



English- Grade 8

Activity 3.5/ Activity 3.9

**Competency** : 05

**Competency level** : 5.4 Reads and responds to simple poems.

5.5 Reads and responds to simple folk stories.

**Unit** : 03

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Discusses the important points in a given comprehension passage or a poem.
- Identifies simple poetic techniques of poems
- Expresses ideas, feelings, emotions in simple sentences
- Chooses the correct answers for the given comprehension questions.

**Activity 01**

**01. Match the words with their correct meanings.**

summoned	bewildered
wizard	to put under the influence of
cast	act in accordance with a wish or command
futile	ordered to be present
platter	incapable of producing any useful result
amazed	a man who has magical powers
comply	a large flat dish or plate for serving food.

**02. Read the story “The Magic Words” and mark whether the following statements are ‘True’ or ‘False’.**

- King’s orders were not listened by his countrymen. ( )
- The king punished his people for not listening to his orders. ( )
- A great wizard helped the king to solve his problem. ( )

- d. People started to listen to the king after the wizard's spell. ( )
- e. A young man helped the king to solve his problem. ( )
- f. Young man wrote some magic utterances on parchments. ( )
- g. The young man is a magician. ( )
- h. The magic words the young man used are "please" and "thank you". ( )

**02. Answer the questions on the page number 29 of your Pupil's Book.**

**03. Read the poem in your Pupil's Book page 33 and answer the questions given.**

### **Other References**

- <https://www.enenapiyasa.lk/lms/course/index.php?categoryid=44>
- <https://www.e-thaksalawa.moe.gov.lk/web/en/grade-8.html>

## **Student's Assessment**

### **Task 01**

**01. Read the passage and answer the questions.**

Greyhound racing is very popular in England. There are six dogs in the race. Before the race the doctor looks carefully at every dog whether they are fit for the race. Then the dogs to see whether they are fit for the race go into the stadium and on the track.

The people who go to the Greyhound Racing Stadium like to gamble. They choose one of the six dogs in the race and then take their money to one of the book markers.

The book markers have the names of all the dogs in every race. Each dog has a name and a number. When the book has written down the starting price of the dog; the race starts.

The dogs after an electric hare, which goes round the track. The last dog finishes a long way behind the others. Some people are disappointed at the end when they lose. Those who have won are much happier. They have won some money and their dogs get a drink.

1. Write the sentence which says that the English people are interested in Greyhound racing.
2. Why does a doctor have to look at every dog before they are sent to the stadium?
3. What do you think is gambling?  
(a)paying money (b)winning money (c)collecting money (d) betting with money.
4. How many dogs run one race?
5. Why are some people disappointed at the end of the race?

(2x5=10 marks)

**02. Read the poem and answer the questions.**

**The snare**

I hear a sudden cry of pain  
There is a rabbit in a snare  
Now I hear the cry again  
But I cannot tell from where  
  
But I cannot tell from where  
He's calling out for aid  
Crying on the frightened air  
Making everything afraid  
  
Making everything afraid  
Wrinkling up his little face  
As he cries again for aid  
And I cannot find the place

And I cannot find the place  
Where his paw is in the snare  
Little one Oh! little one  
I'm searching everywhere

*By James Stevens*

1. Who is the poet?
2. How many stanzas are there in this poem?
3. Give the word used in the poem for 'trap'
4. Find the word that give the same meaning as "help"
5. What animal is caught in the snare?

(2x5=10 marks)