

NCERT Solutions for Class 4 English Unit 6 - Hiawatha

Reading is Fun

Who was Hiawatha?
 Answer.
 Hiawatha was a young Red Indian boy.

2. Who was Nokomis?

Answer. Nokomis was Hiawatha's old grandmother.

3. What did he learn about birds?

Answer.

He learnt the language of all the birds, their names and all their secrets, how they build their nests in summer, where they hide themselves during winters, etc.

4. What secrets did he learn about beasts?

Answer.

He learnt the language of all the beasts. He learnt how the beavers build their lodges, where the squirrels hide their acorns, how the reindeer run so swiftly and why the rabbit is so timid.

Let's Listen

1. Whisper a secret in your partner's ear. The partner will, in turn, whisper his secret in your ear.





Now talk about the secret aloud. Answer. Do it with your partner.

2. Form a circle and whisper a secret into the ear of the person on your right. He, in turn, whispers into the ear of the person on the right. Pass the secret on till it goes around the circle. The last person will tell the secret aloud.

Is the secret the same as what the first child had whispered?





Do it with your friends.

Let's Talk

1. Do you think that —

(a) Hiawatha liked learning new languages?

- (b) Hiawatha called the birds-'chickens' and the beasts 'brothers'. What do you think this shows?
- (c) Do birds have secrets?
- (d) Do you know the secret language of any animal? Tell the class about it
- Answer.
- (a) Yes, Hiawatha liked learning new languages.
- (b) This shows that Hiawatha was friendly with birds and animals.
- (c) Yes, birds have their secrets.
- (d) No, I don't know the secret language of any animal.

Say Aloud

squirrel quarrel queen quick quill quilt quiet quality

1. Use words beginning with 'h' sound like-

hat, house, hen, hide, horse, heart, hand, etc..

Make a pair of words, one a 'describing word' and one a 'naming word'. Happy Hiawatha, hungry hippopotamus, high horse, heavy hand,

Answer.

- Heavy hen
- Happy hat
- Hungry horse
- Hard hand
- Hopeful heart

2. Have you seen

(a) a hippopotamus in a hat?



Answer. No



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(b) a hen in a beehive?



Answer.

No

(c) a helicopter with hair?



Answer. No

(d) a horse drink honey?



Answer. No

Let's Share

Make a story of the poem and share it with your friends. You can change Hiawatha's name and give the name of your classmate.

Start the story which other children can continue.

You could begin like this –



Once upon a time there was a boy called... Anil. He loved playing with birds and animals. He was very caring and looked after them with so much love and affection. He was smart enough to learn all the birds' languages, their names and all their secrets. He used to talk to them whenever he met them. He was very fond of them and called them 'Anil's Brothers'.

Let's Write

1.This is a park where children talk to different animals and birds. Write four sentences about the picture. Use capital letters where required, complete sentences and punctuation. Now colour the picture.



Answer.

The girl has dressed up very beautifully. The girl is sitting in the garden filled with lovely roses and flowers. The girl is enjoying her company with the birds and animals. The girl and the animals seem very happy with each other. Now colour the picture by yourself.

2. Where do the following live?
(a) Birds live in
Answer.
Birds live in nests.
(b) Rabbits live in
Answer.
Rabbits live in burrows.
(c) Beavers live in
Answer.



Beavers live in lodges.

3. Describe Hiawatha, his home and friends in ten lines.

Answer.

Hiawatha was a young Red Indian boy who lived with his old grand-mother, Nokomis in a Wigwam. Nokomis taught Hiawatha about the wonders around them. He also learnt to love birds and beasts. He used to talk to them whenever he met them. Birds and beasts also loved him and talked back to him. He learnt their languages, their names and all their secrets. He called the birds 'Hiawatha's Chickens' and beasts 'Hiawatha's Brothers'.

4. What did Hiawatha love?

Answer.

Hiawatha loved to learn the language of all the birds and beasts and the things around him such as the stars, the trees, the insects, the birds, the animals and many other things.

5. Match 'A' with 'B' and write the complete sentences below:

А	В	
Whenever	I go, I have friends.	
Whoever	I am hungry, I eat.	
Wherever	comes first, wins.	

Answer.

1) Whenever I am hungry, I eat.

2) Whoever comes first, wins.

3) Wherever I go, I have friends.

6. Complete the following stories by using an appropriate word from the box given below-

my, his, he, your

(A) Ram was a farmer. <u>He</u> wanted to sell <u>his</u> goats and sheep. So he went to the market. There <u>he</u> sold all <u>his</u> animals to a rich man and got a lot of money. When he was going back to <u>his</u> village, three thieves stopped him. "Stop! Give us all <u>your</u> money." Ram was very clever. He said, "I'll give <u>my</u> money to the strongest of you." On hearing this, the thieves started fighting amongst themselves. Ram slipped away quietly.



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(B) Sitting on a tree a crow was enjoying a piece of bread. A hungry fox wanted to have that bread. <u>He</u> said very sweetly, "Dear brother, I've heard that <u>your</u> voice is very sweet. Please sing a song for me." The foolish crow opened <u>his</u> beak and the piece of bread fell down. The fox picked it up in <u>his</u> mouth and ran away.



7. Some words have similar sounds, but different meanings. Choose the correct word from the box and fill in the blanks.

- (a) The bird sits on a <u>bough</u>. (bow, bough)
- (b) The squirrel has a long <u>tail</u>. (tail, tale)
- (c) I have to leave at <u>two</u>. (too, two)
- (d) This sum is right. (right, write)
- (e) I can hear the bird's song. (hear, here)
- (f) Do you know a secret? (no, know)
- (g) The King sits on the <u>throne</u>. (thrown, throne)
- (h) He is our school principal. (principal, principle)



NCERT Solutions for Class 4 English Unit 6 – The Scholars Mother Tongue

Reading is Fun

Who came to Akbar's court?
 Answer.
 A Pundit once visited the court of Akbar.

2. What did he claim to know?Answer.He claimed that he was master over many languages and could speak fluently.

3. How did he challenge everybody?Answer.He challenged everybody to name his mother tongue.

Let's Talk

What is your mother tongue?
 Answer.
 Do it yourself.

2. Tell the class a joke in your mother tongue.

Answer. Do it yourself.

3. Do you know any other language? Do you know a joke in English? Tell your friends. Answer.

Do it yourself.

Let's Listen

1. Listen to your favourite advertisement on the radio or T.V. Repeat it with stress on the words. Act, draw and write the advertisement. Answer. Do it yourself.

Say Aloud

ask bask mask task scholarschool scan skim

We say – I learnt my lesson. (action word) But A learn-ed pundit came to the court. (describing word)



We pronounce it as learn-id to rhyme with created Waited

1. Tick (\checkmark) the words which end with the sound id. Say each word aloud.

accepted completed find Answer.	answered challenged licked	irritated cried celebrated	failed surprised fried	
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Word Building

1. Make a class dictionary with words from the story. Try to find suitable words for them in your mother tongue. Say these words aloud.

Then make sentences with those words in your class dictionary.

Words in English	Sentences
Converse Tickle	2

Answer.



Converse	She conversed fluently in her mother tongue.	
Tickle	I tickled my brother to make him laugh.	
Truth	Everyone should speak the truth.	
Accepted	I accepted my friend's request.	
Challenged	I challenged my friend to solve the problem.	
Difficulty	I faced a lot of difficulty in solving a maths problem.	
Fluently	I can speak fluently in English.	

2. Write all the words that show you are happy.

For example: Hurray, Ha! Ha!

Add more

Answer.

Yahoo! hip, hip, hurray!, yayyyy..

3. Tick (\checkmark) the right answer.

(i) 'I visited the court of Akbar' means

- (a) You always live there.
- (b) You came there for a short time.
- (c) You were born there.

(ii) To imitate someone means to

- (a) copy someone.
- (b) tease someone.
- (c) make someone angry.

4. Look and fill in the columns. One has been done for you.

Answer.

quiet	quietly	sad	<u>sadly</u>
fluent	<u>fluently</u>	fierce	<u>fiercely</u>
angry	angrily	gentle	gently

5. Match the words in Column 'A' with words in Column 'B'

Α	В
king	children



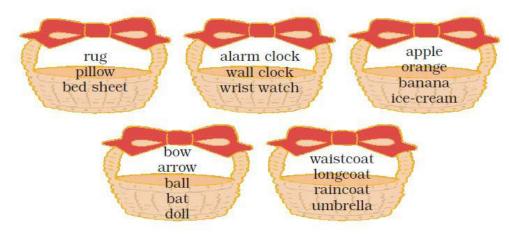
teacher	patients
doctor	courtiers
bus driver	clients
lawyer	passengers
mother	students

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6. Play this game with a friend. Pick up what you want from any basket.

Add a or an before it.

Now say the sentences below, using these things -



Answer.

- a rug, a pillow, a bedsheet
- an alarm clock, a wall clock, a wrist watch



- an apple, an orange, a banana, an ice-cream
- a bow, an arrow, a ball, a bat, a doll
- a waistcoat, a long coat, a raincoat, an umbrella

Neena : Can I have <u>an orange</u>, please? Rahul : Yes, here you are. Jeevika : Can I have <u>a banana</u>, too. Nikhil : No, sorry. You can't have that.

Make more sentences using words from the baskets. Can you please clean the bedsheet? Where did you buy this wall clock? Which flavour ice-cream do you like? Can you give me a bat? Would you like a banana? Can I have a wrist watch, please? Can I have a long coat, please? Would you please give me a doll?

Let's Share

1. How did Birbal find out about the Pundit's mother tongue?

Answer.

Birbal quietly entered into the Pundit's room when he was fast asleep. He tickled Birbal's ear with a feather and whispered something into his ear. Suddenly the Pundit woke up from his sleep and started shouting in his mother tongue. This way, Birbal found out about the Pundit's mother tongue.

2. Act this out with your friends and make it into a class play.

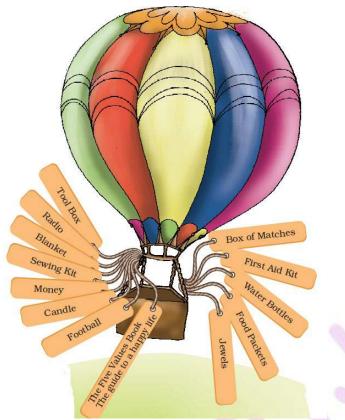
Answer.

Do it yourself.

The Truth Balloon

Suppose you are going on a camping holiday. What are the four most important things you will carry with you? Choose from the tags attached to the hot air balloon.





- Money
- First aid kit
- Food packets
- Water bottles

Fun Time Crossword Fun

India is a country of many languages. Let's see if you know what the people of the states in this crossword puzzle speak. The clues are given below. The first letter of each answer has been filled in for you.

Across

- 1. This language is spoken in Orissa
- 2. It is spoken in Karnataka
- 4. The people of Assam speak this language
- 7. This language is used in Andhra Pradesh
- 8. You can hear this spoken in Maharashtra Down
- 3. The people of Kerala speak this language
- 5. This is our national language
- 6. The language of the Goan people



7. This is spoken in Tamil Nadu

9. It is widely spoken in Uttar Pradesh and elsewhere

