

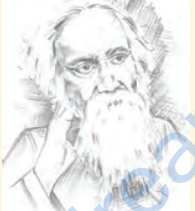
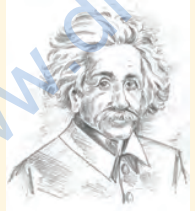




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Unit 4

LET'S BEGIN

Look at the pictures and identify who they are. Write their names in the given spaces. The quotes against each picture may also help you recognise them.

| Picture of different personalities | Quotes |
|---|---|
|  | <p>“It is very simple to be happy, but it is very difficult to be simple.”</p> |
|  | <p>“Weakness of attitude becomes the weakness of character.”</p> |
|  | <p>“The best and the most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.”</p> |
|  | <p>“One individual may die for an idea, but that idea will, after his death, incarnate itself in a thousand lives.”</p> |

- How do the quotes reflect the beautiful mind of the personalities mentioned? Discuss in pairs of four, jot down your points, and then present to the class.

*** READING COMPREHENSION**

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Text I

THE WORLD AS I SEE IT

In my opinion, the present symptoms of decadence are explained by the fact that the development of industry and machinery has made the struggle for existence very much more severe, greatly to the detriment of the free development of the individual. But the development of machinery means that less and less work is needed from the individual for the satisfaction of the community's needs. A planned division of labour is becoming more and more of a crying necessity and this division will lead to the material security of the individual. This security and the spare time and energy which the individual will have at his command can be made to further his development. In this way the community may regain its health, and we will hope that future historians will explain the morbid symptoms of present-day society as the childhood ailments of an aspiring humanity, due entirely to the excessive speed at which civilisation was advancing.

(An extract from *The World As I See It* by A. Einstein)

decadence: moral or cultural decline as characterised by excessive indulgence in pleasure or luxury

detriment: the state of being harmed or damaged

1. What is responsible for the present degradation of individual development?

2. What is the meaning of development in relation to individuals?



3. What is the 'planned division of labour'? How will it be helpful in human development?

4. What does the phrase 'symptoms of decadence' mean in the opening line?

- (a) diagnosis of degradation
- (b) warning signs of depravity
- (c) signs of prosperity
- (d) diagnosis of indifference

Fun fact

Did You Know?

The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses all the letters of the alphabet in the English language.

5. The phrase 'crying necessity' in the opening paragraph means:

- (a) urgent need
- (b) weeping need
- (c) sad need
- (d) average need

6. Circle the odd one out

- (a) presence, distance, existence, being, alive
- (b) possible, feasible, probable, unthinkable, obtainable
- (c) violence, assault, roughness, passivity, fierceness
- (d) conflict, contest, contention, rivalry, accord
- (e) consolation, compassion, annoyance, sympathy, support

Text II

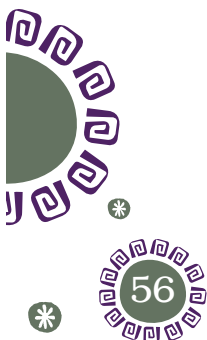
Read the following text and answer the questions.

WHEN EINSTEIN WROTE TO GANDHI

In 1931, Albert Einstein wrote the following short letter of admiration to another of the world's greatest minds, Mohandas Gandhi. Despite their intentions, the pair never met in person.

Respected Mr. Gandhi,

I use the presence of your friend in our home to send you these lines. You have shown through your words, that it



is possible to succeed without violence even with those who have not discarded the method of violence. We may hope that your example will spread beyond the borders of the country, and will help to establish an international authority, respected by all, that will take decisions and replace war conflicts.

With sincere admiration

Yours

(Signed, 'A. Einstein')

I hope that I will be able to meet you face to face someday.

Gandhi's response

LONDON,

October 18, 1931

DEAR FRIEND,

I was delighted to have your beautiful letter sent through Sundaram. It is great consolation to me that the work I am doing finds favour in your sight. I do indeed wish that we could meet face to face and that too in India at my Ashram.

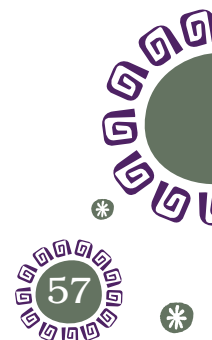
Yours Sincerely

(Signed, 'M.K Gandhi')

(Source: *Letters of Note, Volume 2*, by Shaun Usher)

1. Albert Einstein admired M. K. Gandhi because: [tick (✓) the right answer]
 - (a) Gandhi discarded the method of violence.
 - (b) Gandhi showed that it is possible to succeed without violence with those who have discarded the method of violence.
 - (c) Gandhi showed that it is possible to succeed without violence only with those who have discarded the method of violence.
 - (d) Gandhi showed that it is possible to succeed without violence with all irrespective of whether they have continued or discarded the method of violence.

2. Where did Gandhi wish to meet Einstein? [tick (✓) the right answer]
 - (a) his residence in London
 - (b) his Ashram in India
 - (c) his Ashram in London
 - (d) during his tour to London



3. Why does Einstein want Gandhi's example to go beyond India?

4. You have read the chapter and the exchange of letters between A. Einstein and M. K. Gandhi. What similarities do you find in the ideas of both the personalities?

Fun fact

Conjunctions to remember

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| and | because |
| but | contrary to |
| if | before |
| then | besides |
| when | even though |
| as well as | also |
| although | despite |
| while | however |
| after | nevertheless |
| in addition to | so |

5. Find the opposites of the words given below from Einstein's letter.

- (a) impossible _____
- (b) fail _____
- (c) peace _____
- (d) absence _____
- (e) enemy _____

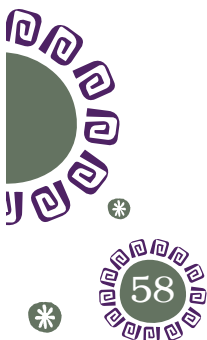
6. In the context of Gandhi's response to Einstein's letter, 'finds favour in your sight' means:

- (a) satisfied you
- (b) delighted you
- (c) appreciated by you
- (d) not accepted by you

Text III

If

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,



Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with wornout tools;

impostor: a person who assumes a false identity in order to deceive or defraud

knave: a dishonest or unscrupulous man

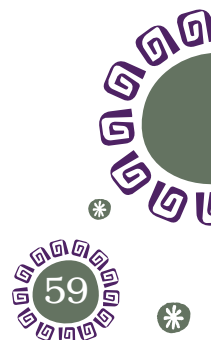
If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run—
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

—Rudyard Kipling

1. Which lines in the poem tell us to have self control, a clear head and not to become bitter when people speak against us? Stanza 1

2. One must be just as graceful in losing as he is in winning.



What are the two words in the poem that can replace the underlined ones? Stanza 2

3. In the third stanza what does the poet mean by ‘And lose, and start again’?

4. There is a necessity to treat all people equal and amidst people we should not lose our self ‘who we are’? How has the poet expressed this in the fourth stanza?

5. List two things from each stanza that we can do to make the Earth ours, as given in the poem.

Fun fact

Different usages of Regret

I regret to inform you that the musical concert is cancelled.

I regret missing the study tour.

Maya left her job with no regrets.

Do you regret declining the offer to be the class monitor?

VOCABULARY

1. Read the paragraphs mentioned against each explanation and find out the words in that paragraph which best match the explanation given. Refer to the chapter ‘A Truly Beautiful Mind’ given in your textbook, *Beehive*.

- (a) A word used disapprovingly to talk about a person who is unusual and doesn't behave like others. _____ (paragraph 1)
- (b) Taking part in an activity for pleasure, not as a job. _____ (paragraph 3)
- (c) Respecting and allowing many different types of beliefs or behaviour. _____ (paragraph 5)
- (d) A person who is lacking in or hostile or smugly indifferent to cultural values, intellectual pursuits, etc. _____ (paragraph 7)
- (e) Relating to work that needs special training or education. _____ (paragraph 8)



2. Einstein was a *world* citizen.

This means he does not belong to one country because his contributions to science and the society have moved beyond the borders of his country.

'World' has different meanings in a variety of contexts.

Read the sentences given below and find out the meanings of 'world' in each sentence.

- (a) My mother means the world to me.

- (b) Vasco da Gama sailed round the world.

- (c) He is a big name in the world of fashion.

- (d) Stars from the sporting and artistic worlds participated in the function.

- (e) She is a simple person in real world as well as in the movies.



Fun fact

Elicit / Illicit

Elicit is a verb that means "to bring out".

Illicit is an adjective which means "unlawful".

Incorrect: The questionnaire was intended to illicit information on disaster management.

Correct: The questionnaire was intended to elicit information on disaster management.

Incorrect: An upright person does not shy away from reporting illicit incidents to the Police.

Correct: An upright person does not shy away from reporting illicit incidents to the Police.

*** GRAMMAR**

PARTICIPLE CLAUSE

You have read about and done exercises on participle clauses (*Beehive*, p. 52). We know that participle clause is a form of adverbial clause which enables us to say information in a more economical way. We can use participle clauses when the participle and verb in the main clause have the same subject.

Example: Waiting for John, I made some tea.

1. Choose the correct option for the sentences below.

- (a) Waiting for the doctor, _____
_____ [a big noise scared everybody, Dave read a magazine, the alarm went off]



- (b) _____ in the jungle, George had to find the way out on his own. [having lost, lost, losing]
- (c) _____ our pottery will last for generations. [treating with care/you treat with care/treated with care]
- (d) _____ a holiday, all the banks were closed. [having been/been/being]
- (e) _____ for so long, he had lost all hope. [being unemployed/unemployed/having been unemployed]

2. Join the following sentences using a present-participle as given in the example.

Example:

We walked along the footpath. We saw an accident.
Walking along the footpath, we saw an accident.

(Note: Out of the two actions, the one which takes place first is changed into present participle.)

(a) He stood by the side of a temple. He asked people to go in.

(b) She came out of the room. She greeted the visitors.

(c) He heard the news. He started crying.

(d) He found the lock broken. He rang up the Police.

Fun fact

If something can be counted, use **“FEWER”**.

- fewer cars
- fewer letters
- fewer chairs
- fewer people



(e) He felt sleepy. He went to bed.

*** EDITING**

There is an error in each line. Underline the incorrect word and write the correct word in the blank given. The first one has been done for you as an example.

I entred the manager's office and sat down. entered
I have just lost five hundred rupees and I felt very upset.

(a) _____ "I leave the
money in my desk," I said, (b) _____
"and it is not there now". The manger was very sympathetic
but he can do nothing. (c) _____ "Everyone
loses money theses days," (d) _____
he said. He start to complain about this wicked world,
(e) _____ but is interrupted
by a knock at the door. (f) _____

Fun fact

If something cannot be counted, use "LESS".

- less sorrow
- less time
- less air
- less pain

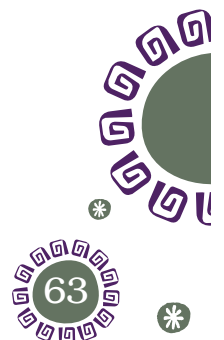
*** LISTENING**

Listen to the story given below. The teacher or your classmate will read the story aloud. Listen to it carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

Gautama Buddha was journeying through the Kosala region. He was warned not to pass through the deep jungle, as it was the den of a famous robber chief, Angulimala. He was the terror of the whole countryside. He lived by plundering travellers and feared no one. He had committed many murders. All attempts to capture the inhuman Angulimala had failed. So he continued his crimes unpunished. The people of Kosala pleaded with the Buddha not to expose himself to the dangers of the robber's territory.

But Gautama Buddha knew no fear. The warnings of the people of Kosala did not affect him. He made his way into the jungle. Angulimala got enraged at this boldness. He was

plunder: to steal things from a place or people using force



self-possessed: calm, confident and in control of one's feelings

determined to kill the intruder. But when he saw the Buddha, calm and self-possessed, and heard his words of kindness, the robber hesitated. His arm, which had been uplifted to kill, fell helpless by his side. His wrath cooled, and he knelt down before the Buddha. He confessed all his sins and declared his faith in the Buddha. When the people saw the new disciple following his Master, they were amazed and could not believe that this was the ferocious man who had been a terror for so long. Angulimala became a monk. His past was forgotten, and he was widely respected for his holiness.

Fun fact

Words with prefixes En and Un

En

- Enlist
- Endangered
- Enable
- Enrich
- Entrust

Un

- Unable
- Unachievable
- Unprepared
- Unaware
- Uncertain

1. Why did the people of Kosala warn the Buddha not to go into the jungle?

2. Why was Angulimala considered to be a terror?

3. What enraged Angulimala when he saw the Buddha?

4. Why did the robber hesitate to kill the Buddha?

5. What kind of transformation took place in Angulimala?

6. Why did people start respecting Angulimala?



SPEAKING

A debate competition is being organised in your school. Take a stand for or against this statement: “Our happiness in life depends entirely on our mental attitude.” Prepare an outline of the main points in the order in which you wish to present them (in about 100 words), giving reasons for your point of view.

- Debate is a contest between two speakers or two groups of speakers to show skill and ability in arguing.
- A proposition, a question or a problem is required for this purpose, which can be spoken for or against.
- To participate in a debate, one must prepare for it. So, one must prepare an outline of the main points in the order in which one is going to argue.
- There are the limitations of time (only 5 to 6 minutes are allowed).
- The speaker addresses the audience.
- Every topic/subject has its own vocabulary. These must be learnt.
- The speaker addresses the Chair (Mr President/ Madam), ‘submits’ an argument, ‘appeals’ for sympathetic understanding and support, ‘questions’ the opponent’s views and ‘concludes’ an argument.

Write the outline of the main points, then make a presentation in the class.

Topic

Introduce the topic with a quotation.

Highlight the main points.



Fun fact

Principle / Principal

Principal: head of the institution

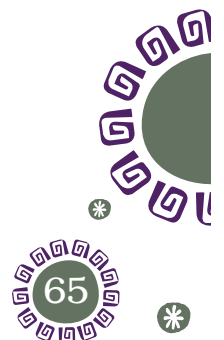
Principle: basic truth or law

Incorrect: The principle encourages the children to participate in sports.

Correct: The Principal encourages the children to participate in sports.

Incorrect: Two principals of happiness are kindness and love.

Correct: Two principles of happiness are kindness and love.



Elaborate the points by arguing logically and convincingly.

Give your opinion in the concluding paragraph.

WRITING

- In groups of four, discuss in favour of or against the topic:
“New technology is common, New thinking is rare.”
- Each group presents their points and the whole class brainstorms on the topic.
- Jot down all the points discussed.
- Write an argumentative article giving logical and relevant reasons along with your points of view.

PROJECT

You have read about Stephen Hawking in Class VIII. Go through the text once again and gather information about his genius. You can also search web resources. Follow the steps given below and then write what made Hawking a genius.

- (i) Who is a genius?
- (ii) What are the attributes that make a person a genius?
- (iii) How is Stephen Hawking a genius?
- (iv) What is he famous for?
- (v) What books has he written?
- (vi) Refer to the obituaries written by people on him and find out his inspiring qualities.

