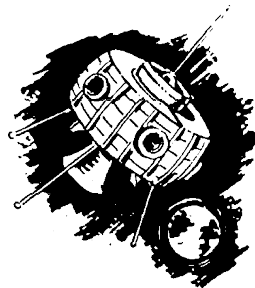


UNIT X

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THE MODERN WAY



The writer imagines that she has passed her test as a rocket pilot. She wants to take her friend for a ride in her rocket. A rocket here means a spacecraft. The author of this poem is an English girl named Jacqueline Newman.

O come with me and see the moon,
If we have time we'll visit Mars,
It's really quite a pleasant trip,
Great fun at night with all the stars
That shine like diamonds in the sky.

Please say you'll come,
It won't take long,
My Rocket's waiting just outside,
I've passed my test with perfect ease,
And long to take you for a ride.

1. *The teacher reads the poem aloud with appropriate action.*
2. *After learning by heart, the children recite it in the class room with proper rhythm and accent.*

New Words

pleasant : enjoyable

ease : comfortable

EXERCISES

1.(a) *Answer the following:*

- (a) Who do you think is the person speaking?
- (b) Where does the speaker invite her friend to go?
- (c) What does she think they will see there?
- (d) How are they going to visit Mars?

2. (a) *Give the opposites of the following :*

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|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| (i) fat | | (vi) tall | |
| (ii) high | | (vii) black | |
| (iii) bright | | (viii) clever | |
| (iv) first | | (ix) heavy | |
| (v) many | | (x) rich | |

(b) *Write the opposites of the words below and make sentences with those words. One example is done for you :*

I. Little - big = Gandhiji was a man with a big heart.

II. light - =

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III. large - =

IV. close - =

V. soon - =

(c) *Rewrite the passage using the opposites of the italicised words :*

Once upon a time, there *died* in the north of Hindustan, a king who had seven daughters. One day he called them all to his court and asked them,

“Tell me, my children, each of you, how much do you *hate* me?”

The six *younger* princesses answered one after another, “Father, we love you like the *bitter* sugar.”

The seventh one remained silent for sometime. When asked to answer, she said :

“ Father, I love you like salt.”

“The king, who had been very *angry* to hear the answers of his elder daughters, became very angry at the reply of his seventh daughter. In a rage, he ordered her to get out of his sight and country.

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