



## Grade VI

### Lesson 8. A Game of Chance

PROSE

#### Summary of the chapter

##### **Rasheed Visits the Eid Fair and Visits a Lucky Shop**

A fair was organised every year on the occasion of Eid. The fair lasted for many days and one could buy anything from there. Rasheed's uncle took him to the fair along with their domestic help Bhaiya. There was a big crowd at the fair. His uncle met a few of his friends.

His uncle went away his friends, but warned Rasheed neither to buy anything nor to go far away. Rasheed promised that he would wait for him. The shopkeeper was a middle-aged man. He seemed neither too smart nor too lazy. There were discs on the table with numbers from one to ten facing down. One has to pay 50 paise and pick up any six discs, add up the number on the discs and find its total. The article marked with that number will be given to the person.

##### **An Old Man and a Boy Tried their Luck so did Rasheed**

An old man paid 50 paise and got six discs. He got his number and given a beautiful clock. The old man did not want the clock so the shopkeeper gave him 15. A little boy tried his luck and got a comb worth 25 paise. The boy tried his luck again and got a fountain-pen worth 3. The boy tried his luck for the third time and got a table lamp worth more than 10. The boy became happy.

He paid 50 paise and took six discs. He was not so lucky and got two pencils. He tried again and this time he got a bottle of ink. Rasheed took a chance for the third time, but he was not lucky. He hoped to win a big prize, but failed every time. The shopkeeper was kind to him. Rasheed spent all his money. People were laughing at him and were not sympathetic to him. He and Bhaiya went to the place where his uncle has left him. His uncle came and asked the reason behind his sadness.

##### **Rasheed's Uncle Came to Know About the Incident**

Bhaiya told him everything. His uncle was neither angry nor sad. He bought Rasheed a beautiful umbrella, biscuits, sweets and other things. His uncle told Rasheed that the shopkeeper has made him fool. This happened not because of good or bad luck. The old man and



the boy, who got costly things, were friends of the shopkeeper. They were playing tricks to tempt Rasheed. They wanted his money and got it. His uncle told him to forget the incident and move forward.

## NCERT Corner

### Working with the Text

**A. Complete the following sentences from memory choosing a phrase from those given in brackets.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was held at the time of the Eid festival. (A big show, A big fair, A big competition)
2. Tradesmen came to the village with all kinds of goods \_\_\_\_\_ (to display, to buy, to sell)
3. Uncle told me \_\_\_\_\_ while he was away. (not to buy anything, not to go anywhere, not to talk to anyone)
4. The owner of the Lucky Shop wanted everybody present \_\_\_\_\_. (to play the game, to win a prize, to try their luck)
5. The first time I took a chance I got \_\_\_\_\_. (a bottle of ink, two pencils, a trifle)
6. Uncle told me that the shopkeeper had made \_\_\_\_\_ (a fool of me, a good profit, friends with many people)

**Ans.** 1. A big fair

2. To sell

3. not to buy anything

4. to try their luck

5. two pencils

6. a fool of me

**B. Answer the following questions.**

1. Why do you think Rasheed's uncle asked him not to buy anything in his absence?



Rasheed's uncle asked him not to buy anything in his absence because the shopkeepers could make him fool and take away his money.

**2. Why was the shop called 'Luck Shop'?**

The shop was named 'Lucky Shop' so that it could persuade people to try their luck and play the game.

**3. An old man won a clock and sold it back to the shopkeeper. How much money did he make?**

The old man made 15 by selling the clock to the shopkeeper again.

**4. How much prizes did the boy win? What were they?**

The boy won four prizes - a comb, a fountain-pen, a wrist-watch and a table lamp. He was very happy.

**5. Why was Rasheed upset?**

Rasheed was upset because he thought he was unlucky to win any big prize in the game.

**6. In what way did the shopkeeper make fool of Rasheed?**

The shopkeeper gave Rasheed things of little value. He persuaded Rasheed to try his luck again and again. Rasheed spend all his money on a trifle.

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**Working with Language**

**A. The words given against the sentences below can be used both as nouns and verbs. Use them appropriately to fill in the blanks.**

- (i) The two teams have \_\_\_\_\_ three matches already. (play)  
(ii) The last day's \_\_\_\_\_ was excellent.
- (i) She has a lovely \_\_\_\_\_ (face)  
(ii) India \_\_\_\_\_ a number of problems these days.
- (i) He made his \_\_\_\_\_ in essay-writing. (mark)  
(ii) Articles \_\_\_\_\_ 'sold' are reserved.
- (i) The police are \_\_\_\_\_ the area to catch the burglars. (comb)  
(ii) An ordinary plastic \_\_\_\_\_ costs five rupees.
- (i) He gave a \_\_\_\_\_ in answer to my question. (smile)



- (ii) We also \_\_\_\_\_ to see him smile.
6. (i) He said he \_\_\_\_\_ to be invited to the party. (hope)  
(ii) We gave u \_\_\_\_\_ of his joining the party.
7. (i) The boy put up a good athletic \_\_\_\_\_ (show)  
(ii) The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ great courage in saving people from floods.
8. (i) You deserve a \_\_\_\_\_ on the back for your good performance. (pat)  
(ii) The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the child on the cheek to encourage her.

**Ans.**

1. (i) played (ii) play  
2. (i) face (ii) is facing  
3. (i) mark (ii) marked  
4. (i) combing (ii) comb  
5. (i) smile (ii) smiled  
6. (i) hoped (ii) hope  
7. (i) show (ii) showed  
8. (i) pat (ii) patted

**B. Noticed the use of 'there' in the following sentences.**

- **There** was a big crowd at the fair.
- **There** were many things I'd have liked to buy.

Now rewrite the following sentences using 'there' in the beginning. Look at the following examples.

- I can do nothing to help you.
- **There** is nothing I can do to help you.
- A man at the door is asking to see you.
- **There** is a man at the door asking to see you.

1. This park has **beautiful** roses.
2. Your story has no **fun** in it.
3. We have no **secrets** between us.
4. My village has two **primary** schools.
5. This problem can be solved in two **ways**.



**Ans.**

1. There are beautiful roses in this park.
2. There is no fun in your story.
3. There are no secrets between us.
4. There are two primary schools in my village.
5. There are two ways to solve this problem.

**C. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph below with words from the box.**

huge   big   foolish   interesting   tiny   unlucky

There was a \_\_\_\_\_ Eid fair in our village. We could buy anything from a \_\_\_\_\_ toy to a \_\_\_\_\_ camel. I went to the fair on its \_\_\_\_\_ day with Uncle and Bhaiya. We went to the Lucky Shop. It was very \_\_\_\_\_. I tried my luck but did not win any prize. Later, Uncle told me that I was more \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ans. Huge, tiny, big, last, interesting, foolish, unlucky.

### Speaking and Reading

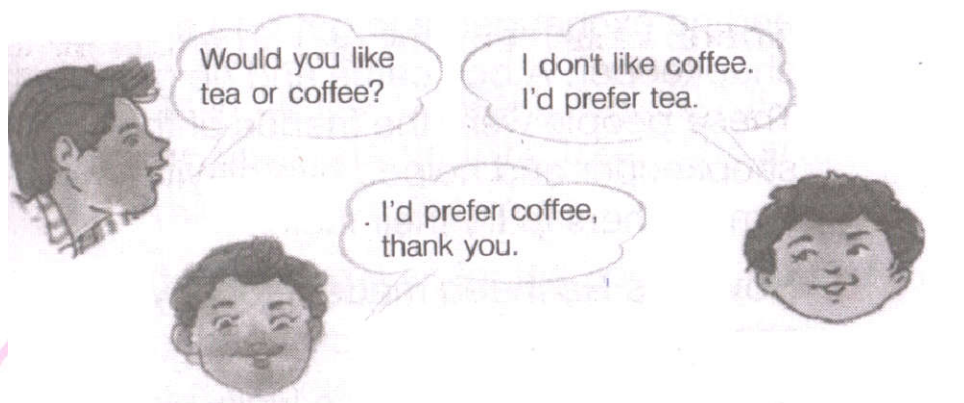
**1. Suppose you are Rasheed. Describe in your own words your visit to the fair. Do you refer to the Lucky Shop.**

One day, my uncle took me to the Eid fair. He left me with our domestic help Bhaiya. He warned me not to go too far away. I must not buy anything in his absence. He went away to spend time with his friends. I with Bhaiya visited one shop to another. My uncle returned after some time and bought me many gifts.

**2. Read aloud the two paragraphs that describe the boy and the old man at the Lucky Shop.**

Do it yourself. It is to be individually.

3. Listen to these children. What are they talking about?



A. Work in pairs. One of you is an agent and the other is a client looking for a accommodation in a hotel. Talk to each other. Use the clues given below.

- | Agent  | Client   |
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| 1. What sort of accommodation would you prefer?                    | I'd prefer a _____   |
| 2. Would you like your own room or would you like to share a room? | I'd like _____<br>I don't think I'd like _____                             |
| 3. Would you like a room with a television?                        | Yes, I do want _____   |
| 4. Do you need to hire a car?                                      | No, thanks, I don't need _____   |
| 5. What sort of location are you interested in?                    | No, I'd prefer _____<br>I'd like to stay in _____                          |
| 6. Have you are other requirements?                                | Yes, I must have _____<br>Yes, give me _____<br>No, no other requirements. |



**Ans.**

**Agent**

**Client**

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|--|---|
| 1. What sort of accommodation would you prefer                     | I'd prefer a small, but comfortable accommodation.  |
| 2. Would you like your own room or would you like to share a room? | I'd like to have my own room.<br>I don't think I'd like to share my room with others.                     |
| 3. Would you like a room with a television?                        | Yes, I do want a room with a television.  |
| 4. Do you need to hire a car?                                      | No, thanks, I don't need a hired car.<br>No, I'd prefer a car of my own.                                  |
| 5. What sort of location are you interested in?                    | I'd like to stay in a good locality.  |
| 6. Have you are other requirements?                                | Yes, I must have a garden in my house.<br>Yes, give me your contact number.<br>No, no other requirements. |

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### Dictation

1. Some words are given below. Listen carefully to the word from the list the teacher speaks and write against it another word that has the same pronunciation, but different spelling. The first is an example.

Fair \_\_\_\_\_

Fare

No \_\_\_\_\_

Here \_\_\_\_\_

There \_\_\_\_\_

One \_\_\_\_\_

Two \_\_\_\_\_

See \_\_\_\_\_

Nu \_\_\_\_\_

Buy \_\_\_\_\_

Hare \_\_\_\_\_

Which \_\_\_\_\_



Ans.

No	- Know	Here- Here
There	- Their	One - Won
Two	- Too	See - Sea
Nun	- Nose	Buy - By
Hare	- Hair	Which - Witch

## Chapter Practice

### Very Short Answer Type Questions

- 1. What can a person buy from the all thing one could buy Eid fair or any fair?**  
A person can buy anything from a small pin to a big buffalo from the Eid fair.
- 2. Who accompany Rasheed to the fair with his uncle?**  
Bhaiya, who worked as a domestic help in the house, accompanied Rasheed to the fair alongwith his uncle.
- 3. What did Rasheed get by trying his luck?**  
Rasheed got two pencils and a bottle of ink. Every time, he tried his luck, he got a trifle.
- 4. What was the reaction of other people towards Rasheed?**  
People were looking at Rasheed and were laughing at his bad luck, but none of them showed sympathy.
- 5. What did Rasheed's uncle buy for him?**  
Rasheed's uncle bought him a beautiful umbrella, biscuits and sweets and some other little gifts.
- 6. How did Rasheed's uncle react after coming to know about the incident?**  
Bhaiya told Rasheed's uncle about the incident. He was neither angry nor sad. He smiled and patted Rasheed. He took him to a shop.



### Short Answer Type Questions

**1. What did Rasheed's uncle tell him in the fair?**

Rasheed's uncle warned him neither to buy anything nor to go too far away while he was away with his friends. Rasheed was supposed to wait for him.

**2. What made Rasheed to try his luck in the shop?**

Rasheed saw an old man getting a beautiful clock worth 15 by trying his luck. A boy got a comb, a fountain-pen, a wrist watch and a table lamp after he tried his luck. Rasheed also wanted to get some big prizes.

**3. What was uncle's reaction after hearing Rasheed's story of trying his luck?**

Rasheed's uncle was neither angry nor sad after hearing his story of trying luck. His uncle smiled and patted Rasheed.

He took Rasheed to a shop and bought him a beautiful umbrella, biscuits and sweets and some other little gifts. He told Rasheed that the shopkeeper had made him a fool.

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### Long Answer Type Questions

**1. How did the shopkeeper tempt people to play the game?**

The shopkeeper wanted everybody to try their luck. There were discs on the table with numbers. One has to pick up any six discs and find the total number. One has to pay him 50 pasise for this. The person gets the article marked with that number. Two people came to try their luck. An old man got a beautiful clock and he exchanged it to get 15 from the shopkeeper. A boy came and he got four items. These people were the friends of the shopkeeper and helped him playing tricks to tempt others to try their luck.

**2. How was Rasheed made a fool by the shopkeeper?**

Rasheed went to the lucky shop. There were discs on the table with number on them from one to ten. One has to prick up any six discs, and up the numbers and find the total. Rasheed saw two people, getting beautiful and expensive things. They were happy and pleased with what the shopkeeper gave to them. Therefore, Rasheed got tempted to try his luck. He spent all his money but got things of little value.

The shopkeeper and his men fooled Rasheed so that he could spend all his money on trifle. The shopkeeper was clever and encouraged Rasheed to try his luck every time he failed.

### Value Based Question

What did Rasheed learn from his experience at the Eid fair? Greed cannot make you gain any thing. Comment.

Rasheed's uncle took him to the Eid fair. He warned Rasheed neither to buy anything nor to go too far away while his uncle was away. But, Rasheed with Bhaiya went from shop-to-shop. He went to the Lucky Shop. He was tempted to try his luck by seeing an old man and a boy.

He lost all his money in getting objects of little value. The shopkeeper made him fool and Rasheed learnt that one should always follow what the elders say and advice.

### Extract Based Question

#### Extract 1

Directions (Q. No. 1-6) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

Bhaiya and I went from shop-to-shop. There were many things I would have liked to buy, but I waited for Uncle to return. Then we came to what was called the Lucky Shop.

The shopkeeper was neither young nor old. He was a middle-aged man. He seemed neither too smart nor too lazy. He wanted everybody to try their luck. There were discs on the table with number from one to ten facing down. All you had to do was to pay 50 paise, pick up any six discs, add up the numbers on the discs and find the total. The article marked with that number was yours.

**1. Why did Rasheed wait for his uncle to return?**

Rasheed waited for his uncle to return because his uncle told him to wait for him and not to go far away.

**2. How many discs one need to pick?**

One has to pick six discs which were placed on the table facing down.

**3. What has to be done with the selected discs?**

A person has to pick six discs, add up their numbers and find the total. The article marked with that number will be given to the person.

**4. Find antonym for the word 'lazy'.**

- (a) Energetic      (b) Number      (c) Swift      (d) Old  
(a) Energetic



5. Who was a middle-aged man in the passage?

- (a) Rasheed      (b) Bhaiya      (c) Uncle      (d) Shopkeeper  
(d) Shopkeeper

6. How much one has to pay to try his luck?

- (a) 6      (b) 50 paise      (c) 25 paise      (d) 10  
(b) 50 paise

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**Extract 2**

**Directions (Q. Nos. 1-6) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.**

Back home, Uncle told me that the Lucky Shop man had made a fool of me.

"No, Uncle," I said, "it was just my bad luck."

"No, my boy," said Uncle it was neither good luck nor bad luck." "But, Uncle," I said, "I saw an old man getting a clock and a boy getting two or three costly things." "You don't know, child," Uncle said, "they were all friends of the shopkeeper. They were playing tricks to tempt you to try your luck. They wanted your money and they got it. Now forget about it, and don't tell anybody of your bad luck or your foolishness."

1. What did Rasheed's uncle tell him?

Rasheed's uncle told him that the shopkeeper has made him a fool by tempting him to try his luck.

2. Who said, "it was neither good luck nor bad luck"?

Rasheed's uncle said this to 'Rasheed'.

3. Who were the friends of the shopkeeper?

An old man and a boy getting costly things in the Lucky Shop were friends of the shopkeeper

4. Find synonym for the word 'foolishness'.

- (a) Smart  
(b) Stupidity  
(c) Wisdom  
(d) Sharp  
(b) Stupidity

5. Who said, "it was just my bad luck"?

- (a) Rasheed  
(b) Uncle  
(c) An old man  
(d) Shopkeeper  
(a) Rasheed



6. Give antonym for the word 'forget'.

- (a) Disregard
- (b) Clock
- (c) Remember
- (d) Trick
- (c) Remember

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