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Class – III

English Literature Worksheet

ANIMALS ON THE TRACK

Animals on the track is a story about Ruskin Bond and his grandparents who were travelling from Dehradun to Lucknow to live with Aunt Mabel. With them are their pet animals. Grandfather books ticket in the first class compartment so that the animals can also be transported without causing disturbance to other passengers. When Ruskin feels hungry, he pulls out the large tiffin-basket from under the berth and is surprised to find grandfather's pet python inside it.

Grandfather and Ruskin quickly close the tiffin basket lid and push it back under the berth. In the middle of the night there arises commotion in the compartment. Grandfather can hear people screaming "saap !saap!" He quickly gets up and dashes out in his pyjamas. Grandfather tells the passengers that he knows all about snakes. He dashes into the washroom and picks up the sleeping python and steps outside. On reaching Lucknow Aunt Mabel receives them and gets hold of the tiffin basket and insisted on carrying it home. On reaching home when Aunt Mabel opens the lid of the tiffin-basket she faints and falls on the floor. Grandfather quickly picks up the python and puts it on the branch of a guava tree. when Aunt Mabel recovered , she insisted there was a huge snake inside the basket . Grandfather shows her the empty basket and tells her that she is imagining things due to the heat and they all began laughing loudly.

1. Write any one thing each of the three pets did:
 - a) Popeye
 - b) Chips
 - c) The python

2. Answer the following questions:-
 - a) Read the story and write at least five words connected with 'railways'.
 - b) Where was the family travelling to , and why ?
 - c) Why was the train a squirrel's paradise ?
 - d) How had the python managed to get inside the tiffin-basket?
 - e) What did Aunt Mabel see when she opened the lid ? What happened to her ?
 - f) What did Grandfather quickly do ?
 - g) What did Grandfather and the author tell aunt Mabel to make her believe that the basket was empty ?

3. What action took place immediately after each of the following sentences:-

- a) "It's all in the tiffin-basket under your berth."
- b) "It's the python. And it has eaten up all our dinner."
- c) " Saap ! Saap !"
- d) "The python's out!"
- e) " I know all about snakes."