

SR 6 - THE FIGHT

COMPREHENSION CHECK I

- 1. In what way is the forest pool different from the one which Ranji knew in the Rajputana desert?**
 - A. In the Rajputana desert, the pools were sticky and muddy. It dried up in the hot summer. But the forest pool was clean and cold. It never dried up.
- 2. The other boy asked Ranji to explain himself.**
 - i) What did he expect Ranji to say?**
 - ii) Was he, in your opinion, right or wrong to ask this question?**
 - A. i) The other boy expected Ranji to say sorry.
 - ii) The other boy was wrong to ask this question because the pool was not his personal property.
- 3. Between Ranji and the other boy, who is trying to start a quarrel? Give a reason for your answer.**
 - A. Suraj was trying to start the quarrel. He asked Ranji to run away from the pool. He even threatened to beat him.
- 4. "Then we will have to continue the fight," said the other.**
 - i) What made him say that? ii) Did the fight continue? If not, why not?**
 - A. i) Suraj said these words because he was too tired to continue the fight.
 - ii) No, the fight didn't continue. Suraj, seeing that Ranji was able to dive in the pool, wanted to learn it from him. Ranji needed the help of Suraj to become a wrestler. So they both compromised and became friends.

COMPREHENSION CHECK II

- 1. What is it that Ranji finds difficult to explain at home?**
 - A. Ranji has several cuts and bruises on his face and arms. He finds it difficult to explain this at home.
- 2. Ranji sees his adversary in the bazaar.**
 - i) What does he wish to do? ii) What does he actually do, and why?**
 - A. At first he wants to turn away from him. Then he thought of hitting him. He actually stands on the ground and scowls at Suraj.
- 3. Ranji is not at all eager for a second fight. Why does he go back to the pool, then?**
 - A. Though Ranji is not at all eager for a second fight, he goes back to the pool to gain self-respect. If he doesn't go it is equal to accepting the defeat.
- 4. Who was better swimmer? How do you know it?**
 - A. Ranji was the better swimmer. We know it from the way he swam across the river. Even Suraj was impressed by this.
- 5. What surprises the warrior?**
 - A. Suraj, the warrior, was surprised by the diving skill of Ranji.
- 6. Now that they are at the pool, why don't they continue the fight?**

- A. Suraj was surprised by the diving skill of Ranji. He wanted to learn it from Ranji. On the other hand, Ranji was willing to help Suraj. So, they agreed to help each other and became friends.
- 7. Ranji's superiority over the other boy is obvious in the following: physical strength, good diving, his being a fighter, sense of humour, swimming under water, making a good point, willingness to help underline the relevant phrases.**
- A. good diving, sense of humour, swimming under water, willingness to help
- 8. What according to you, makes the two adversaries turn into good friends in a matter of minutes? Explain it as you have understood it.**
- A. Suraj was surprised by the diving skill of Ranji. He wanted to learn it from Ranji. In return he promised to teach Ranji wrestling. On the other hand, Ranji was willing to help Suraj and was interested to become a strong wrestler. So they agreed to help each other and turned into good friends in a matter of minutes.