

Chapter 4

The Story of Amrita

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Question 1. Is there a place near your house, school or along the road side, where trees have been planted?

Answer: Yes, trees are planted on the road sides.

Question 2. Why were they planted there?

Answer: They were planted there to get fruits and shade.

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Question 3. Have you seen anyone taking care of the trees? Who does this?

Answer: I have seen a few people taking care of these trees. They are employed as a gardners

Question 4. Have you seen fruits on any of the trees? Who eats three fruits?

Answer: Yes, I have seen fruits on these trees. People who look after the trees eat those fruits. Also birds eat them.

Question 5. Lalita feels that grass and small plants growing near her school wall have not been planted by anyone. Do you know of any place where grass, small plants or trees are growing on their own without being planted by anyone?

Answer: Yes, in the fields and along the road sides, grass grows on its own.

Question 6. Why do you feel that these are growing on their own?

Answer: Because nobody has planted the grass but still they are growing there. So I think that they are growing on their own.

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Question 7. Do you remember what the elders of this village used to say?

Answer: They used to say “Agar perh hain to hum hain. Plants and animals can survive without us, but we cannot survive without them”.

Question 8. Do you think we could survive if there were no trees and no animals? Discuss this in your class.

Answer: No, we cannot survive without trees because they give us food and fresh air.

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Question 9. Do you remember that in Class III, you had made a tree your friend? How is your friend now?

Answer: The tree is the same as last year but it changes according to the weather. Sometimes it has lots of flowers and leaves and sometimes it sheds all of its leaves and flowers. It also have some fruits once in a while.

Question 10. Why don't you make a new friend this year? Have you seen how your friends– the trees, change in some ways, in different months of a year.

Answer: Yes I have seen how trees change in different way in different months of a year. Like sometimes they shed their leaves and sometimes they have lots of leaves, flowers and fruits.

Question 11. Does the tree has flower?

Answer: Yes, it has flowers

Question 12. Do the flowers remain always on the tree?

Answer: No, the flowers do not remain on the tree throughout the year.

Question 13. In which month do their leaves fall?

Answer: The leaves of the trees usually fall in the month of December and January.

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Question 14. Do fruits grow on the tree?

Answer: Yes, they grow on the tree.

Question 15. In which months do they grow?

Answer: Mangoes grows in the month of March and April.

Question 16. Have you eaten these fruits?

Answer: Yes, I have eaten these fruits.

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Question 17. Why do people hunt?

Answer: People hunt for food, skin and bones of animals and also for fun.

Question 18. There are rules against hunting of some animals. People can be punished for hunting. Why do you think there is this punishment?.

Answer: There is punishment for hunting in order to save the animals.

Talk to your grandparents and find out –

Question 19. Which birds did they see around them when they were of\ your age?

Answer: Crow, sparrow, parrot, eagle, vulture, cuckoo, etc are the birds they saw around them when they were our age.

Question 20. Have the number of some of these birds become less?

Answer Yes, the number of many of these birds have become less.

Question 21. Are there some birds or animals which they cannot see any more?

Answer: The cheetah cannot be seen anymore.

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Question 22. Shanti's grandfather told her that when he was a small child he saw more birds like sparrows and mynah than he sees today. Can you make two guesses why their numbers have become less?

Answer: Hunting and destruction of forests and trees which reduce their living area are reducing the number of these birds.

Question 23. Which kind of trees can you see a lot of, in your area? Name two such trees.

Answer: kind of trees which I can see a lot in my area are mango and teak trees.

Question 24. Find out more about these trees from your elders.

Answer: **Mango:** It is a very tasty fruit. Mango trees grow very large and branchy. The buds of mango come in the month of January. The fruit starts ripening from middle of April. There are many varieties of mango.

Teak: teak tree is also very big. It gives us shade and fresh air. Teak wood is costly. Teak does not gives us fruit. Teak wood is used in making furniture.