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CLASS - IX

ENGLISH

BEEHIVE

CHAPTER - 1

THE FUN THEY HAD

Part - 2

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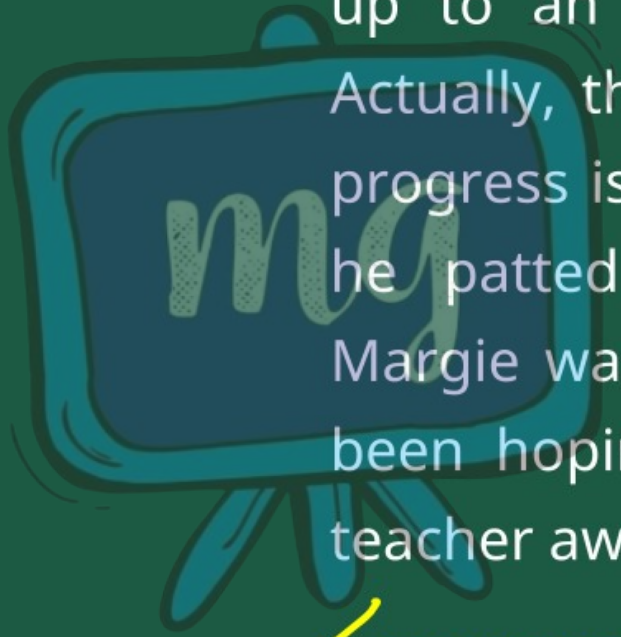
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5. The Inspector had smiled after he was finished and patted Margie's head. He said to her mother, "It's not the little girl's fault, Mrs. Jones. I think the geography sector was geared a little too quick. Those things

Patted : মৰমেৰে হাত বুলোৱা
Geared : এটা বিষেশ স্তৰলৈ মিলোৱা হৈছে
Quick : দ্ৰুত

happen sometimes. I've slowed it up to an average ten-year level. Actually, the overall pattern of her progress is quite satisfactory." And he patted Margie's head again. Margie was disappointed. She had been hoping they would take the teacher away altogether. They had



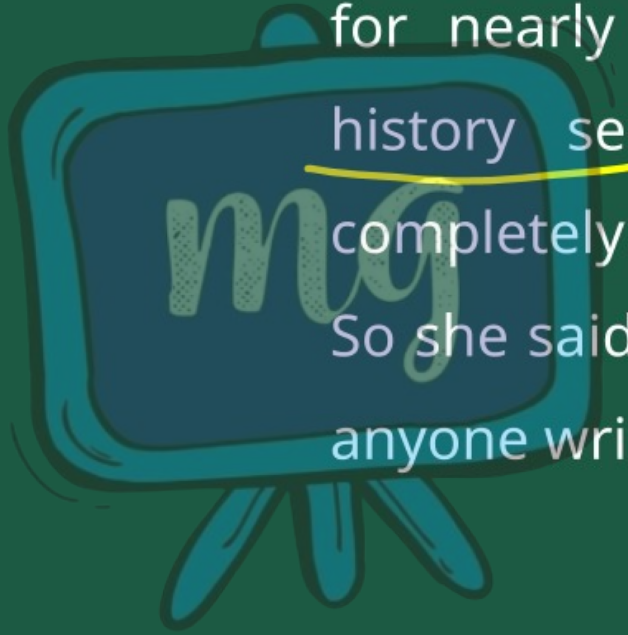
Satisfactory : সন্তোষজনক
Disappointed : নিৰাশ

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once taken Tommy's teacher away for nearly a month because the history sector had blanked out completely.

So she said to Tommy, "Why would anyone write about school?"



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6. Tommy looked at her with very superior eyes.
"Because it's not our kind of school, stupid. This is the old kind of school that they had hundreds and hundreds of years ago." He added loftily, pronouncing the word carefully, "Centuries ago."

Loftily	:	গৌৰৱময়
Pronouncing	:	ঘোষণা

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Margie was hurt. “Well, I don’t know what kind of school they had all that time ago.” She read the book over his shoulder for a while, then said, “Anyway, they had a teacher.”



They had a teacher... It was a man.

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"Sure they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a man."

"A man? How could a man be a teacher?"

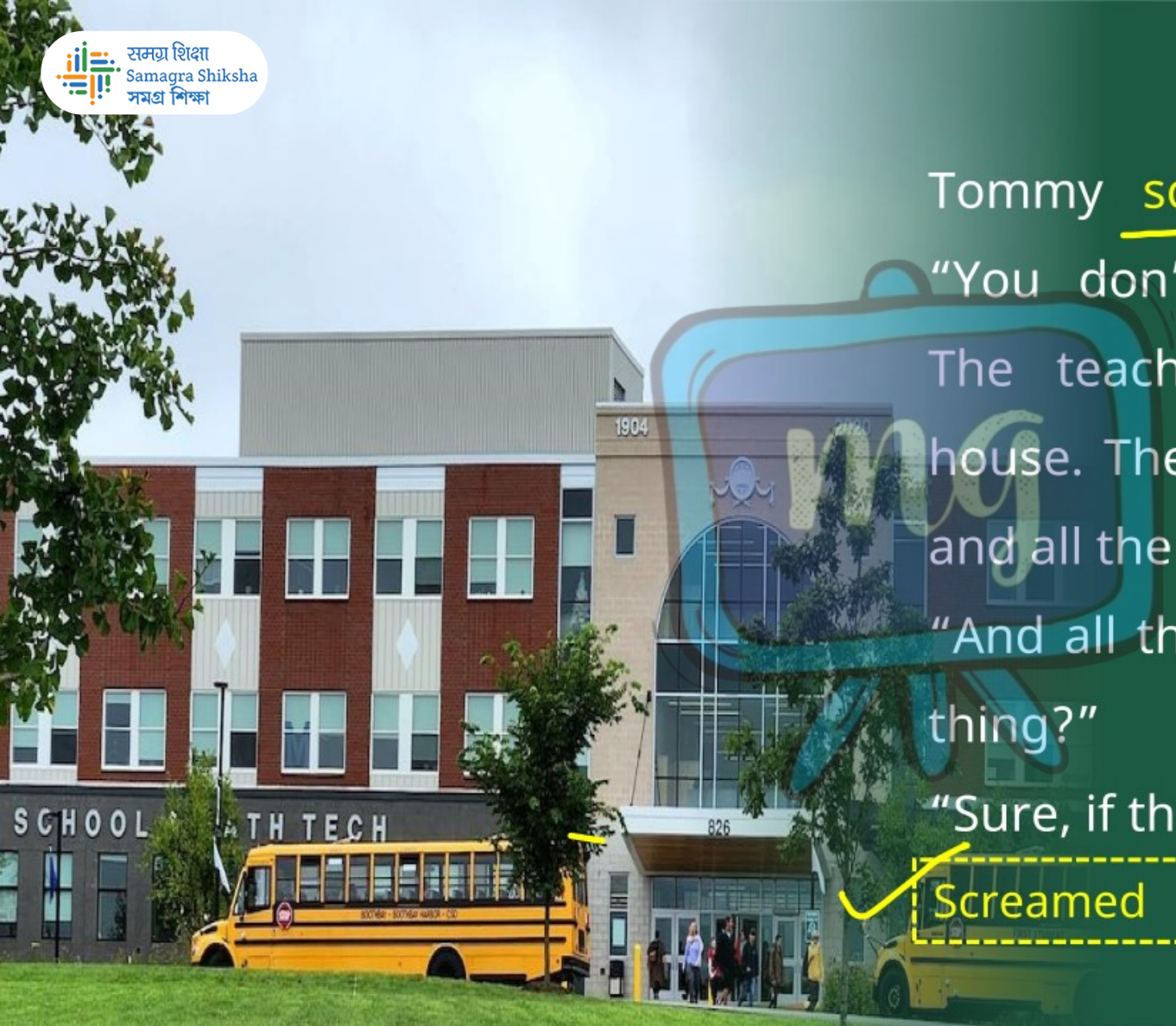
"Well, he just told the boys and girls things and gave them homework and asked them questions."

7. “A man isn’t smart enough.”
“Sure he is. My father knows as much as my teacher.”
“He knows almost as much, I betcha.”
Margie wasn’t prepared to dispute that. She said, “I wouldn’t want a strange man in my house to teach me.”

Betcha (Bet you) : বাজি মৰা
Dispute : বিবাদ
Strange : অপৰিচিত

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Tommy screamed with laughter. "You don't know much, Margie. The teachers didn't live in the house. They had a special building and all the kids went there."

"And all the kids learned the same thing?"

"Sure, if they were the same age."

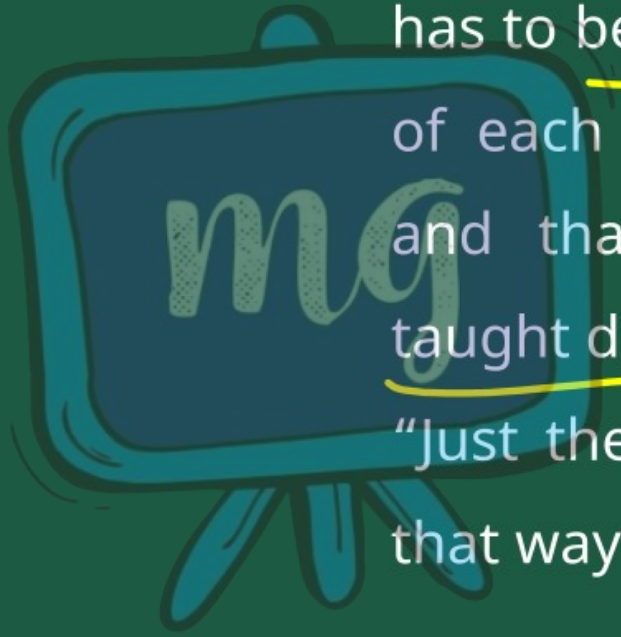
Screamed : চিঞৰ

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8. “But my mother says a teacher has to be adjusted to fit the mind of each boy and girl it teaches and that each kid has to be taught differently.”

“Just the same they didn’t do it that way then.



If you don't like it, you don't have to read the book."

"I didn't say I didn't like it," Margie said quickly.

She wanted to read about those funny schools.

They weren't even half finished when Margie's mother called, "Margie! School!"

Quickly : খৰখেদা

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Margie looked up. “Not yet, Mamma.”

“Now!” said Mrs Jones. “And it’s probably time for Tommy, too.”

Margie said to Tommy, “Can I read the book some more with you after school?”

Probably : সম্ভৱতঃ

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9. “May be,” he said nonchalantly. He walked away whistling, the dusty old book tucked beneath his arm.

Margie went into the schoolroom. It was right next to her bedroom,

Nonchalantly : উদাসীনভাৱে
Whistling : সুহুৱিয়াই

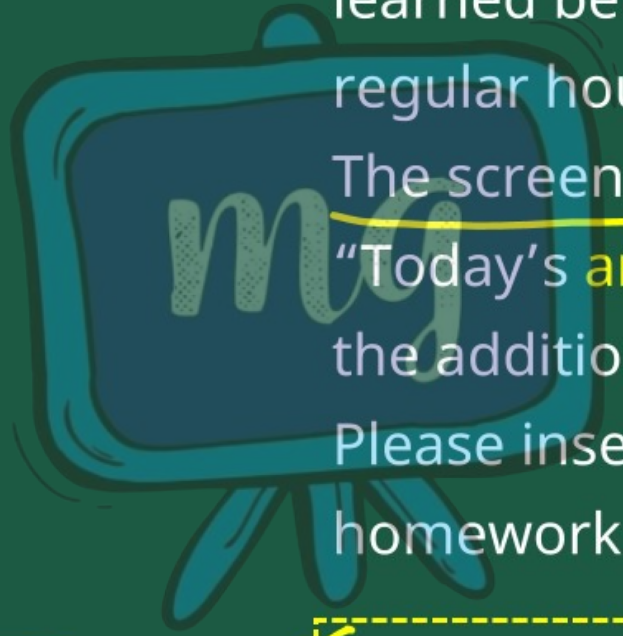


and the mechanical teacher was on and waiting for her. It was always on at the same time every day except Saturday and Sunday,



because her mother said little girls learned better if they learned at regular hours.

The screen was lit up, and it said: "Today's arithmetic lesson is on the addition of proper fractions. Please insert yesterday's homework in the proper slot."



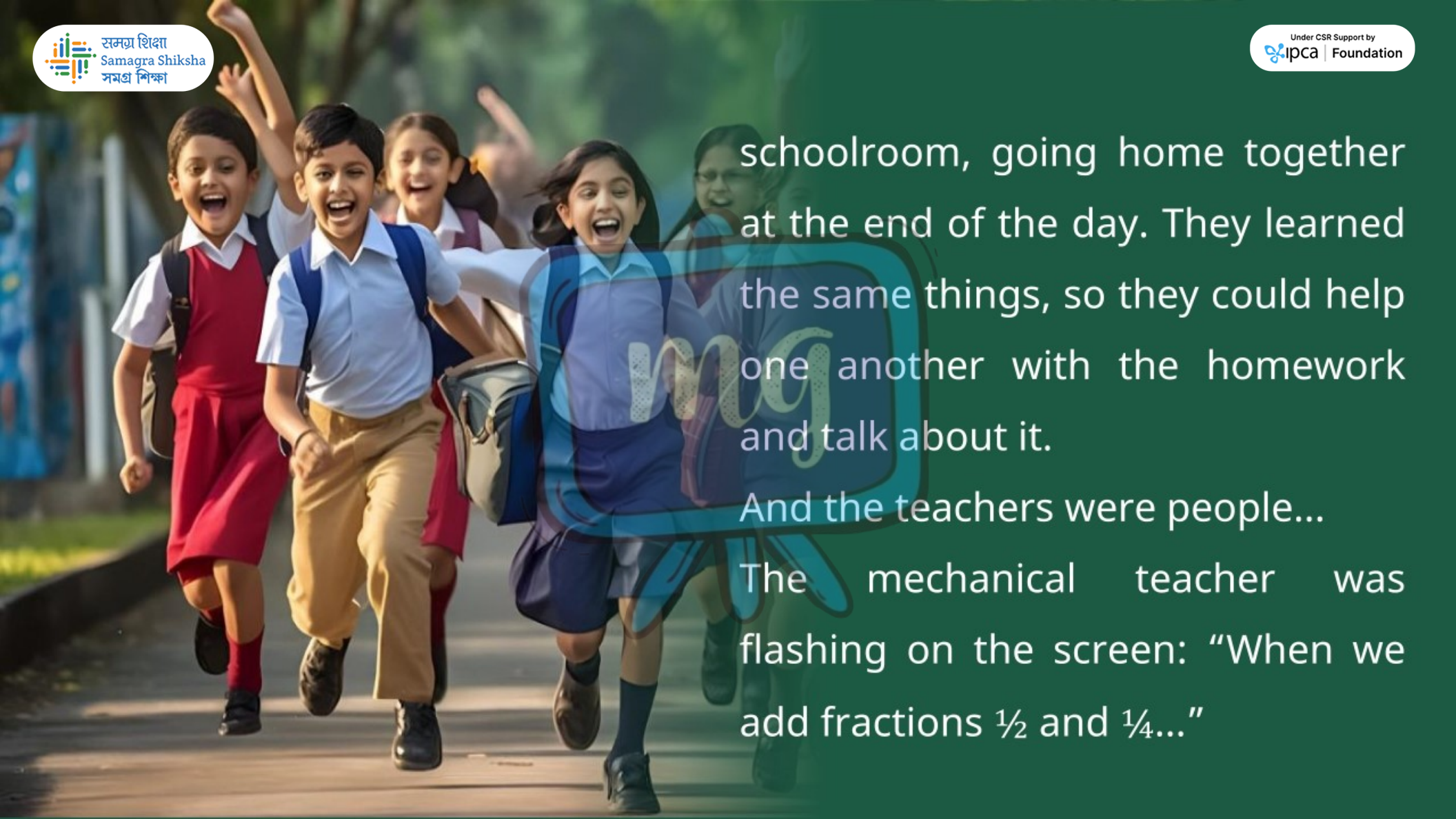
Arithmetic	:	গাণিতিক
Fractions	:	ভগ্নাংশ

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10. Margie did so with a sigh. She was thinking about the old schools they had when her grandfather's grandfather was a little boy. All the kids from the whole neighborhood came, laughing and shouting in the schoolyard, sitting together in the



schoolroom, going home together at the end of the day. They learned the same things, so they could help one another with the homework and talk about it.

And the teachers were people...

The mechanical teacher was flashing on the screen: “When we add fractions ½ and ¼...”

Margie was thinking about how the kids must have loved it in the old days. She was thinking about the fun they had.





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1 What is the name of Margie's mother?

A Mrs Smith

B Mrs Jones

C Mrs Wilson

D Mrs Norris

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2 Where was Margie's school?

A Next to her bedroom

B Next to her dining room

C Next to her mother's room

D Next to her drawing room