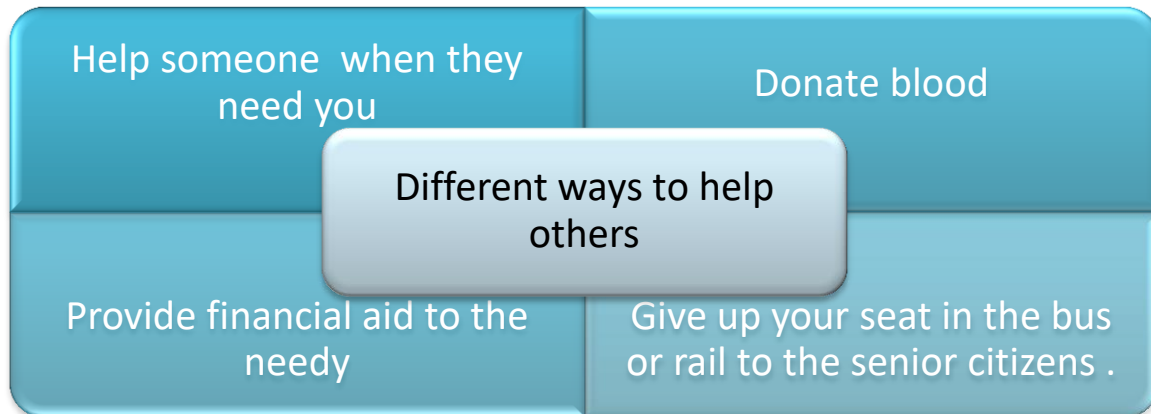


2.4 Have You Earned Your Tomorrow

ICE BREAKERS

1] Complete the following web.




2] Discuss with your partner about the different proverbs related to word 'tomorrow'.

One is done for you.

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

Ans:

- The rich man plans for tomorrow, the poor man for today.
- The lazier a man is, the more he plans to do tomorrow.
- If the fight is tomorrow, why then clench your fist today?
- Fools look to tomorrow; wise men use tonight
- Tomorrow never comes.



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3] When you make your future plans you think of –

- Career
- Education
- Visiting diffident countries
- Notice confidence

4] 'Plan your tomorrow' by completing the table given below. One is done for you.

Examination	College Function	Function at your home
Make a list of the important questions	Preparing the list of duties	Cleaning the house
Solving the Board question papers.	Finalizing the budget for the function	Decorating the house
Revision	Finalizing the chief guest, time and date	Making list of the guests and sending them invitations.

(A1) Discuss with your friend how she/he spent the whole day that was beneficial for others.

Ans: (a) bought the vegetables from the farmers instead of from Malls
 (b) worked for the health and well-being of orphan children
 (c) visited old age home, served for them
 (d) Helped the poor by giving clothes

(ii) What do you think about this poem?

Ans: I was touched by this poem because in life you always have to do good deeds so that people remember us and help us when we need it. We have to do this because we never know how we're going to end up, and we have to always be kind on this earth and forget the day that has passed. This poem also showed me that we must always help people in difficulty, no matter if we are rich or poor.

(iii) Which two thoughts evolve in your mind after reading this poem?

Ans: Two thoughts evolve in my mind after reading this poem:

- 1) God is always there to keep a check on you, so we should do only good deeds such that our GOD means we feel great mentally in giving us one more day to live i.e TOMORROW.
- 2) if we hurt others' lives by doing wrong deeds , then GOD will not think about giving us one more day to live

(iv) What will you do today to improve your tomorrow?

Ans: I think what I do well today or every day, that makes a better more successful tomorrow. I don't do my best, if I don't beat myself up over my faults. If I can reset my mindset today for positive work and tackle things in a more positive way then I can learn from my experience today and ensure tomorrow is better.

(v) State whether the following statements are true or false.

1] Somebody should be happier because you passed his way.

-True

2] Someone should remember you for speaking to him. -

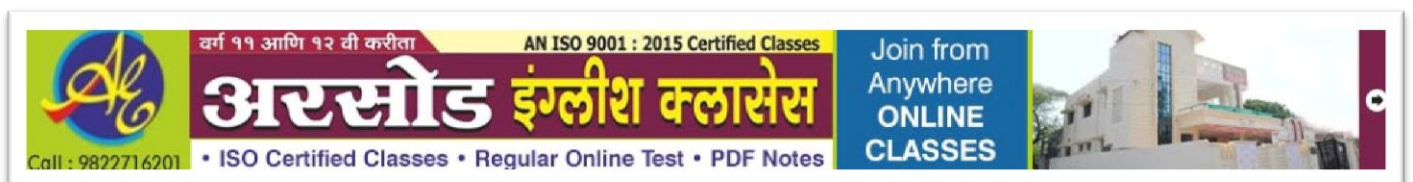
True

3] There should be none to utter a kind word of you.- **False**

4] You should give cheerful greetings to the friend. -**True**

(A2) (i)'was it well or sorely (largely) spent'? Explain the meaning and give illustrations.

Ans: The poet wanted to say from the above given sentence if you spent each day well or wasted it. We all are busy with our daily jobs, but along with the daily work we help the other, speak kindly or at least encourage the person who lost his hope. In short the poet wants the reader not to waste his days; he should use it for better tomorrow.



(ii) 'As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say, You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?' Elaborate the idea expressed in these lines.

Ans: These lines mean that at the end of the day, we should know it in our heart that we have made a difference in someone else's

life by helping them out or by just making them happy. Once we know that we have really made positive the other people's lives, will we be able to hear God's voice telling us that we have earned our tomorrow because of the good deeds that we did today.

(iii) The poet suggests that one should do good to others. Complete the table by giving examples of doing good to following people.

Family members	Friends	Neighbours
(1) Take care of the elder people	Increase Moral	Be helpful always
(2) Help in household work to the mother	Trust and help financially in need	Keep friendly relationship

(A3) (i) Pick out the describing words from the poem and add a noun of your own. One is done for you.

(Toiling) time	(Toiling) day
1] Kindly word	Kindly teacher
2] Cheerful greeting	Cheerful child
3] single brother	Single person
4] slipping fast	Slipping girl
5] selfish pure	selfish man



(ii) Match the words given in column A with their meaning in column B.

A	B
Cheerful	(a) with the feeling of disappointment
Selfish	(b) lack of satisfaction
Sorely	(c) happy
Discontent	(d) concerned with one's own pleasure

(iii) There are a few examples of homonyms in the poem. For example 'spoke'. List homonyms from the poem and give their meanings. (homonyms = having the same spelling or pronunciation but different meanings)

Words-1	Words -2
1] Passed (clear)	Passed (went)
2] Through (from one side to other)	Through (finished)
3] utter (to say something)	Utter (complete)
4] trail (path)	Trail (signs)



Find out expressions / phrases which denote, 'going away', from each stanza.

One is given below. "Vanish in the throng"

Ans: Stanza 1 - passed his way.

Stanza 2 - rush along

Stanza 3 – parting with, slipping fast, passed

Stanza 4 - leave a trail

(A4) (i) The poet has used different poetic devices like Alliteration and Interrogation in the poem. Identify them and pick out the lines.

Poetic Device	Lines
Alliteration	1] This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through; 2] Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;
Interrogation	1] Is anybody happier because you passed his way? 2] Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

(ii) The Figures of speech:

1) Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Ans: Interrogation because the sentence is in the form of question.

2) Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

Ans: Interrogation because the sentence is in the form of question.

3) This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through.

Alliteration because the sound of letter 't' is repeated.

4) Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Ans: Interrogation because the sentence is in the form of question.

Ans: Inversion because the sentence is not in the correct prose order. – The correct prose order is changed “Is there now anyone to utter a kindly word of you?”

5) Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?

Ans: Interrogation because the sentence is in the form of question.

Alliteration because the sound of letter 'g' is repeated.

6) Or a churlish sort of “Howdy” and then vanish in the throng?

Ans: Interrogation because the sentence is in the form of question.

7) Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along the way.

Ans: Alliteration because the sound of letters 's' and 'w' are repeated.

Paradox because selfish pure and simple' two contradictory things have been used.

8) Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Alliteration because the sound of letter 'd' repeated.

Ans: Interrogation because the sentence is in the form of question.

9) Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said.

Ans: Alliteration because the sound of letter 's' repeated.

Ans: Synecdoche because a part (heart) refers to a whole (a person).

(synecdoche (suh· nek· duh· kee) -a figure of speech in which a part is made to represent the whole or vice versa, as in England lost by six wickets (meaning ' the English cricket team'))

10) Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Ans: Interrogation because the sentence is in the form of question.

(iii) Rhyme scheme of the first stanza is 'aabb'. Find the rhyme scheme of other stanzas.

Ans: Stanza 2 - aabb

Stanza 3 - aabb

Stanza 4 – aabb

(iii) Compose 4-6 lines on your own on 'Good deeds'.

Ans: A bagger child in dire need,
Without clothes and food to feed,
I sent him school to write and read,
And brought smile with my deed.

(iv). Compose a short poem by using words ' today, tomorrow and yesterday'.

1. Forget past and yesterday
Work today with gay
And earn tomorrow
2. Think of today
who has seen tomorrow
and do not worry about yesterday
that has already gone by.

(B) Write an appreciation of the poem considering the following points.

Ans: **About the poem / poet / title**

‘Have you earned your tomorrow?’ This is a simple and optimistic poem written by American writer of British origin Edgar Guest. The poet has made use of rhetorical questions to inspire and convey his ideas. This is unique and innovative style used by the poet. The title of the poem arouses interest.

The Theme:

The theme or the central idea of the poem is that it tells an importance of being kind and helpful towards others. The poet asks the readers if they have done anything to improve the life of the other people. We are responsible for our good days and bad days as the good deeds done by us today will earn us our tomorrow.

Poetic devices: Poetic devices like Alliteration, Synecdoche & Interrogation are used. Visual imagery is a special feature of this poem like "vanish in the throng", "rushed along the way". "slipping fast" and "close your eyes in slumber",. The language of the poem is simple. The poem is divided into four stanzas of quatrains. The first line rhymes with the second line and the third with the fourth in each stanza. The rhyme scheme of the poem is a – a – b - b

The message: The message of the poem is that we earn a bright future because of the good and kind actions that we do every day. We should be kind to everybody always and everywhere. I like the poem as it contributes in improving the lives of others. It teaches kindness. It is truly an inspirational poem.