

## PROSE - 1 BIG BROTHER

### I. Find out the synonyms of the given New Vocabularies:

1. **Foundation** : an underlying basis or principle.
2. **Studious** : Spending a lot of time studying or reading
3. **Edifice** : a large, imposing building.
4. **Scrawling** : write (something) in a hurried, careless way.
5. **Miscellaneous** : composed of members or elements of different kinds.
6. **Contradiction** : a combination of statements, ideas, or features which are opposed to one another.
7. **Inevitably** : as is certain to happen; unavoidably.

### II. Give the synonyms of the following words:

1. Edifice : a large impressive building
2. Demur : do not agree with something
3. Acknowledgement : an act of accepting that something is true.
4. Schedule : a plan that lists all the work that you have to do.
5. Put on airs : to become haughty
6. Collided : hit by accident
7. Mortified : made to feel very ashamed

### III. Give the antonyms of the following words:

1. **Edifice** x disassembly
2. **Endure** x fade
3. **Demur** x accept
4. **Inevitable** x avoidable
5. **Miscellaneous** x Uniform

**IV. Make sentences of the following sentences in your own:**

1. **Foundation**-The book explains the moral foundations on which her political Career was built.
2. **Demur**-After some demur the poet I consented to accept it.
3. **Acknowledgement**-The winning team was sent a certificate acknowledgement Of their recent success.
4. **Flurry**-The week started with a flurry of activity.

**V. Read the following extracts and answer the following questions:**

1. **“My brother was studious by nature. Most of the time, he would have a book open in front of him”**

**a. How is the Big brother described in the story?**

The big brother is very studious in nature. He likes reading books very much. He wanted to lay a solid foundation, he took two or three years in each class to do complete justice to his studies.

**b. How does the narrator like to spend his time?**

The narrator likes to study his subjects to spend his time.

2. **“My silence was like an acknowledge of my guilt”**

a. Who is the speaker of the above line?

The narrator is the speaker of the line.

b. Why was the speaker silent?

The speaker was silent because he had no interest in studies. He used to go out of the hostel to the field to play marbles or fly kites with his friends. So these acts of him were met with a great disapproval by his brother.

c. What is the guilt that the speaker is referring to?

The speaker is referring , his lack of interest in his studies as a guilt.

**3. “However, after an hour or so, I would gain control over my emotions and resolve to study hard”**

a. Why did the narrator draw up time table?

The narrator drawn up a time table because of the scolding’s of his big brother.

b. Did he follow it?

No, he didn’t follow it.

**4. “I know you have passed this year and even topped your class but I also see that you are putting on airs”**

a. Who is saying this line to the speaker and Why?

Big Brother is saying this line to the speaker because he passed in his exams and secured first class in his class.

b. Describe how the speaker feels about constantly being advised.

The speaker lost his appetite for lunch on hearing the constant advise of his big brother.

c. Use “putting on airs” in a sentence of your own.

He likes to “put on airs” in front of others most.

**5. “When the results were declared, my brother broke down and cried. I cried with him”**

a. Why did the speaker and his brother break down and cry?

The speaker and his brother broke down and cried because his brother failed in his exams.

b. What was the evil thought that came to the narrator’s mind?

The evil thought crossed in his mind that if his brother failed once more, they would be in the same class and there would be no scope for his lectures.

c. Did the speaker feel guilty about the evil thought that crossed his mind? Why?

Yes, the speaker felt guilty about the evil thought that crossed his mind because he realized that he scolded only for his well-being.

**6. “ Several times an occasion arose when I deserved a scolding, but he talked to me in a gentle manner, perhaps he had realized that he did not have the right to lecture me anymore”**

a. What made the big brother change his behaviour?

The kind nature of the narrator made the big brother to change his behaviour.

b. Why did the narrator have a change of heart at the end?

The narrator had changed his heart at the end because he realized the true nature of his brother.

#### **V. Additional Questions:**

**1. The elder brother was not good at academics. How does the narrator convey this?**

To convey that the elder brother was not good at academics, the narrator says that he studied every time and everything that was in his course and even then, he had to stay in the same class for 2-3 years. Moreover, he was not in a hurry to go through the class, he wanted to lay a strong foundation.

**2. What was the difference in the routines of the two brothers?**

He elder brother always studied and didn't play whereas the younger brother played for the whole day but he also studied for a few moments. This was the difference in the routines of the two brothers.

**3. What do the words ‘brother’s red face mean?**

The words 'brother's red face' mean that the person was filled with anger.

**4. The story “Big Brother” is a lesson on sibling behavior. Justify the statement with reference to the text.**

In Big Brother by Premchand we have the theme of innocence, pride, experience, education, sacrifice and connection. The story itself is narrated in the first person by an unnamed man who is recalling an incident when he was a young boy.

### PROSE - 1 BIG BROTHER WORKSHEET 1

#### I. Complete the given mind map with necessary details:

- a. the elder brothers have the right to supervise and instruct the younger ones
- b. five years
- c. in a school hostel
- d. studious by nature
- e. he topped in the class
- f. a little proud of himself
- g. The story tells us about their lives and their relationship.

#### Worksheet 2

#### III. Identify the speaker/character of the sentences:

1. The narrator
2. The Big Brother
3. The Big Brother
4. The Big Brother
5. The narrator
6. The narrator
7. The narrator
8. The narrator

## PROSE: 2 - THE LION WHISPERER

### I. Find out the synonyms of the given New Vocabularies:

1. Gnawing : persistently worrying or distressing.
2. Onlookers : a non-participating observer; a spectator.
3. Mesmerized : capture the complete attention of (someone);
4. Profound : having or showing great knowledge or insight.
5. Tumbling : fall suddenly, clumsily, or headlong.
6. Commercial : making or intended to make a profit.
7. Taming : make less powerful and easier to control.

### II. Give the synonyms of the following words:

1. Daredevilry - dangerous act
2. Profound - deep
3. Flouted - openly disobeyed accepted rules
4. Beat all odds - to succeed in adverse circumstances
5. Conservation - protection
6. Enclosures - a piece of land that is surrounded by fence

### III. Give the Antonyms of the following words:

1. Profound x mild
2. Conservation x neglect
3. Abolished x retain
4. Tumbling x rising
5. Generate x destroy

#### **IV. Make sentences of your own:**

1. **Mesmerized** : Mesmerized by its movement ,she watched as it disappeared into the clouds.
2. **Reciprocated**: It will be reciprocated when the visit is the other way.
3. **Wrangler** : In 1843 as the senior wrangler and first Smith’s prizeman of his year.
4. **Documentary** :The necessary documentary and other evidence is laid before them.
5. **Celebrity**: He was a celebrity in this place.

#### **III. Read the following extracts and answer the following questions:-**

##### **1. “His close association with and love for lions earned him the title of the Lion Whisperer”**

(a) How did Kevin start working with lion?

Kevin Richardson is known as “The Lion Whisperer” is a South African self- taught zookeeper who has worked with African lions.

(b)Why did the lions accept Kevin as a friend?

The lions accepted Kevin as a friend because he played with the cubs as if he was another lion, tumbling and wrestling with them.

##### **2. “I was mesmerized and terrified, but most of all, I had really profound experience. I visited those cubs everyday for the next eight months”**

a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?

Kevin Richardson is the speaker of the above lines.

b) Which experience is the speaker referring to?

The speaker met two six- month old cubs , Tau and Napoleon, and he had a profound experience with them.

c) How did this experience change his life?

This experience made Kevin to began spending so much time at the park that Fuhr offered him a job. One of the popular features at the Lion Park was the cub world, where visitors could hold and fondle lion cubs. Therefore Kevin and his team also

worked with the animals for the commercial filming industry and made documentaries to generate income to fund the park.

**3. “Though he was not a trained animal behaviourist, Kevin could adapt to the job very well”**

a) What kind of job is referred here?

The job is being referred here as animal behaviourist.

b) Why was Kevin good at his job?

He flouted common practices of using sticks and chains, rather he used love, understanding and trust to bond with the lions because he treated them like his children.

c) How did animal react at him?

The animals also reciprocated by accepting him as one of them.

**4. “Kevin believed that his lions were exceptional as they were raised in different environment”**

a) Why does Kevin consider his lions different?

Kevin considered his lions different because they are raised in different environment.

b) How did the Lion Whisperer fulfill his dream?

He made a spacious enclosures for his animals and they could roam in the forest under his supervision.

**5. “ He says that if such cruel practices are abolished, he would give up all his lions”**

a) Who is ‘he’ referred to here?

He is referred to Kevin Richardson.

b) What cruel practices are being talked about?



The cruel practices like cub-petting and hunting of lions is popular in South Africa are being talked here.

c) What is his dream about the animals?

Kevin's unique relationship with these animals have opened many doors and captivated the imagination of many people throughout the world. As a conservationist at heart, the lion whisperer dreams of a world where men do not interfere with the wildlife at all.

## **VI. Additional questions:**

### **1. Why does Kevin consider his lions different ?**

Kevin consider his lions different because, he thinks the lions are rare animals and we should protect them.

### **2. The conservation of animals should be a priority in order to preserve the endangered animals of the planet. Write what you understand by wildlife conservation with reference to the work of "The wild Whisperer".**

Scientists tell us the best way to protect endangered species is to **protect the places where they live**. Get involved by volunteering at your local nature center or wildlife refuge. Go wildlife or bird watching in nearby parks. Wildlife related recreation creates millions of jobs and supports local businesses.

### **3. The story of the Lion Whisperer is a story of love and compassion for animals. Do you think that the approach that Kevin used for treating animal is justified? Give reasons.**

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### **4. How did the lion whisperer fulfill his dream?**

The lion whisperer purchased a farm near dionkeng games reserve with the help of his friend general howell. He made spacious enclosures for his animal and they could roam freely under his supervision.

## WORKSHEET - 1

### I. Choose the correct option:

1. a. Johannesburg, South Africa
2. c. A British newspaper in 2007
3. a. Love and Trust
4. d. To protect the lions
5. a. Person who is skilled in training an animal
6. a. South Africa
7. a. Kevin Rene Richardson

### POEM 1 THE ROADNOT TAKEN

### I. Give the Synonyms of the following words:

1. Diverged – separated and went in different directions
2. Undergrowth – bushes and plants that grow under trees in forests
3. Trodden – crushed or pressed something with fear.

### II. Read the following Extracts and answer the questions that that follows:

**1. “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel with”**

(a) Who is the speaker of these lines?

The poet is the speaker of these lines.

(b) Why do you think the woods are described as yellow?

The woods are described as yellow because it represents the light, hope, promise and bright future of the poet.

(c) Why does the speaker feel sorry?

The speaker feels sorry because he can't travel on both the roads.

(d) What dilemma did the speaker face in the beginning?

The speaker had a dilemma to choose the roads.

(e) How did the roads look like to the speaker?

The roads looked like a diverged. It is separated and went in different directions.

**2. “Then took the other, as just as fair**

**And having perhaps the better claim,**

**Because it was grassy and wanted wear”**

a. Who is the speaker of these lines?

The poet is the speaker of these lines.

b. What does the phrase ‘wanted wear’ mean?

Here the phrase ‘wanted wear’ act as a personification and also an alliteration. In this instance “wanted wear” means something more like “lacked.”

**3. “Oh, I kept the first for another day!**

**Yet knowing how way leads on to way**

**I doubted if I should ever come back”**

a. What does ‘first’ refer to here?

First refers to the path in which he was travelled.

b. What does the expression ‘Oh!’ indicate?

The poet begins the line with an ‘oh!’ and an exclamation point at the end, this line is emphatic. The speaker feels strongly about what he’s saying here

c. How does the speaker rationalize his choice?

The speaker rationalizes his choice with the metaphorical meaning of this poem. In any life decision we can hedge our bets by thinking we can always come back, try a different option later. It is impossible for us to retrace our steps and arrive back at that original decision.

#### **4. “I shall be telling this with a sigh**

**Somewhere ages and ages hence”**

a. What does the word ‘Sigh’ indicate?

The word ‘Sigh’ indicates that it can be happy, sad or merely reflective. So we know that this choice is probably going to be important for the speaker’s future, but we don’t know if he’s going to be happy about it or not.

#### **5. “ I took the one less travelled by,**

**And that has made all the difference”**

a. Why did the speaker decide to take the less travelled road?

The speaker decided to take the less travelled road because he sums up his story and tells us that he took the road less travelled by./ He’s predicting that his memory will tell him that he took the road less travelled by, or that he’ll lie in the future, no matter what the reality of the situation was.

b. The diverged road in the poem has more meanings than its literal one. What do you think the road is symbolic of? Elaborate.

It is symbolizing the journey of life and the decisions we make on that journey. The narrator chose the path that was grassy and wanted wear’ which demonstrates the desire many of us have for individually and adventure.