

LESSON - 7

SCARECROW

Session - 1

I

PRE-READING

- See the picture. Have you seen the picture before ? Who puts up this ? Where? For what purpose ? In English it is called a scarecrow because it makes the crow afraid. Can you say what it is called in Odia ? Is it possible to write a poem on ? Let us read and see.



II

WHILE-READING

- *Your teacher reads the poem aloud .You listen to him/her without opening the book.*
- *Your teacher asks you: Who are there in this poem? Who is 'I' and who are 'you'?*
- *Your teacher reads the poem aloud second time. You listen to him/her and follow the poem in your book.*
- *Read the poem silently and answer the questions that follow.*

TEXT

You are who ?
The land owner,
Or the scarecrow ?

You wear his shirt;
You hold his bow,
You wear his pants,
You are who ?
The land owner,
Or the scarecrow ?

You do his job;
Scare the crow,
Scare the birds,
And other animals too.

You are who ?
The land owner,
Or the scarecrow ?

You are a look-alike;
A semian twin,
Who knows ?
Who knows ?
Is your owner,
Hiding behind you ?

I walk too early
No intention to spoil or steal,
But you naughty dare
To scare me too.

You are who ?
The land owner,
Or the scarecrow ?



• Comprehension Questions:

1. What is the poem about ?
2. Who are there in this poem ?
3. Who is “you” and who is “I” ?
4. Who does the poet talk to ?
5. Who has placed the scarecrow ? For what purpose ?

6. Who does 'his' stand for ?
7. Whose shirt, pants and cap is the scarecrow wearing ?
8. Who has given him all these? Why ?
9. Can you say why the poet mistakes the scarecrow to be the land owner ?
10. Why has the landowner given his bow to the scarecrow ?
11. What are some of the uses of the scarecrow ? (stanza 3)
12. Who looks-alike? Which twos look similar ?
13. When did the poet see the scarecrow ?
14. Did the poet go there to steal ?
15. Why did the poet call the scarecrow naughty ?
16. Who does the poet talk to in this poem ?
17. Poets often treat non-living things as living. Has the poet done so here ?
18. Who does he consider living ? Why ?

Session - 2

III

POST-READING

1 Visual Memory Development Technique (VMDT) :

Which stanza talks about the job of a scarecrow ?

Which stanza talks about the dress of a scarecrow ?

In which stanza, the poet calls the scarecrow naughty ?

In which stanza there is a semian twin ?

2 Comprehension Activities :

(a) MCQs: Choose the correct alternatives and fill in the blanks.

1. The scarecrow does not _____ .

(A) dig the land	(B) scare the crow
(C) scare birds	(D) scare the other animals

2. The scarecrow _____.
- (A) wears the shirt of the land owner (B) holds the bow of the land owner
- (C) wears the pant of the land owner (D) all the above
3. The poet wants to _____.
- (A) steal the landowner's fruits (B) spoil the landowner's crops
- (C) see the scarecrow (D) go for morning walk
4. The poet confuses the scarecrow with the land owner because the scarecrow _____.
- (A) wears his pant (B) wears his shirt
- (C) wears both his pant and shirt (D) wears his shoes
- (b) Some lines are repeated at the end of all stanzas except stanza-4. Write these lines in the space below.

Session - 3

3 Listening (TPR):

(Teacher demonstrates with instruction in English how to prepare a cap. It is like preparing a paper boat. S/he takes a piece of paper, asks others to take each a piece of paper.)

Steps :

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| 1. Take a piece of paper. (Demonstrates). | Students act. |
| 2. Fold it like this into two. | Students act. |
| 3. Fold it from the left and then from right like this. | Students act. |
| 4. Fold back the front side like this. | Students act. |
| 5. Fold back the back side like this. | Students act. |
| 6. (Opens and shows) See how it has become a cap. | |

4 Speaking :

(a) Reading aloud .

Teacher reads aloud one line, students repeat after him/her in chorus. (The first three lines need to be done at a time, the rest of the poem line by line.)

(b) Chain-drill- "You scare the crow."

Students instead of repeating the same can change 'crow' into birds and other animals.

Session - 4

5 Vocabulary :

A word is, at times, formed by joining two words. See the title of the poem ' scarecrow ', which is formed by joining two words- 'scare' and 'crow' . Can you find another similar word in stanza-4 (first line)? The following set of six pairs of words can be combined to form one word for each pair.

dug well	=	dugwell	swim suit	=	_____
foot print	=	_____	birth right	=	_____
bath suit	=	_____	tree house	=	_____
sun flower	=	_____	rain bow	=	_____
door bell	=	_____	foot ball	=	_____

6 Usage :

Convert the following lines into past tense. One is done for you.

You wear his shirt.

You wore his shirt.

You hold his bow.

You wear his pant.

You wear his cap too.

You do his job.

You scare the crow.

You scare the bird and other animals too.

Session - 5

7 Writing :

- See stanza 2 and 3 and write two small paragraphs- one about what the scarecrow wears and the other about what work it does. The first lines are provided.

- a. (i) The scarecrow wears the owner's shirt.

It _____

- (ii) It scares the crow.

- B. How to make a scarecrow ? : Project Work

Read the instructions below and make a scarecrow.

Materials needed.

A bundle of hay/straw, ropes , a piece of stick, a cap , a shirt , pant , a bow...

Steps:

- (i) Tie the hay around the long stick.

- (ii) At the lower part, divide them into two parts for two legs.
- (iii) At the top part, divide the hay into two parts for two hands.
- (iv) At the top, make the hay into a round shape to make the head.
- (v) Place a cap on the head.
- (vi) Dress the scarecrow with pants and a shirt.
- (vii) Tie the bow and arrow with its hand .
- (viii) Place it / tie it to a big stick and press the stick into a hole on the ground.

8 Mental Talk :

Mentally repeat the following three lines (the refrain).

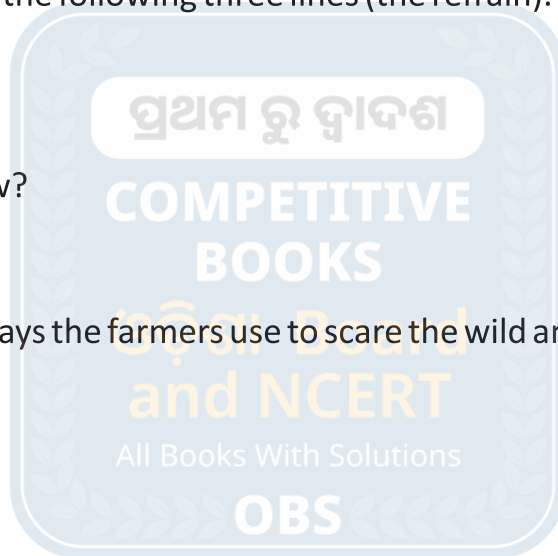
You are who?

The land owner

Or the scarecrow?

9 Let's Think :

Think of other ways the farmers use to scare the wild animals.





Summary of the Text :

The poet sees a scarecrow and wants to know its identity. He wants to know if he is the landowner or the scarecrow. He fails to distinguish between them, because the scarecrow wears the landowner's shirt and his pants and holds his bow. Moreover he finds that the scarecrow is doing the job of the landowner. He usually scares the crow, the birds and other animals. So he is confused and asks him to tell him his identity.

Further he notices similarities of the scarecrow and his master in their appearances. The scarecrow is the look-alike of the landowner. He and the landowner seem to be twins. Both of them have the same characteristics. The poet asks him if his landowner is hiding behind him.

The poet usually walks across the land too early. He has no intention to destroy anything in the land or to steal anything from the land. But he finds that the scarecrow takes pleasure in frightening him. His action confuses him. He wants to be clear about the scarecrow's identity. He is still not sure if he is the scarecrow or the landowner.

ସାରାଂଶ :

କବି ପାଳଭୂତକୁ ଦେଖନ୍ତି ଓ ଜାଣିବାକୁ ଚାହାନ୍ତି ଯେ ସେ ଏକ ପାଳଭୂତ ନା ଜମିମାଲିକ । ସେ ଦୁଇଜଣଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ କୌଣସି ପାର୍ଥକ୍ୟ ଦେଖି ପାରନ୍ତି ନାହିଁ, କାରଣ ପାଳଭୂତ ଜମି ମାଲିକର ଜାମା ଓ ପ୍ୟାଣ୍ଟ ପିନ୍ଧିଥାଏ । ସେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଦେଖନ୍ତି ପାଳଭୂତ ତା'ର ଜମିମାଲିକର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକୁ ସଂପାଦନ କରୁଛି । ସେ କାଉ ଓ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ପକ୍ଷୀ ତଥା ପଶୁମାନଙ୍କୁ ଭୟଭୀତ କରି ସେ ଜାଗାରୁ ତଡ଼ି ଦେଉଛି । ତେଣୁ ଏସବୁ

ଦେଖି କବି ପାଳଭୂତର ପରିଚୟ ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧରେ ସନ୍ଦିହାନ ହୋଇପଡ଼ିଛନ୍ତି ।

ସେ ମଧ୍ୟ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଚେହେରାରେ ସାମଞ୍ଜସ୍ୟ ଦେଖୁଛନ୍ତି । ପାଳଭୂତ ଠିକ୍ ତାଙ୍କର ଜମିମାଲିକ ପରି ଦେଖାଯାଏ । ସେମାନେ ଦୁଇଜଣ ଜାଆଁଳା ପରି ଦେଖାଯା'ନ୍ତି । କବି ମନେକରନ୍ତି ଯେପରି ତାଙ୍କର ଜମିମାଲିକ ତାଙ୍କ ପଛରେ ଲୁଚିକରି ରହିଛନ୍ତି ।

କବି ପ୍ରତିଦିନ ସକାଳେ ଅତି ସହଳ ସମୟରେ ବୁଲିବାକୁ ଗଲାବେଳେ ଏହି ପାଳଭୂତକୁ ଦେଖନ୍ତି । ତାଙ୍କର ଶସ୍ୟକ୍ଷେତ୍ରକୁ କିଛି ଚୋରିକରି ଆଣିବା କିମ୍ବା ଶସ୍ୟକ୍ଷେତ୍ରର କିଛି ନଷ୍ଟ କରିଦେବା ଭଳି ମନ୍ଦ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ନଥାଏ, ମାତ୍ର ଏହି ଦୁଷ୍ଟ ପାଳଭୂତ ତାଙ୍କୁ ବହୁତ ଭୟଭୀତ କରିବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା କରେ । ତେଣୁ ତା'ର ପୋଷାକ ଓ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ ସେ ଏତେ ଜୀବନ୍ତ ଯେ କବି ତଥାପି ସ୍ପଷ୍ଟ ନୁହଁନ୍ତି ସେ ଏକ ମାମୁଲି ପାଳଭୂତ ନା ସେହି ହେଉଛି ସ୍ୱୟଂ ଜମିମାଲିକ ।

Comprehension Questions & Answers

1. What is the poem about ?

Ans. The poem is about a scarecrow which scares the poet and confuses him about its identity.

2. Who are there in this poem ?

Ans. The scarecrow and the poet are there in the poem.

3. Who is "you" and who is "I" ?

Ans. 'You' in the poem refers to the scarecrow and 'I' refers to the poet.

4. Who does the poet talk to ?

Ans. The poet talks to the scarecrow. [2017-18 (Sansthan)]

5. Who has placed the scarecrow ? For what purpose ? [2017-18 (Sansthan)]

Ans. The landowner has placed the scarecrow to frighten away the crow, other birds and animals.

6. Who does 'his' stand for ?

Ans. 'His' stands for the landowner.

7. Whose shirt, pants and cap is the scarecrow wearing ?

Ans. The scarecrow is wearing the shirt, pants and cap of the landowner.

8. Who has given him all these ? Why ?

Ans. The landowner has given him all these to scare the birds and animals from the field.

9. Can you say why the poet mistakes the scarecrow to be the land owner ?

Ans. The poet mistakes a scarecrow for the landowner because it wears his pants, shirts, cap and holds his bow.

10. Why has the land owner given his bow to the scarecrow ?

Ans. The land owner has given his bow to the scarecrow to scare the birds and animals which try to enter his field.

11. What are some of the uses of the scarecrow ? (stanza 3)

Ans. The scarecrow scares the crow, the birds and other animals. He also tries to scare men.

12. Who looks alike ? Which twos look similar ?

Ans. The scarecrow is the land owner's look-alike. The scarecrow and the landowner look similar.

13. When did the poet see the scarecrow ?

Ans. The poet saw the scarecrow when he was taking a walk too early in the morning. [2017-18 (Sansthan)]

14. Did the poet go there to steal ?

Ans. No, he didn't go there to steal.

15. Why did the poet call the scarecrow naughty ?

Ans. The poet calls the scarecrow naughty because he dares to scare him too.

16. Who does the poet talk to in this poem ?

Ans. The poet talks to the scarecrow in this poem.

17. Poets often treat non-living things as living. Has the poet done so here ?

Ans. Yes, he has done so here ?

18. Who does he consider living ? Why ?

Ans. He considers the scarecrow to be living, because it scares the birds and animals and the poet, like a human being.

POST-READING

Comprehension Activities :

(a) Multiple Choice Questions : Choose the correct alternatives and fill in the blanks.

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- (A) dig the land
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4. The poet confuses the scarecrow with the land owner because the scarecrow _____.

- (A) wears his pant
- (B) wears his shirt
- (C) wears both his pant and shirt
- (D) wears his shoes

Ans. 1. (A) dig the land, 2. (D) all the above, 3. (D) go for morning walk, 4. (C) wears both his pant and shirt

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door bell = _____

swim suit = _____

birth right = _____

tree house = _____

rain bow = _____

foot ball = _____

Ans. dug well = dugwell

foot print = footprint

bath suit = bathsuit

sun flower = sunflower

door bell = doorbell

swim suit = swimsuit

birth right = birthright

tree house = treehouse

rain bow = rainbow

foot ball = football

Usage :

Convert the following lines into past tense. One is done for you.

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You wore his shirt.

You hold his bow.

Ans. You held his bow.

You wore his pants.

You wore his cap too.

You did his job.

You scared the crow.

You scared the birds and other animals too.

Writing :

- See stanza 2 and 3 and write two small paragraphs— one about what the scarecrow wears and the other about what work it does. The first lines are provided.

a. (i) The scarecrow wears the owner's shirt.

Ans. It wears his pants. It wears his cap. It holds his bow too.

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Ans. It scares the crow. It scares the birds. It scares other animals.

b. **How to make a scarecrow ? : Project Work**

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