

LESSON 29

Condolences

(i) Passing away of a grandparent

- Rina : Ragini, you haven't been coming to work. Is everything alright?
- Ragini : Not really. My grandfather passed away, so I had gone to Jaipur for a week.
- Rina : I'm extremely sorry to hear that. When I met your grandfather earlier this year, he seemed to be in perfect health. Did he take ill suddenly?
- Ragini : Yes, it was very sudden. Last Friday, after he returned from his morning walk, he felt a little uneasy and complained of a chest pain. Before any help could be given, he had a massive cardiac arrest and collapsed.
- Rina : That's very unfortunate. Even at 80, he was so jovial, energetic and full of life.
- Ragini : I know. Father has taken it rather badly.
- Rina : Losing a parent at any age is difficult but they say, time is the best healer.
- Ragini : Yes, it will take some time for him to accept the situation.
- Rina : Take special care of him.
- Ragini : Yes we will, and thanks so much for your concern.

Word/Phrase

Meaning

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| 1. uneasy | uncomfortable |
| 2. cardiac arrest | heart failure |
| 3. collapsed | fell down because of illness |
| 4. unfortunate | unlucky, ill-fated |
| 5. jovial | cheerful, jolly |
| 6. taken it rather badly | to be very upset |

(ii) Passing away of a spouse

- Sunil : I was so shocked to hear about the sad demise of your wife. She was so young. What happened?
- Ravi : It was a brain haemorrhage that caused her death . It was very sudden and unexpected.
- Sunil : I can imagine the pain of losing a spouse specially when the children are so young.
- Ravi : Yes, it is extremely difficult. She was a loving mother and a very devoted wife.
- Sunil : Ravi, my family and I are with you in this hour of grief. May God give you courage to bear this loss.

Word/ Phrase	Meaning
1. demise	death, the end
2. haemorrhage	severe bleeding inside a person's body
3. sudden	quick, at once
4. unexpected	something that comes as a surprise
5. spouse	a husband or wife
6. hour of grief	a time of sadness

(iii) Losing a member of the staff

- Principal : Mrs. Sharma I was sorry to learn that Mr. Sharma passed away last night. We knew he was unwell but didn't expect his end would come so soon.
- Mrs. Sharma: Yes. He had been extremely unwell for the past two weeks.
- Principal : I just want to tell you that he was one of our finest teachers. His long and dedicated service to the school will always be remembered. The entire staff conveys their deepest sympathies to you and your family. May God give you the strength to bear this loss.

Word/Phrase	Meaning
1. dedicated	devoted , working hard for a cause
2. sympathies	sharing the sad condition of another person