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CLASS - VII

ENGLISH

CHAPTER - 7

A CHILD'S BEAUTY

Part - 2

ACTIVITIES

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ACTIVITIES

1. Match the following facts about the story you just read.

(a) Akbar	was Salim's son.
(b) Salim	was a minister in the court of Akbar.
(c) Birbal	was the Emperor
(d) The young prince	was Akbar's son.

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2. Do you remember the story? Rearrange the sentences as they happened in the story to see how well you remember what happened.

(a) Each minister brought a child to judge who was the most beautiful child.

(b) Birbal said that all parents found their children very beautiful.

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(c) Akbar, said no child was more beautiful than his grandson.

(d) The mother did not let Birbal bring the child to the court.

(e) Akbar with his minister went in disguise to see the child.

(f) The mother got angry when she heard Akbar's words.

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(g) They found a child playing on a heap of sand.

(h) Akbar said he had never seen a child uglier than this.

(i) Akbar agreed with Birbal that all parents find their own children beautiful.

(j) The mother took the baby inside and shut the door.

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Answer :

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3. Read the lesson once again and find answers to the following questions. Work with a partner. Discuss the answers with your partner and share them with the class.

(a) Why was Akbar happy? (1)

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(a) Why was Akbar happy?

Answer : Akbar was very happy as his son Salim had a son.



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(b) Who used to say, "There is no child more beautiful than my grandson."? (1)

Answer : Akbar used to say, “There is no child more beautiful than my grandson.”

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(c) Why did each minister bring a child to the court? (২)

Answer : Each minister brings a child to the court so that they can judge the most beautiful child in the entire country.

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(d) Why didn't Birbal bring any child? (2)

Answer : Birbal didn't bring any child because the mother of the child refused him permission to bring her child to the court as she didn't want strangers to cast an evil eye on her child.

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(e) Why did Akbar and the ministers go in disguise to see the child that Birbal could not bring to court? 2/3

Answer : Akbar and the ministers went in disguise to see the child that Birbal could not bring to court because the child's mother refused to bring the child to the court.

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(f) Why did the mother of the child scream at Akbar? (2)

Answer : The mother of the child screamed at Akbar because Akbar said he had never seen a child uglier than this child.

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(g) What did Akbar realize? (1)

Answer : Akbar realized that all parents find their own children beautiful.



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4. Find out from the lesson who said the following sentences. Write the name of the person next to each sentence.

(a) "I have found a child who is the most beautiful child in the entire country."

Answer : Birbal

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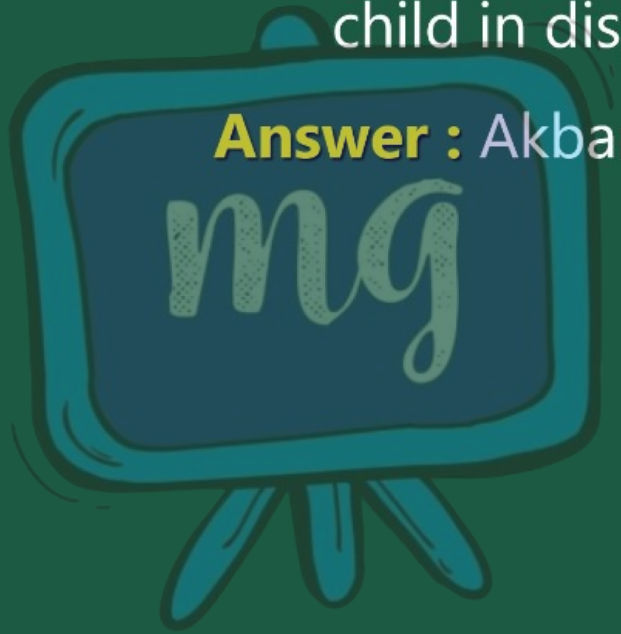
(b) "If this is so, we can go and see the child in disguise."

Answer : Akbar



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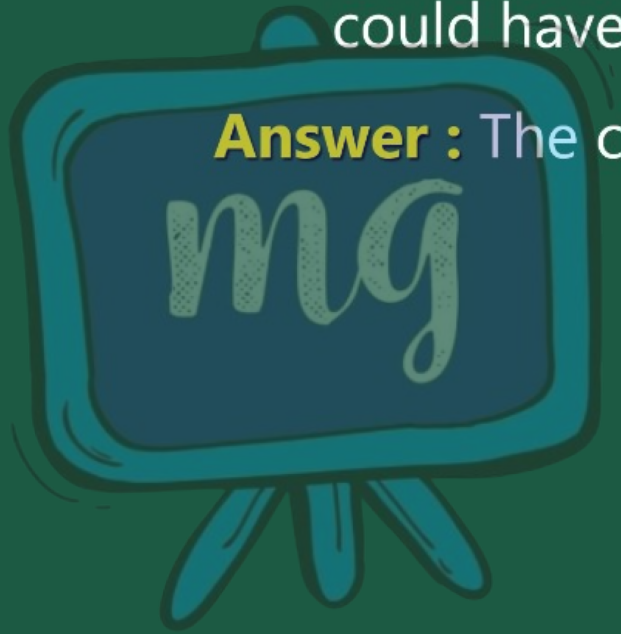
(c) "He is the most beautiful child God could have given me."

Answer : The child's mother.



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(d) “Then we can judge for ourselves.”

Answer : One of the ministers.



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5. Let's practise speaking in English. Some sentences are missing in the conversation below. Complete the following conversation with your own sentences. Then, in groups, do a role play, where each of you will take one role and take part in a conversation.

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Meera : You know what! I saw the most beautiful little girl on my way to school today.

Adnan : What's her name? Where did you see her?

Ranil : Do you know her?

Asha : Why didn't you bring her with you?

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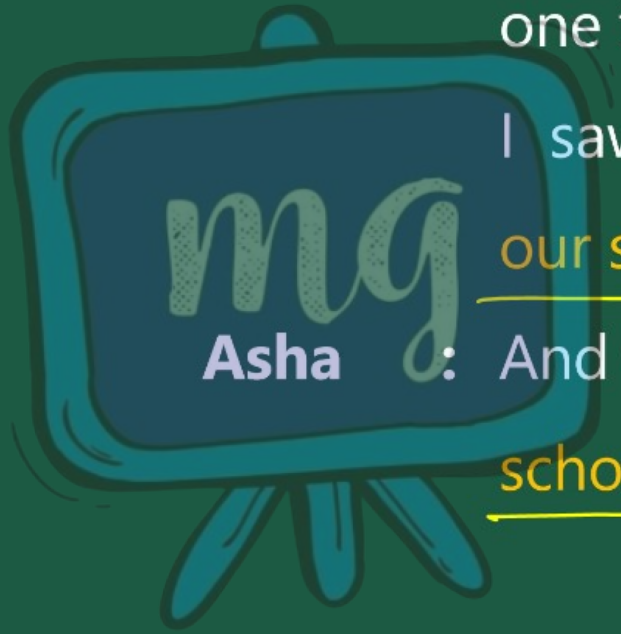

Meera : Wait, wait! I'm telling you one thing at a time!

Asha : I saw her in the park near our school. I didn't know her
And then? You came to school?

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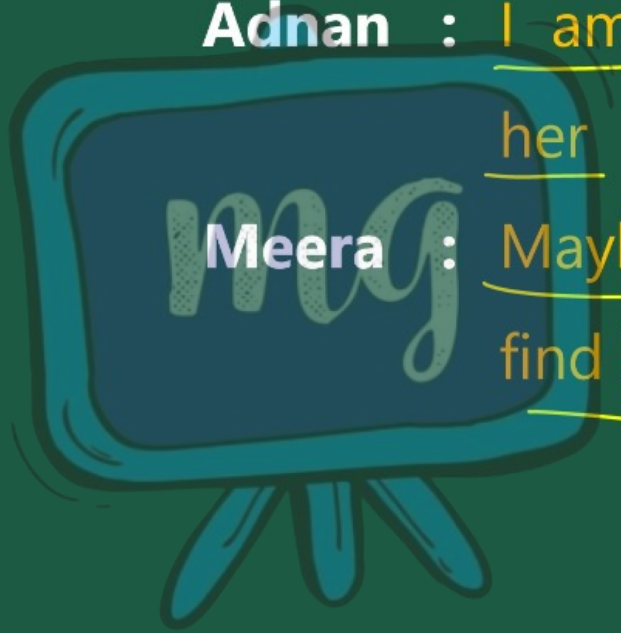
Ranil : But, we want to see her.

Adnan : I am very excited to know her

Meera : Maybe after school we can find her.



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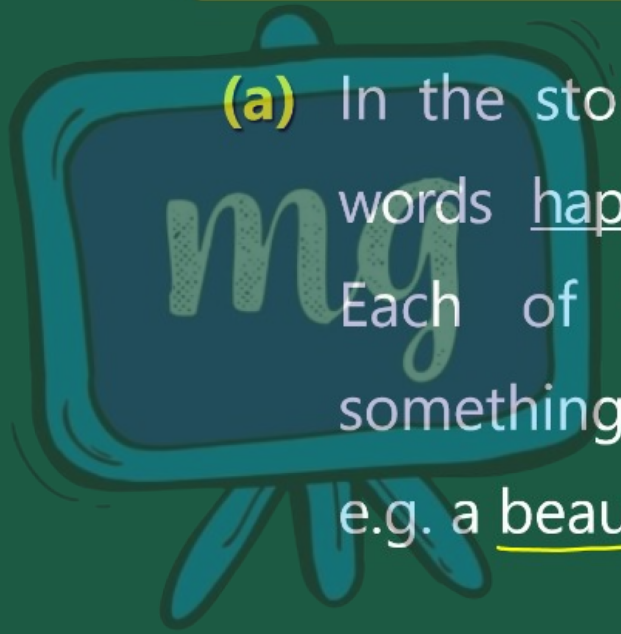
6. Let's learn some grammar:



(a) In the story you came across the words happy, angry and beautiful. Each of these words tells us something about the related noun e.g. a beautiful child.

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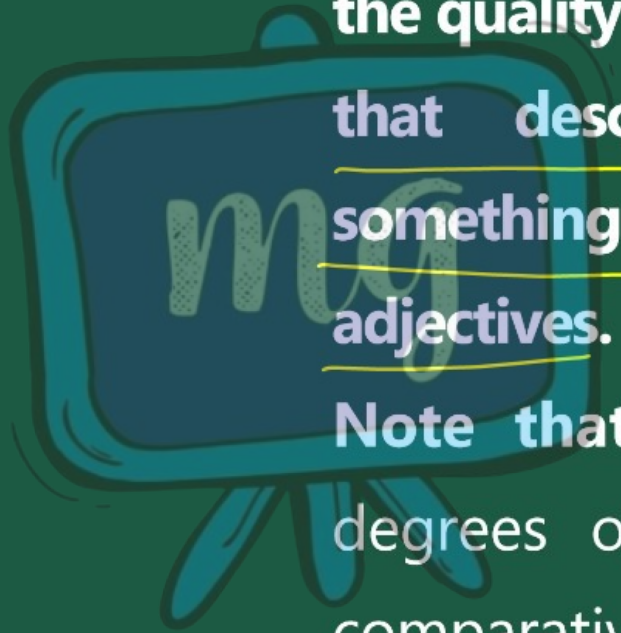

Here the word beautiful describes the quality of the child. Such words that describe the quality of something or someone are called adjectives.

Note that adjectives have three degrees of comparison: positive, comparative and superlative.

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(i) **Positive degree** : Tomorrow each of us will bring a child whom we find beautiful.

In this sentence the adjective describes the quality of one person.

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(ii) **Comparative degree** : There is no child more beautiful than my grandson.

In this sentence, the adjective is used to compare one child with another.

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(iii) Superlative degree : I have found a child who is the most beautiful child in the entire village.

The adjective in this sentence compares one child with all other children.

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We can arrange adjectives in their degrees as shown in the columns below:

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
happy	happier	happiest

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When the adjective has more than two syllables (i.e. when the word is longer) we use more + adjective in the comparative and most + adjective in the superlative degrees.

When the adjective is a short word we add er in the comparative and est in the superlative degrees.

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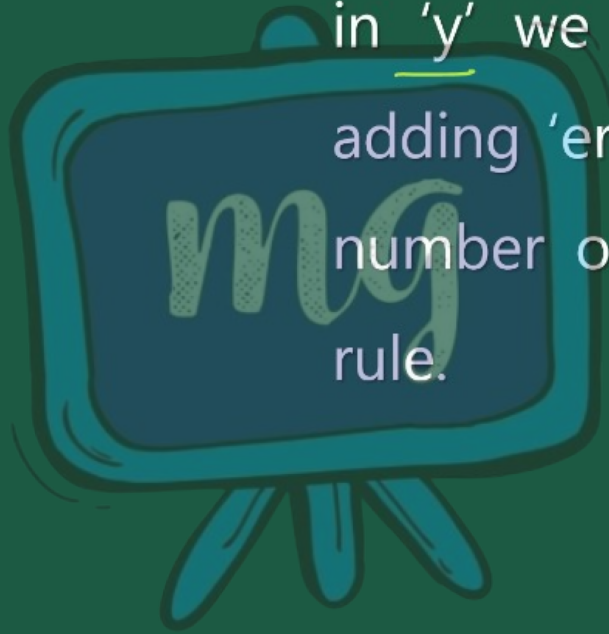
happy

happi+er

heavy

heavier



Note that when the adjective ends in ‘y’ we change it to ‘i’ before adding ‘er’. There are a very small number of adjectives outside this rule.

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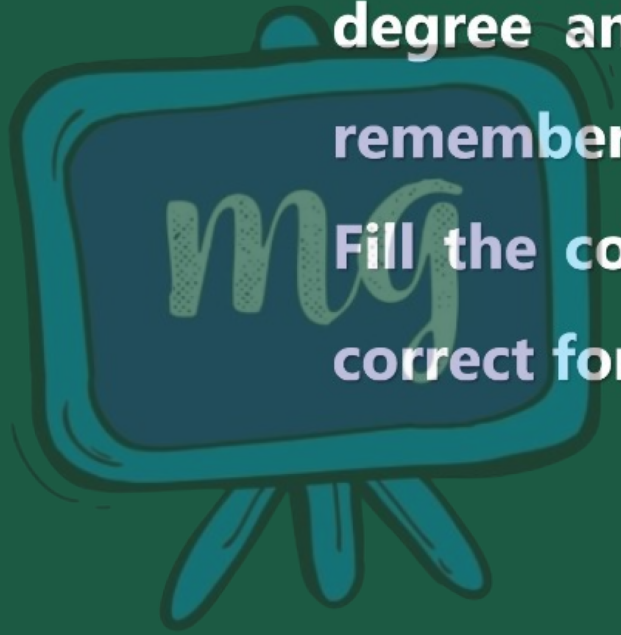
(b) Let's practise using adjectives of degree and see how much you remember.

Fill the columns below with the correct forms of the adjectives:



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Positive	Comparative	Superlative
(i) ugly		
(ii)		angriest
(iii)	dirtier	
(iv) Big		
(v) important		

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Answer :

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
(i) Ugly	**Uglier**	**Ugliest**
(ii) **Angry**	**Angrier**	Angriest
(iii) **Dirty**	Dirtier	**Dirtiest**
(iv) Big	**Bigger**	**Biggest**
(v) Important	**More important**	**Most important**

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(c) Now, in your notebook, make three sentences using an adjective from each of the three columns:



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Answer

I. Ugly - A line of trees hid the ugly factory walls.

II. Bigger – We could move to a bigger house if we had more money

III. Most important – This is the most important question for your exam.