



INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



WORKSHEET- 2	Topic :COMPREHENSION	Name : _____
CLASS : VIII	Division :	Roll Number : __

1	Read the following passage carefully.	Mks
	A Letter to a Teacher	10
	<p>He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, all men are not true. But teach him also that for every scoundrel there is a hero; that for every selfish politician, there is a dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy there is a friend. It will take time, I know: but teach him. Teach him, if you can that a dollar earned is of far more value than five found. Teach him to learn to lose and also to enjoy winning.</p> <p>In school, teach him it is far more honourable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong. Teach him to be gentle, and tough with tough.</p> <p>Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the band wagon. Teach him to listen to all men; but teach him also to filter all that he hears on a screen of truth, and take only the good that comes through.</p> <p>Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he is sad. Teach him there is no shame in tears. Teach him to scoff at cynics and to beware of too much sweetness. Teach him to sell his brawn and brain to the highest bidders but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul.</p> <p>Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob and to stand and fight if he thinks he is right. Treat him gently, but do not cuddle him because only the test of fire makes fine steel. Let him have the courage to be impatient, let him have the patience to be brave. Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself because then he will always have sublime faith in mankind.</p> <p>This is a big order, but see what you can do. He is such a fine little fellow, my son!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-- Abraham Lincoln's letter to his son's teacher</p>	
A	Now complete the following sentences briefly.	6
1.	Abraham Lincoln writes this letter to his son's teacher to _____	
2.	"A dollar earned has so far more value than five found." Here 'a dollar earned' means that _____	
3.	Lincoln wants his son to be gentle but _____	
4.	The boy should filter all he hears _____	
5.	Lincoln allows his son to sell his brawn and brain but doesn't allow him to _____	
6.	Lincoln says, This is a big order." It means he expects the teacher to _____	

B.	Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following:	4
1.	Dishonest person - _____	
2.	Devoted - _____	
3.	Show love - _____	
4.	Of high quality - _____	
2.	Vocabulary	
	<p>Phrasal Verbs</p> <p>A phrasal verb is a group of words that does the work of a verb. A verb in association with a preposition, or an adverb, or both, forms a phrasal verb.</p> <p>Let us familiarise ourselves with some of the phrasal verbs.</p>	
1.	<p>account for – to give reason for or explain the cause of something</p> <p>Usage: My untimely illness accounts for the unexpected delay in sending this letter.</p>	
2.	<p>ache for- to have a strong want for someone or something</p> <p>Usage: After days of fasting Mary is aching for food.</p>	
3.	<p>act up – give trouble</p> <p>Usage: My motorbike has been acting up lately; I must call the mechanic to have it checked.</p>	
4.	<p>add up- to seem to be reasonable, logical or true</p> <p>Usage: My neighbour told me a story about an alien sighted on the rooftop of his house; it just did not add up.</p>	
5.	<p>adhere to – to act in accordance with a rule or principle</p> <p>Usage: It is mandatory for all companies to strictly adhere to safety guidelines.</p>	
6.	<p>agree with – to take something as right or suitable</p> <p>Usage: This particular ensemble does not agree with the current fashion trends.</p>	
7.	<p>answer for – to be responsible for something bad</p> <p>Usage: It seems the manager has a lot to answer for as the team was knocked out of the tournament in the very first round.</p>	
8.	<p>atone for- to do something good to show that you are regretful about doing something bad.</p> <p>Usage : Is there a way to atone for the sin of cutting down trees?</p>	