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From a Railway Carriage

Getting Started

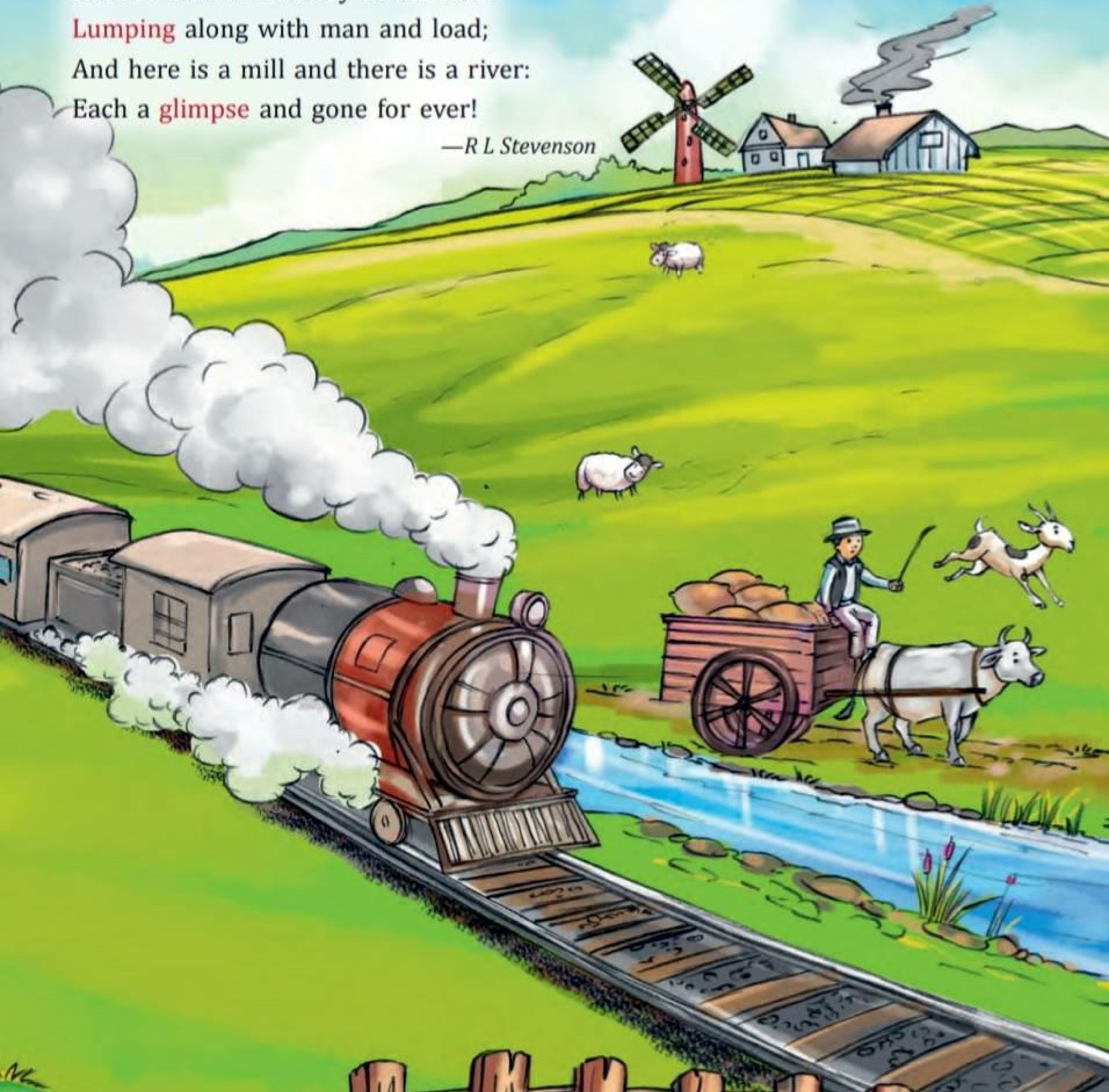
- * Do you like to travel by train? What makes a train journey interesting, fun and a learning experience?

Faster than fairies, faster than witches,
Bridges and houses, **hedges** and **ditches**;
And **charging** along like troops in a battle,
All through the meadows the horses and cattle:
All of the sights of the hill and the plain
Fly as thick as driving rain;
And ever again, in the wink of an eye,
Painted stations whistle by.



Here is a child who **clambers** and **scrambles**,
All by himself and gathering **brambles**;
Here is a **tramp** who stands and gazes;
And there is the green for stringing the daisies!
Here is a cart run away in the road
Lumping along with man and load;
And here is a mill and there is a river:
Each a **glimpse** and gone for ever!

—R L Stevenson



Date: - 20th MAY, 20.

ENGLISH 2.

Chapter - 1. FROM A RAILWAY CARRIAGE POEM.

1. Read the extract and answer the following questions.

'Faster than fairies, faster than witches,
Bridges and houses, hedges and ditches;'

i) What is referred to as faster than fairies and witches?

→ The movement of the train is referred to as faster than fairies and witches.

ii) What does the poet see from the train?

→ The poet sees bridges, houses, hedges, ditches, meadows, horses, cattle, hills, plains and a lot of other things.

iii) What pleasure does the railway journey give to the poet?

→ The poet enjoys watching the natural scenes from the railway carriage. His railway journey becomes a source of great happiness for him.

2. Read the extract and answer the following questions.

'Here is a tramp who stands and gazes;
And there is the green for stringing the daisies.'

i) Who is a tramp?

→ A tramp is a person who wanders

from place to place and does casual work or begs to earn his livelihood.

ii) What was the tramp doing when the railway carriage passed?

→ The tramp was standing lazily. He was gazing at the passing railway carriage.

iii) What does the word 'green' stand for?

→ The word 'green' stands for a common village grassy land.

iv) What is the theme of the poem 'From a Railway Carriage'?

→ The theme of the poem 'From a Railway Carriage' is that a railway journey is a source of happiness. It presents a constant changing scene as the train moves forward. It provides a chance to see natural beauty and to enjoy watching them.

Home Work.

Memorise and write down the first eight lines of the poem 'From a Railway Carriage'.

Dear Students -

There will be English 1 class on Friday (22nd May, 2020).

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