

# LESSON 23

## *School related conversations*

### *(i) Between students*

Raghav : Hello, Sumit. How are you now?  
Sumit : Absolutely fine, but I was laid up in bed with a nasty cold and fever.  
Raghav : We missed you in school.  
Sumit : Yes, I'm happy to be back. Have I missed much?  
Raghav : Not really. I'll help you make it up.  
Sumit : Thank you.

#### **Word/Phrase**

1. laid up in bed
2. nasty

#### **Meaning**

- to be unwell  
very bad

### *(ii) Parent - teacher*

Parent : My son, Amit Kaul studies in Class IV C. Mrs. Mathur, his class teacher wanted to meet me. Could you please see if she is free?  
Administrator: Yes, I'll just check.  
Yes, you can meet her in the visitor's room. It's the fourth room on the right.  
Parent : Thank you.  
Teacher : Hello, Mrs Kaul. I wanted to see you in connection with certain things I've been noticing about Amit.  
Parent : Has he been playing up?  
Teacher : No, he is a little withdrawn. He doesn't mix around with other children.  
Parent : Is he inattentive also?  
Teacher : Well, he is certainly not as alert as he used to be.  
Parent : Oh! This is upsetting. I organize his day myself.  
Teacher : Could it be too much TV?  
Parent : No, he's allowed to watch TV only after two hours of concentrated work.  
Teacher : I think you are overdoing both, TV and work. When does he play?  
Parent : In school.  
Teacher : No, that's not enough. Allow him at least two hours of unstructured play.  
Parent : What do you mean by unstructured play?  
Teacher : It means free, uncontrolled play. It could make all the difference.  
Parent : You really think so?  
Teacher : Yes! Half an hour of TV and no video games. Try this for a few days and I'm sure you will see a change in him.

Parent : I truly hope so. Thank you so much for your interest and advice.

### Word

1. visitor's room
2. playing up
3. withdrawn
4. concentrated
5. overdoing
6. make all the difference

### Meaning

1. waiting room
2. fooling around, misbehaving
3. quiet, not mixing with others
4. undisturbed
5. doing too much
6. bring about a significant change

## *(iii) Advice from a teacher*



Teacher : Ravi, why are you looking so gloomy?

Ravi : Ma'am I'm just a little concerned about my future. My friends and I were discussing our current life-styles and the career options available to us.

Teacher : A career is best chosen when you decide to do something that truly interests you. The love and passion that you will have for your work will also ensure your success.

Ravi : But Ma'am, we should also be able to earn enough money to take care of our needs.

Teacher : Yes, I agree but life-styles are also a matter of what you are accustomed to. Remember, you can't always have what you like but if you learn to like what you have, you will always be happy.

Ravi : Ma'am, you sound so right. I will keep your advice in mind. Thank you very much!

Teacher : You are most welcome, Ravi.

### Word

1. gloomy
2. life-style
3. ensure
4. determine
5. accustom

### Meaning

1. sad, depressed
2. way of life, standard of living
3. make certain, make sure
4. decide, settle on
5. get used to

### *(iv) Getting ready for a school trek*

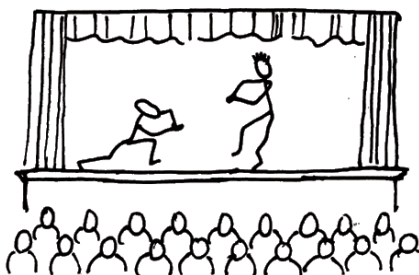
- Father : Rohit, are you ready for your school trek?  
Rohit : My first aid kit is ready.  
Father : Have you put some medicines for headaches, fever and upset stomach?  
Rohit : Yes I have.  
Father : Take some sachets of Electral and glucose too.  
Mother : Remember, a mosquito-repellent is a must.  
Rohit : And now my toiletries – a comb, a tooth-brush, toothpaste, bathing-soap and washing powder. Is that all?  
Mother : Don't forget to pack some sachets of shampoo for your hair.  
Father : Next, remember to attach a card, with your name, address and both the land line and mobile telephone numbers to each piece of luggage.  
Rohit : This is all so exciting!  
Mother : What eatables would you like to carry along with you?  
Rohit : My favourite biscuits and rusks.  
Mother : Would you like me to make some *laddoos*?  
Rohit : That would be wonderful.  
Mother : Alright that's done. Now the last piece of advice. Avoid food exposed to dust, dirt and flies. Drink water from only safe water outlets and don't accept food offered by unknown persons.  
Father : And of course, obey your teachers.  
Rohit : Thank you, father. Thank you, mother. I can't wait to get started now!!

#### **Word/Phrase**

#### **Meaning**

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| 1. first aid kit      | articles required for treating medical emergencies                      |
| 2. sachet             | a small bag or packet containing shampoo, hair-oil, washing-powder etc. |
| 3. mosquito repellent | a substance that drives away mosquitoes                                 |
| 4. toiletries         | articles used for washing, cleaning teeth etc.                          |
| 5. luggage            | bags, suit cases etc.   |
| 6. exposed to         | leave unprotected   |

### *(v) Practice session for the annual function*



Teacher : Rita, the function begins at 6 pm. You are going to welcome the guests.  
 Rita : I'll do that Ma'am. What do I have to say?  
 Teacher : You should say 'Good evening and welcome to our Annual Function'.  
 Rita : Is there anything else that I have to do?  
 Teacher : Yes. At the end of the function you will address the audience again. Remember it will be around 9 pm. How will you conclude it?  
 Rita : I'll say 'Thank you for being with us. I hope you enjoyed the function. Good night.'

### Word

### Meaning

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| 1. address  | a speech delivered to an audience |
| 2. audience | a group of people watching a show |
| 3. conclude | finish, bring to a close          |

## *(vi) Admission to a college*

Mr. Malhotra : Good morning, sir. May I come in?  
 Principal : Yes, please do.  
 Mr. Malhotra : I'm Anil Malhotra from Delhi, and this is my son, Ravi.  
 Principal : Please sit down.  
 Mr. Malhotra : I have been transferred to Ghaziabad, just recently. I'm here in connection with my son's admission to class XI.  
 Principal : Mr. Malhotra, the admissions have closed formally last week but let me see what I can do for you. Ravi, tell me something about your academic background.  
 Ravi : I was a student at the Army Public School, Delhi. I have cleared class X with an aggregate of 89%. I would like to take up the Science stream with Computer Science as an elective.  
 Principal : Good, and did you ever participate in debates, dramatics, or sports in your school?  
 Ravi : Yes, sir.  
 Principal : Do you have your certificates for these co-curricular activities?  
 Ravi : Yes Sir. They are all in this file along with a letter of recommendation from my Ex-Principal. I'd like to mention that I was the Head Boy of Army Public School.  
 Principal : I'm glad to hear that, Ravi. Leave your file with me. We'll see what we can do for you.  
 Ravi : Thank you very much, sir.  
 Mr. Malhotra : Thank you, sir! I'm extremely grateful for the time you have given us and the interest you have taken.

### Word

### Meaning

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| 1. academic | related to school, college |
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2. aggregate	combined total, total
3. dramatics	dramas, plays
4. co-curricular	activities not related to the curriculum
5. recommendation	praising a person's qualities and conduct for the purpose of employment, admission etc.

### *(vii) Consoling a friend*

Ravi	:	Sumit, What's the matter? Why are you looking so <u>down and out</u> ?
Sumit	:	My cycle was stolen from school yesterday.
Ravi	:	Where did you park it?
Sumit	:	The usual place, behind the canteen.
Ravi	:	Don't worry. Somebody must be <u>playing a prank</u> . I'm sure you'll find it.
Sumit	:	I hope so.

Word/Phrase	Meaning
1. down and out	worried, upset
2. playing a prank	practical joke