



Ricky looked quite happy as he and his field-day team stepped up to their last activity. They were in the first place, and Ricky could already feel that they were going to become victorious and medals hanging around their necks.

“How exciting!” Mrs. Tanu said. “You two teams are **tied** in the highest score of the day.”

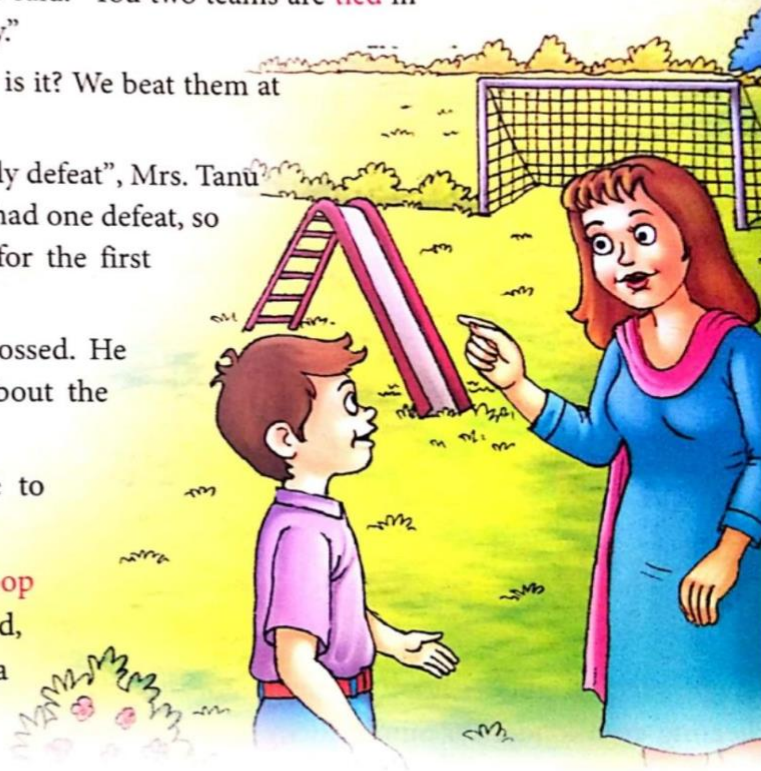
“Tied?”, Ricky said. “How is it? We beat them at the relay race.”

“Yes, but that was their only defeat”, Mrs. Tanu said. “Your team has also had one defeat, so you both have qualified for the first place.”

Ricky kept his fingers crossed. He did not want to think about the balloon toss.

He'd been the first one to drop his balloon.

“This event is a **hula hoop** challenge,” Mrs. Tanu said, handing everyone a hula hoop.



tied : (of a game or contest) both teams at the same score

hula hoop : a large hoop spun around the body by gyrating the hips, for play or exercise

"Are you supposed to see how far we can roll them?" Ricky asked.

"No. Your challenge is to retain the hula hoop for as long as possible. Once the hoop hits the ground, you will be turned out. The last person who goes on hooping will win the event for his team."

Ricky's eyes widened. He had never hula hooped before. He looked at the rest of his team. Reema seemed confident and so was Sumit. They only needed one member from their team to do well in order to win.

"Can we start?" asked Priya, the other team's captain. She must have done this before because she was excited about the challenge.

Mrs. Tanu blew her whistle and said, "Start!"

Ricky watched Priya and imitated everything she did. But no matter how hard he tried, the hoop couldn't stay up. It bobbed and fell to his ankles and he cheered for Reema and Sumit who were the only two left to battle against Priya.



Reema sneezed and her hoop toppled to the ground. Ricky grumbled, but he started cheering even louder for Sumit. Ricky stared at Priya. She looked so relaxed as if she had won.

imitated : mimicked *bobbled* : to drop or failed to stop *toppled* : fell *grumbled* : complained with murmuring words

hoop swirled around her steadily. Her team was chanting her name, and it took Ricky a moment to realize that Sumit had dropped his hoop. The challenge was over! Priya had won which meant Ricky's team had lost. Yet Ricky couldn't help himself to cheer for Priya as she continued hula hooping. Priya was still hula hooping when Mrs. Tanu gave them the medals. Ricky wore his second place medal with pride, and congratulated Priya for being the 'true field-day champion.'



Comprehension

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

- A sentence of the story says:
'They were in the first place, and they could feel the medals around their necks.'
What does this mean?
 - Ricky could feel the weight of the medal hanging from his neck.
 - The medal on Ricky's neck was bothering him.
 - Ricky's team was close to winning the medal and he imagined themselves wearing it.
- Who won the challenge?
 - Ricky
 - Priya
 - Both of them
- Who gave out the medals?
 - Mrs. Tanu
 - Mrs. Ranu
 - Mrs. Anu
- How did Ricky wear his second place medal?
 - with anger
 - with pride
 - with smile

B. Answer the following questions.

- "You two teams are **tied** in the highest score of the day."
Who said this and to whom?
What do you mean by the word 'tied'?
- Name Ricky's teammates.
- Who was the captain of Ricky's opponent team?
- 'Ricky watched Priya and imitated everything she did.' Explain



C. Think and Answer.
Do you think Ricky was a good sportsman? Give reasons.

Play with Words

D. Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.

1. _ a _ _ o _ _
clue: rubber bag that is filled with air or water
2. _ u _ _ _ o _ _
clue: large plastic toy ring
3. _ _ d e _ _ d
clue: became wider
4. I _ i _ _ t _ d
clue: copied
5. _ _ u _ _ l _ d
clue: complained or showed unhappiness
6. _ a _ t _ _
clue: compete against



Fun with Grammar

Contractions are the short forms of some commonly used words. An apostrophe is used in place of the dropped letter or letters.

It is a sunny day. **It's** a sunny day.
He will win the match. **He'll** win the match.



E. Write the short form of these words.

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| 1. has not | _____ | 2. is not | _____ |
| 3. are not | _____ | 4. could not | _____ |
| 5. did not | _____ | 6. he will | _____ |



Learn the word meanings and make sentences of lesson 1 2 and 3.

Meanings and make sentences.

1. Incident- meaning – an event, happening
Sentence - The **incident** that took place yesterday was astonishing.
2. Glance- meaning- to look briefly
Sentence- My mother **glanced** my mark sheet very carefully.
3. Current- meaning- in general circulation
Sentence- One should be aware of the **current** happenings around the world.
4. Renowned- meaning- famous, celebrated
Sentence- St. Aloysius is a **renowned** institution.
5. Caters- meaning- to provide, to give
Sentence- The new restaurant **caters** for birthday parties.
6. Supplements- meaning- something extra that completes or makes an addition.
Sentence- Ria takes Vitamin **supplements** everyday.
7. Slit- meaning- a long narrow cut.
Sentence- Manya **slit** open the envelope.
8. Fling - meaning- to throw forcefully.
Sentence- The coach ordered the bowler to **fling** the ball.
9. Correspondent- meaning- a reporter of a newspaper who communicates through letters telephone and internet.
Sentence- Mr. Sharma is a popular **correspondent** for Times of India.
10. Designation- meaning- position; post in a office or organization.
Sentence- My father's official **designation** is a Financial Controller
11. Fiery- meaning – burning
Sentence - The Streets are very **fiery** during the summer season.
12. Tramp - meaning - walking heavily or Noisily
sentence - The boys **tramp** across the road.

13. Share- meaning- To give a portion to another person.

sentence- Tom **shares** his toys with Mary.

14.Explain- meaning- To describe

sentence- The teacher will **explain** the Lesson tomorrow.

15.Disagree- meaning- to differ

sentence- Children should not **disagree** their parents advice.