poisonous, and the non poisonous.
5. The group of poisonous snakes to catch their food.
6. All snakes are meat eaters and they swallow the prey wholly.
7. Most snakes are killed by people wherever they see them.
8. It is very unwise, because help the nature to keep its balance.

## **26. HOBBIES**

1. People study, learn and work in their daily life.
2. They are their regular activities.
3. A hobby is anything they do apart from the regular work.
4. If a doctor plays on the guitar in his free time, it can be called his hobby.
5. There are many kinds of hobbies.
6. Some of them are very costly and some cost you nothing.
7. A person who collects antique items as a hobby will have to spend a lot of money.
8. But another person whose hobby is watching birds will spend nothing, but his time.

9. Collecting stamps, coins, book and view cards are some common hobbies.
10. Other hobbies include, playing chess and draughts and hunting and fishing.
11. Hobbies help people to relax, recreate and let out the pressure of daily work.
12. Hobbies should be activities that harm no one, not even a cent, the least

## **27. RAIN**

1. A popular children's rhyme says 'Rain rain go away, come again another day.'
2. Of course, children do not like it, because they cannot play outdoor games when it rains.
3. However all humans, animals and plants will have to suffer if there is no rain.
4. What brings rain?
5. The water vapour that rises from the sea forms clouds.
6. Clouds turn into drops of water.
7. Then the water comes down to earth as rain.
8. The rain water flows into the sea and it is again turned into vapour.
9. This journey of water is called 'the water cycle.'

## **28. THE SEA**

1. Look at a photograph of earth taken by a satellite from space.
2. It will show that a large part of the earth is covered with seas.
3. The sea helps all forms of life on earth.
4. It is because it is full of many forms of life, minerals, and salts.
5. It provides us with many kinds of fish, lobster, corals, and prawn and sea plants.
6. In some countries people distil sea water and get fresh water.
7. The sea is used as a road to transport goods and passengers from country to country.
8. A large number of ships that carry containers cross the seas every day.

## **29. THE RAINBOW**

1. We all have seen a rainbow, one day or the other.
2. It is a very beautiful sight.

3. A rainbow is an arch or a bow of seven colours that appears in the sky.
4. We see a rainbow only when there is sunlight and rain at the same time.
5. It appears when raindrops act as prisms.
6. They split the white sunlight into its basic colours.
7. The rainbow is not a real thing but an illusion.
8. In ancient times people believed it was the bow of Indra, the king of gods.
9. Some others said it was a bridge created by God to connect heaven and earth.
10. Do you like to see a rainbow without rain?
11. Then take a mouthful of water, face the sun and blow the water out as a fine spray.
12. You will see a small rainbow before you.

### **30. DESERTS**

1. There are few areas of the earth where no rain falls for years.
2. Such areas are dry, sandy and very hot. We call them deserts.
3. The Sahara, the Arabian desert and the Libyan desert are famous deserts of the world.
4. Travelling in a desert is very difficult and dangerous.
5. The sand there is so deep; the wheels of vehicles get sunk in it.
6. The only way to travel in a desert is to ride a camel.
7. Its flat feet do not get sunk and, it can travel for days with no water. Merchants cross great deserts in camel caravans.
8. The camels carry the people's food, goods, water and other items on their back.
9. There are springs of water in few places in a desert.
10. People inhabit them; grow date palms, fruit and vegetable there.
11. These places are called oases.

### **31. THE MOON**

1. The moon is a round planet. It is a satellite of the earth.
2. The moon goes round the earth in an orbit. It takes 28 days to go right round.
3. The light it gives is not its own.
4. It is a reflection of sunlight that falls on it.
5. The moon is the only satellite of the earth.

6. But it is quite different from the mother planet.
7. It is a body of rock and moon dust.
8. No form of life exists on it, due to unfavourable conditions.
9. Neil Armstrong an American astronaut, set foot on the moon on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1969.
10. The spacecraft Apollo II took him there.

### **32. THE EARTH**

1. People had different ideas about the
2. Most said it was flat, but later came to know that it was not.
3. The earth is a member of the Solar System.
4. It is a large ball made of rock, soil, and water.
5. The earth goes around the sun, and the journey takes 365 days.
6. While making that journey it spins on its own axis.
7. It takes 24 hours to complete each spin.
8. This spin gives us the day and the night.
9. When the part we live faces the sun, it is the night time.
10. People once believed that the sun goes round the earth.
11. Galileo and Copernicus proved that the earth goes round sun.

### **33. OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY**

1. In our school there are few places loved by students.
2. They are the library, the play ground, the laboratory and the places like the flower garden.
3. The place I like most is the library.
4. In a place like the playground, one can play or, learn to play; few games only.
5. But in a library he can read many books and learn a lot of things. That's why the library has become my favourite place.
6. A library contains books, the records of the experiences of our wise ancestors.
7. By reading and studying them, one can get a vast knowledge which he himself won't be able to gather in even hundreds and hundreds of years. The books written by Plato, Newton, Darwin, Dickens and Shakespeare and such other authors, enrich our knowledge and wide our horizons.

### **34. A CRUEL BOY**

1. My neighbour's twelve year old son is a cripple.
2. He can't use his left hand, as other children do.
3. It is very thin and weak.
4. He is lame in one leg and he hobbles when he walks.
5. With all these physical weaknesses he is very cruel to animals.
6. Whenever he sees a stray dog, a cat or a bird, he slings pebbles at it.
7. When the animals cry and flee in pain, the boy watches them with a big smile.
8. The neighbours say that this boy had killed a large number of birds and squirrels with his deadly catapult.
9. I am sure this boy doesn't like to get hit by things thrown at him by others.
10. Then why can't he understand that animals too don't like such hurtful treatment?

### **35. THE COCONUT TREE**

1. The coconut tree grows in almost all the parts of Sri Lanka.
2. But it grows well on sandy lands along the sea coast.
3. The trunk of the coconut tree is tall and slender.
4. It is like a metal pillar. At the top there is a large number of branches spread out in a circle.
5. The coconut tree belongs to the family Palmae.
6. It is a relation of the palmyra tree, the date palm tree, and the kithul tree. Every part of the tree could be used for some purpose. The young nut gives a refreshing drink.
7. Coconut milk and oil could be used in cooking.
8. The trunk gives us timber and the husks give fiber to make carpets and ropes.
9. The sap obtained by tapping the tree is used to produce toddy, arrack, jaggery and treacle.
10. The leaves are woven together in a plain pattern and they are used to thatch roofs.
11. The coconut tree is the most useful tree we have in Sri Lanka.

### **36. GOOD MANNERS**

1. Good Manners do not come naturally.
2. You have to learn them. Parents should teach their children do behave well.
3. If not, they would grow up rough and rude and become a nuisance to the society.
4. Good Manners are a chief characteristic of a gentleman.
5. We call a person a gentleman, because he is gentle towards others.
6. A good- mannered person always has regards for other people's feelings.
7. He won't say anything that would offend others. He won't do things they do not like.
8. He would never act selfishly. A good- mannered person always thinks of the comfort and happiness of others.
9. He gives the first place to their feelings, but not to those of his own.

### **37. HEALTH**

1. Take the cases of health and wealth.
2. Do you prefer wealth to health?
3. I do not think so.
4. Health is a gift given to us by nature.
5. But it can easily get lost. Some people are unhealthy from their childhood.
6. Their lives become miserable.
7. People do not care much about their health till they fall ill.
8. You can easily keep fit if you obey the laws of health.
9. Here are the laws.
10. Eat good plain natural food and drink a lot of clean water.
11. Always breathe in fresh air and do some kind of exercise every day.
12. Have enough rest both mentally and physically, and have a good sleep.
13. Avoid cigarettes, alcohol, drugs and tobacco.
14. Of course, there are few other causes that lead to ill health.
15. Lack of good food, good homes and poverty are some of them.



