



CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

mg **Footprints without Feet**

CH-1 : A Triumph of Surgery

Part – 2

**Tricki's Treatment at the
Surgery**

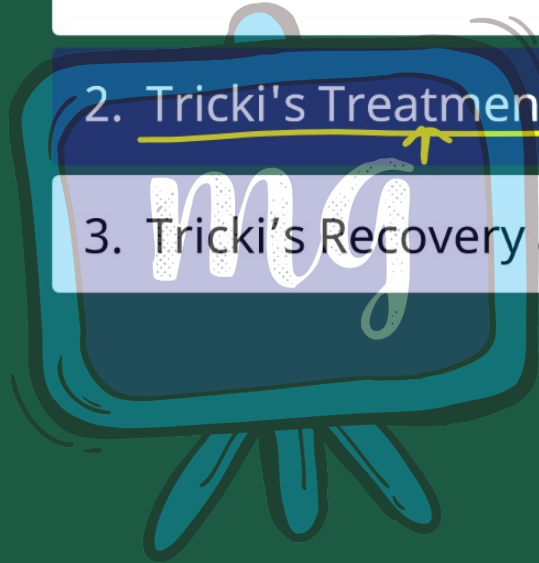
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OVERVIEW

1. Tricki's Condition and Mrs. Pumphrey's Concern

2. Tricki's Treatment at the Surgery

3. Tricki's Recovery and Mrs. Pumphrey's Gratitude



Mrs Pumphrey was distraught. Tricky would eat nothing. Refused even his favourite dishes; and besides, he had bouts of vomiting. He spent all his time lying on a rug, panting. Didn't want to go for walks, didn't want to do anything.

<u>Distraught</u>	:	<u>अत्यधिक परेशान</u>
<u>Bouts</u>	:	<u>बीमारी</u>
<u>Panting</u>	:	<u>हांफना</u>

I had made my plans in advance.

The only way was to get Tricky out of the house for a period. I suggested

that he be hospitalised for about a fortnight to be kept under observation.

The poor lady almost swooned.

Fortnight : दो सप्ताह का समय

Observation : निगरानी में

Swooned : होश खो देना

She was sure he would pine and die if he did not see her every day, But I took a firm line. Tricky was very ill and this was the only way to save him; in fact, I thought it best to take him without delay and, followed by Mrs Pumphrey's wailings, I marched out to the car carrying the little dog wrapped in a blanket.

Pine : दुःखी होना

Wailings : रोना

The entire staff was roused and
maids rushed in and out bringing
his day bed, his night bed, favourite
cushions, toys and rubber rings,
breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper
bowl. Realising that my car would
never hold all the stuff, I started to
drive away.)

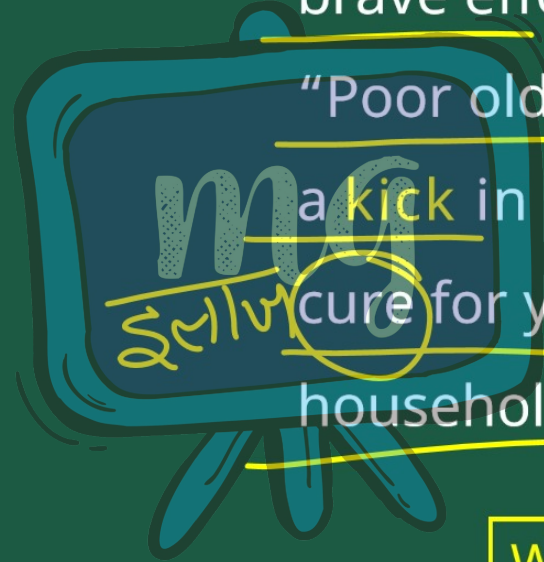
Roused : काम पर लगना

As I moved off, Mrs Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears. Out on the road, I glanced down at the pathetic little animal gasping on the seat by my side.

<u>Despairing</u>	:	निराशापूर्ण
<u>Pathetic</u>	:	दयनीय
<u>Gasp</u>	:	तेजी से सांस लेना

I patted the head and Tricki made a
brave effort to wag his tail.

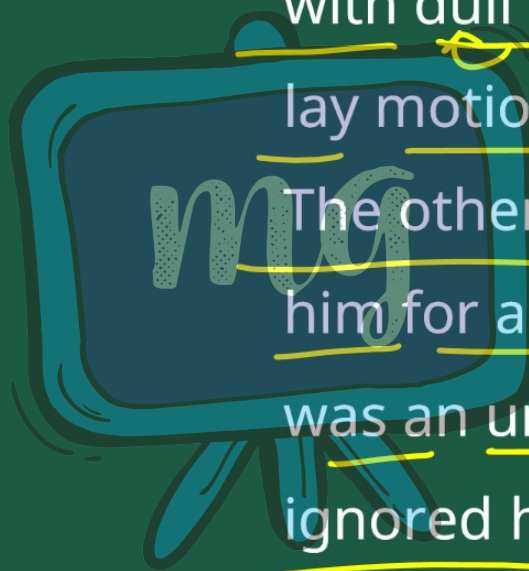
"Poor old lad," I said. "You haven't
a kick in you but I think I know a
cure for you." At the surgery, the
household dogs surged round me.



Wag	: हिलाना
Kick	: ऊर्जा / रोमांच
Surged	: इकट्टा

dog group

Tricki looked down at the noisy pack with dull eyes and, when put down, lay motionless on the carpet.



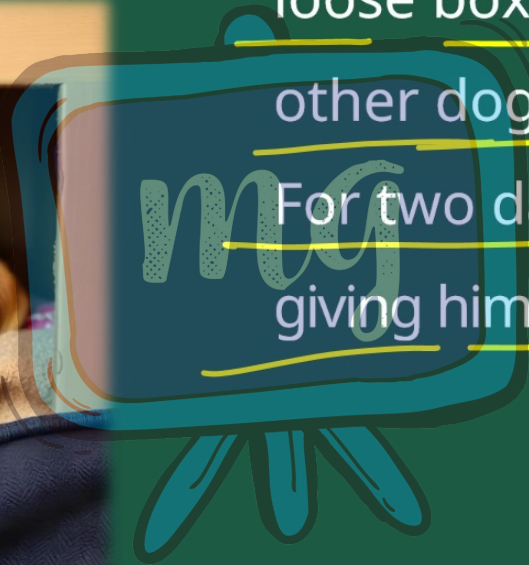
The other dogs, after sniffing round him for a few seconds, decided he was an uninteresting object and ignored him.

<u>Pack</u>	:	कुत्तों का समूह
<u>Sniffing</u>	:	सुँघना

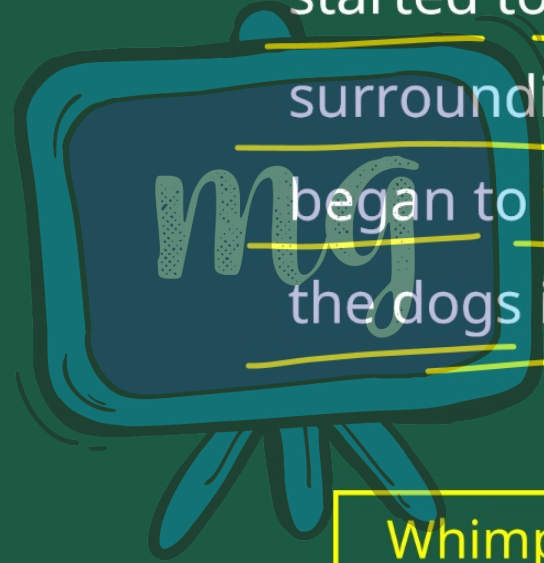


I made up a bed for him in a warm
loose box next to the one where the
other dogs slept.)

For two days I kept an eye on him,
giving him no food but plenty of water.)



At the end of the second day he started to show some interest in his surroundings and on the third he began to **whimper** when he heard the dogs in the yard.



Whimper : धीमी आवाज निकालना



When I opened the door, Tricki trotted out and was immediately engulfed by Joe, the greyhound, and his friends. After rolling him over and thoroughly inspecting him, the dogs moved off down the garden.

Trotted out : उछलते हुए बाहर निकलना

Engulfed : घेर लेना

Tricki followed them, rolling slightly
with his surplus fat.

Later that day, I was present at feeding
time. I watched while Tristan slopped
the food into the bowls. There was
the usual headlong rush followed by
the sounds of high-speed eating;

Surplus fat : अत्यधिक मोटापा

Slopped : छलकाना

every dog knew that if he fell behind
the others he was **liable** to have
some competition for the last part of
his meal.

When they had finished, Tricki took a
walk round the shining bowls, licking
casually inside one or two of them.

Liabile : संभावना होना



Next day, an extra bowl was put out for him and I was pleased to see him jostling his way towards it.

From then on, his progress was rapid.

He had no medicinal treatment of any kind but all day he ran about with the dogs, joining in their friendly scrimmages.

<u>Jostling</u>	:	<u>धक्का मुक्की करना</u>
<u>Rapid</u>	:	<u>तेज</u>
<u>Scrimmages</u>	:	<u>लड़ाई</u>

He discovered the joys of being bowled over, tramped on and squashed every few minutes. He became an accepted member of the gang, an unlikely, silky little object among the shaggy crew, fighting like a tiger for his

<u>Bowled over</u>	:	आश्चर्यचकित
<u>Tramped on</u>	:	देर तक चलना
<u>Squashed</u>	:	कुचलना
<u>Shaggy</u>	:	लम्बे, गंदे बालों वाला



share at mealtimes and hunting rats
in the old henhouse at night, He had
never had such a time in his life.

All the while, Mrs Pumphrey hovered
anxiously in the background, ringing
a dozen times a day for the latest
bulletins.)

Hovered : प्रतीक्षा करना

Anxiously : चिंता से

Bulletins : समाचार

I dodged the questions about whether his cushions were being turned regularly or his correct coat worn according to the weather; but I was able to tell her that the little fellow was out of danger and convalescing rapidly.

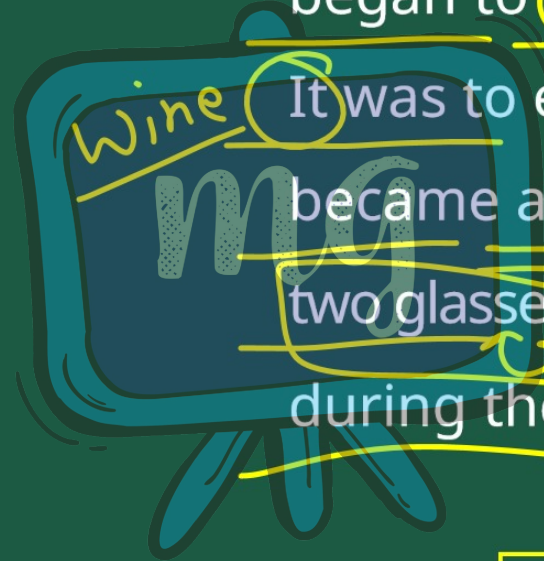
<u>Dodged</u>	:	बचना
<u>Convalescing</u>	:	सेहत सुधरना

The word 'convalescing' seemed to do something to Mrs Pumphrey, She started to bring round fresh eggs, two dozen at a time, to build up Tricki's strength.

For a happy period my partners and I had two eggs each for breakfast, but when the bottles of wine began to arrive,

the real possibilities of the situation
began to dawn on the household.

It was to enrich Tricky's blood. Lunch
became a ceremonial occasion with
two glasses of wine before and several
during the meal.



Ceremonial : उत्सवी

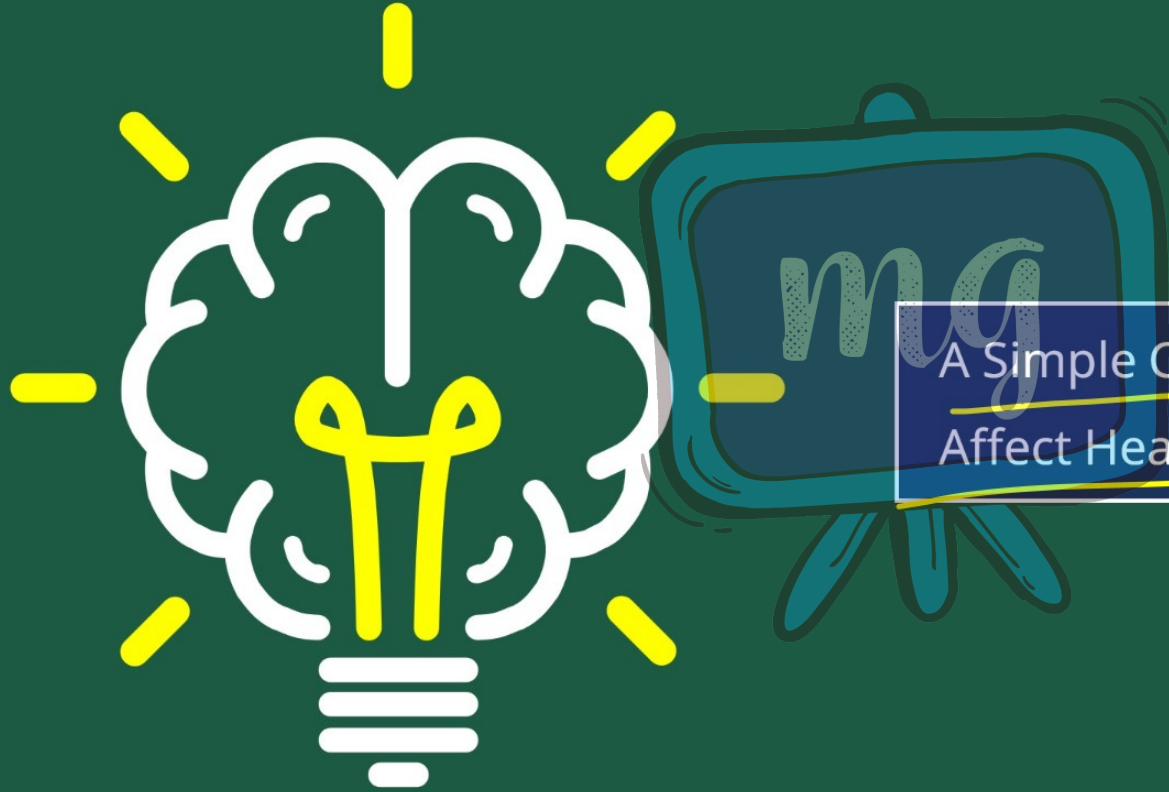
We could hardly believe it when the
brandy came to put a final edge on
Tricki's constitution.)

For a few nights the fine spirit was
rolled around, inhaled and reverently
drunk.

Constitution : संरचना

Reverently : सम्मानजनक

LEARNING OUTCOME



A Simple Change in Lifestyle can Positively
Affect Health

ASSESSMENT



1

How was Tricky acting?

A

Refusing to eat his favourite food

B

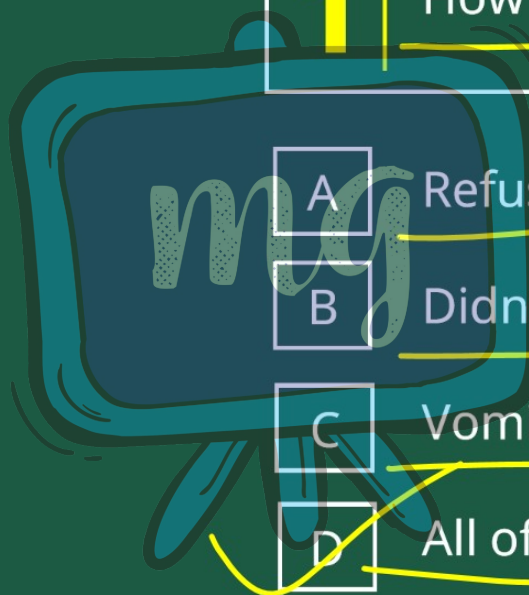
Didn't go for walks

C

Vomiting

D

All of the above



ASSESSMENT



2

Joe was the.....

A

nurse

B

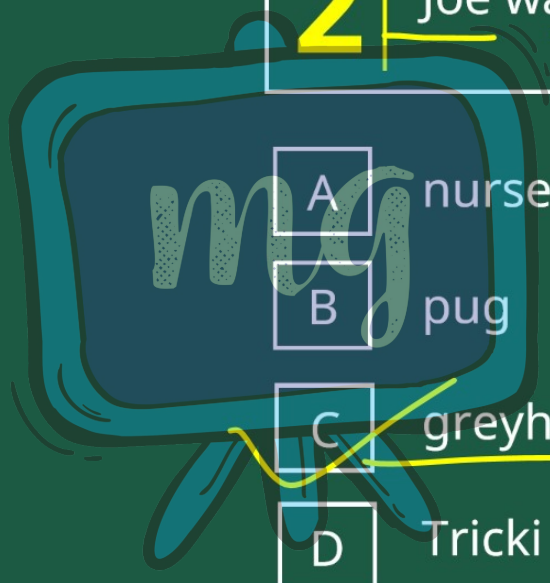
pug

C

greyhound

D

Tricki



ASSESSMENT



3

What is the meaning of the word
"jostling"?

A

sitting

B

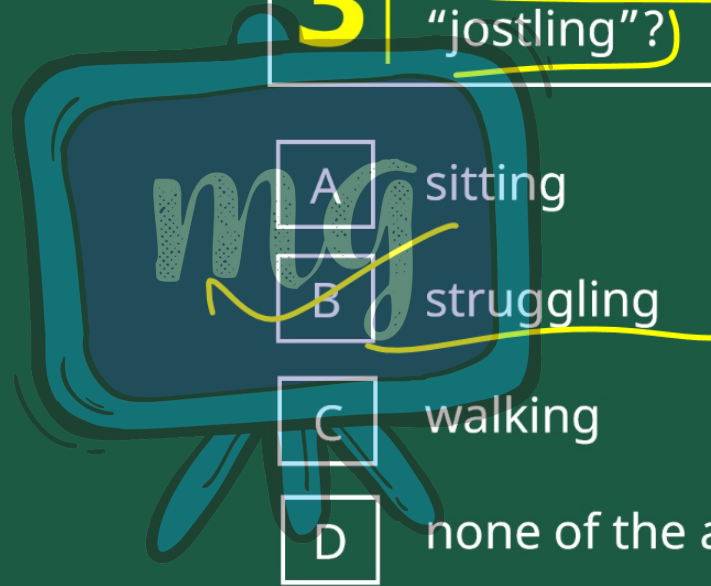
struggling

C

walking

D

none of the above



ASSESSMENT



4

What is the meaning of the word "scrimmage"?

A

fight

B

love

C

run

D

none of the above

