

ENGLISH WORKSHEET

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
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Standard X
ENGLISH

I. Read the following stanza from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and answer the questions that follow.

'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die;
And after cried he, 'God forgive!
My body spake not I!'

He knelt and leaning on the chair
He prayed and fell asleep;
And the moth hour went from the fields,
And stars began to peep.

1. What did Father Gilligan's body speak?
2. Pick out any two instances of visual images.
3. 'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace' - What is the poetic device used here?
4. A past tense form of a word which is archaic in use is used in these lines. Identify the word.
5. Find out the word from these lines which means - 'To give a quick look through a narrow opening.'

II. Match the items in the column A with items in columns B and C.

A	B	C
a. W B Yeats	Indian filmmaker	Lyrical Ballads
b. A J Cronin	Indian author of British descent	Children of Heaven
c. Bob Dylan	English Romantic poet	Inspired Poetry
d. Majid Majidi	Malayali writer	The Big City
e. Satyajit Ray	Iranian film director	Pathummayude Aadu
f. William Wordsworth	Irish poet	The Times They Are a-Changin
g. Vaikom Muhammad Basheer	Scottish novelist	Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra
h. Ruskin Bond	American song writer	The Citadel

III. Find out words used in the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' using the hints given.

1. An insect like a butterfly that rest with its wings open. (A four letter word beginning with M.)
2. The people in the parish. (A five letter word beginning with F.)
3. A combination of red and blue colour. (A six letter word beginning with P.)
4. A long loose cloth worn as a sign of rank. (A four letter word beginning with R.)
5. Synonym of 'tired'. (A five letter word beginning with W.)

IV. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B.

A	B
1. Grieve	To speak very softly.
2. Nodded	To move rhythmically backwards and forwards.
3. Sway	To feel intense sorrow.
4. Rouse	To move one's head up and down to show agreement.
5. Whispered	To wake somebody up from deep sleep.

V. Choose appropriate adjectives related to Father Gilligan:



VI. Read the conversation between Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and her American roommate and fill in the blanks below.



Roommate: How did you learn to speak English so well?

Adichie: English is the official language of Nigeria.

Roommate: Can I listen to your tribal music?

Adichie: No, I will give you a tape of Mariah Carey.

Roommate asked Adichie _____(a)_____. Adichie replied that English was the official language of Nigeria. Her roommate again provoked her by asking

_____ (b)_____. To this Adichie replied negatively and told _____(c)_____.

VII. Fill in the blanks with the words given in brackets.

1. Adichie began to write at the age of _____. (seven, four, two)
2. Her characters played in the _____. (park, snow, beach)
3. Nigerians never talked about _____. (politics, culture, weather)
4. Adichie's sole motivator was her _____. (mother, father, brother)
5. She grew up on _____ University campus. (an, the, a)

VIII. Suppose you are asked to give a brief introduction about Adichie.

How will you introduce her?

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was born in _____(a)_____ on a _____(b)_____. She was an early _____(c)_____ and a writer. She belonged to a _____(d)_____ middle class Nigerian family. Her father was a _____(e)_____ and her mother an _____(f)_____. When she turned _____(g)_____, a boy named Fide came for _____(h)_____ help. This boy was very poor and Adichie's mother sent _____(i)_____ and _____(j)_____ to the family of this poor boy. His brother made beautiful baskets made of _____(k)_____. Adichie was really _____(l)_____ when she visited the boy's house. Her notion of a single story which she heard of Fide's poor family completely changed and she urges not to believe in such dangerous single stories.

**(yams, eight, dyed raffia, rice, domestic, startled, conventional,
University campus, professor, Eastern Nigeria, reader, administrator)**