

National Institute of Open Schooling
Senior Secondary Course: English
Lesson 4: Father, Dear Father
Worksheet – 4

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Papa, my grandmother is semi-literate. Yet she is at peace with her pots, pans, her flowers and garden, her Bhagwad Gita and scriptures. My mother, highly qualified is highly strung, tense and nervous.

- a) Do you think the above lines are spoken to the father or are they written to him in a letter?
- b) What indicates that the writer is very observant?
- c) Write a word opposite in meaning to ‘nervous’.

2. Write down three words/phrases that you would use to describe your father.

- i) _____
- ii) _____
- iii) _____

3. The writer wishes that he could learn to keep his roses healthy and fix a fuse in the house. Write two things you wished the teaching system could teach you that would help you in your daily life:

- i) _____
- ii) _____

4. Do you enjoy all subjects? Which topic/subject seems irrelevant to you in your daily life? Write two topics that you find unnecessary to learn about for your daily routine.

- i) _____
- ii) _____

5. Mention two topics you have studied that you find very practical and useful in your day-to-day life:

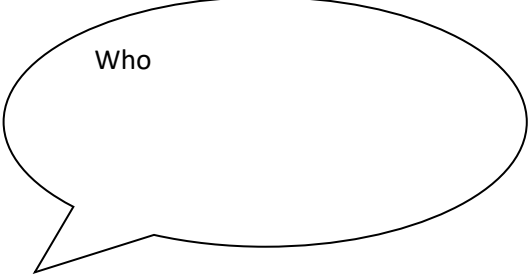
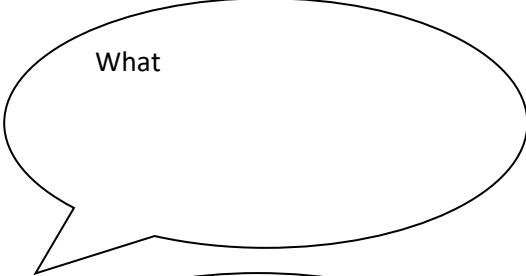
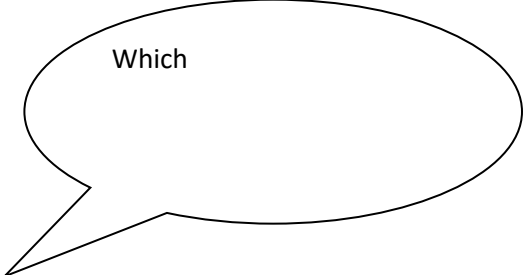
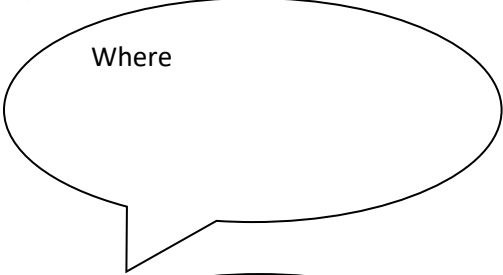
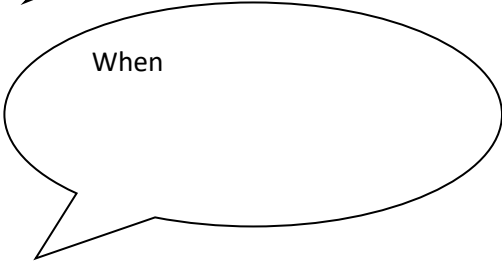
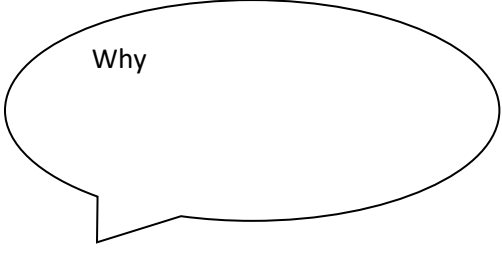
- i) _____
- ii) _____

6. Read the sentences given below carefully. Identify the words with the prefix and write it in the space provided:

- i) Is it impossible to live on the moon?
- ii) The teacher’s question went unanswered.
- iii) The unused goods fetched a good price.

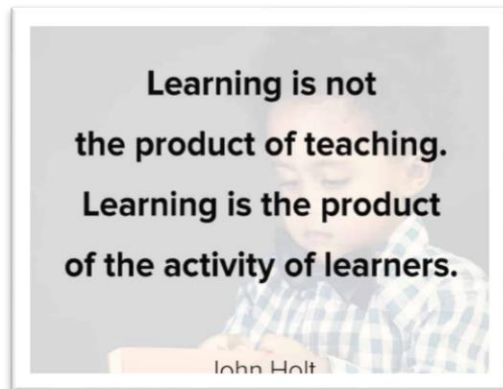
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7. Make a question each with the word provided in the speech bubble:

8. The writer paints a happy picture of his grandfather's childhood. Do you think your own childhood was similar to that? Describe your childhood in about 50 words.

9.



Read the above quote by John Holt, an American author and educator who supported homeschooling. Reflect on it and write briefly about what it means according to you.

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10. The writer wrote this letter because he was hurt and wanted to explain himself though he never intended to post it. Is there something that upsets you so much that you realise you need to deal with it in a conscious manner? Write in approximately 50 words about it.