

Six and Out

Getting Started

- * Outdoor games have always attracted young children and teenagers everywhere in the world. Have you ever been in a situation where you have been forced to play outside the park because it closed down at a particular time? Share your experience.

The pitch was only smooth in parts; *The fields where the children played was not smooth everywhere*

un- It sank at either crease,

And motor vans and bakers' carts

At times disturbed the peace.

offer The bowlers found it hard to hit

The lamp-post's slender stem *base*

The broader wicket *opposite*, *the road was opposite*

Was cleared at 6 p.m.

closed It was a keen, determined school, *a group of*

passionate strong minded *players*

Unorthodox and free;

Harsh circumstance oft made the rule,

And not the MCC.

The scorer, seated by the well,

Kept up a fire of talk;

He was both umpires, crowd, and all,

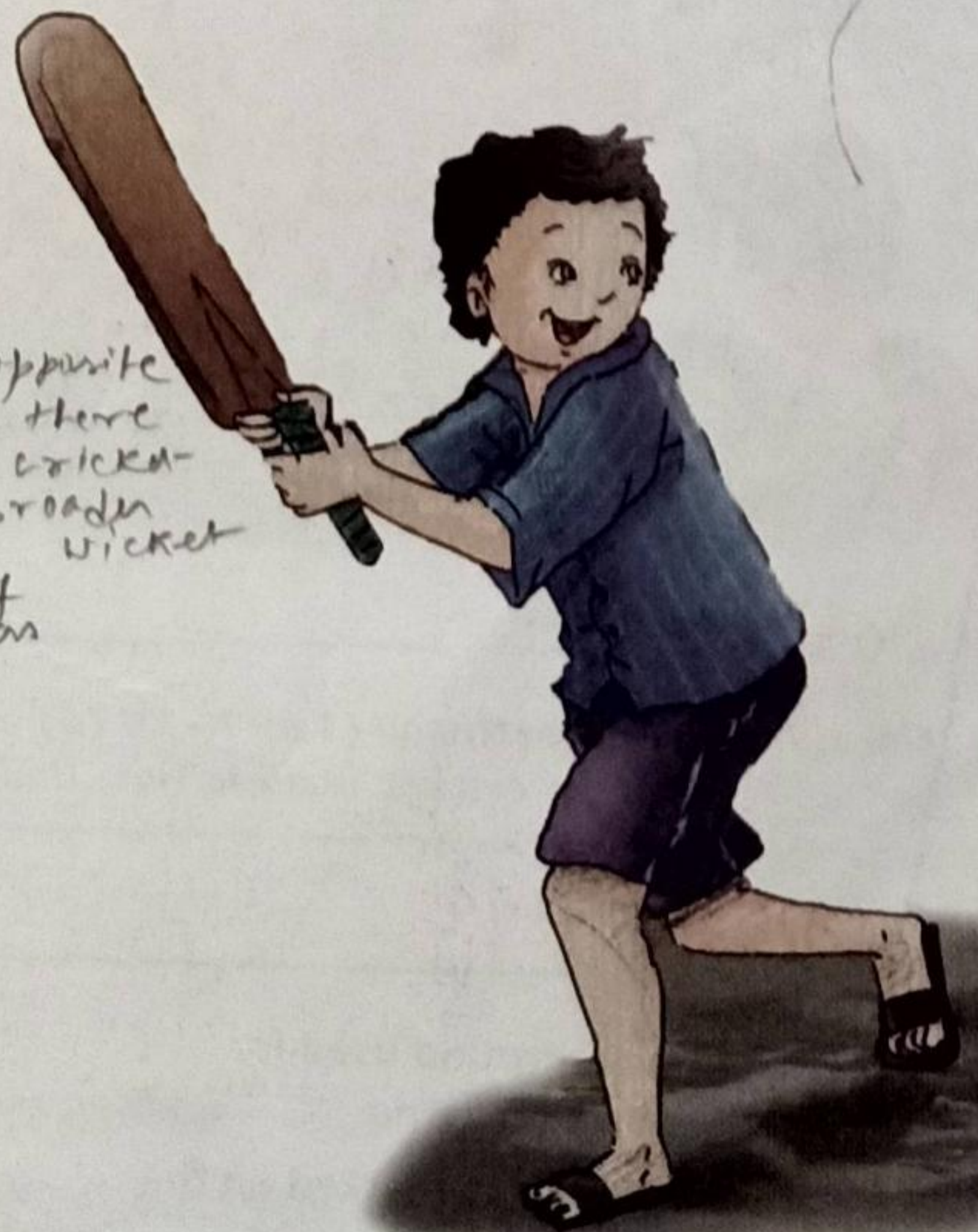
And plied a busy chalk.

So, standing musings on the scene,

I let the moments pass;

How well he drove it to the screen.

And then—the crash of glass.



majestic - having or showing impressive beauty or scale

I watched the players as they ran,
And heard, while yet they fled,
The loud voice of an angry man,
The law's majestic tread.

Law is majestic and violating the law creates fear in mind.

—Gerald Martineau



About the Poet

Gerald Durani Martineau (1897–1976) was a prolific English cricket writer. Martineau's notable works on cricket include *Bat, Ball, Wicket*, and *All and They Made Cricket*.

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CLASS - VI, SUBJECT - ENGLISH - II

CHAPTER - 4. Six and Out.

15.06.20 TOPIC - Title, Summary, ~~Paraphrase~~,
meaning of the poem.

Title of the poem:

The poem 'Six and Out' by G.D. Martineau focuses on children who are forced to play out on the road as the park closes at six o'clock. Hence the title 'Six and Out'.

Summary of the poem:

The children, while playing on the road, are disturbed by the motor vans and baker's cart. The road is narrow, they have to use the base of lamp post as wicket and wall of the well as score board. The wicket keeper scorer is both, the umpire and the crowd. yet they are determined to play out there and not bound by the rules of MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club)

The bowler hits the ball so hard that it goes and strikes a window and broke its glass. The man of the house shouted and the children fled from there.

Meanings:

- (i) Pitch: an area of ground used for outdoor team game.
- (ii) Crease: number of lines marked on the playfield at specific places.
- (iii) Unorthodox: Open-minded.
- (iv) Circumstance: a situation connected to an event or action.
- (v) MCC: Marylebone Cricket Council.
- (vi) Plied: moved
- (vii) musing: thinking.
- (viii) tread: Step or footstep.

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CLASS - VI, SUBJECT - ENGLISH-II
CHAPTER - Six and out.
TOPIC - TRUE/FALSE, Fill in
the blanks, QUESTION ANSWERS.

We shall begin our class by
following the Questions ~~Answers~~ given
in the previous class 17.6.20 (WEDNESDAY)

A. TRUE/FALSE.

1. FALSE
2. FALSE
3. TRUE
4. FALSE
5. FALSE

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. Motor Vans and baker's cart.
2. well
3. musing
4. ran away
5. angry, loud.

C. QUESTION ANSWERS.

1. Describe the pitch where the match was held.

Ans: The pitch where the children played cricket was a section of the road where vans and carts gather together. The pitch was not even smooth entirely everywhere. On both ends the children used lampposts as their wickets.

2. Why did the bowlers find it hard to hit the wicket?

Ans: It was hard for the bowler to hit the wicket because it was not really a wicket. They used the slender base of the lamp-post as a wicket and therefore it was hard to hit the wicket.

3. What role did the scorer play?

Ans: The scorer in the poem was a boy whose duty was to write the run. His role was that he was an all-rounder - umpire, commentator and crowd. He gave a good commentary of the match and often engaged himself in a very high, angry, excited talk.

4. From where did the scorer keep up his 'fire of talk'?

Ans: The scorer sitting by the well kept up his 'fire of talk'.

5. Why did the players run away?

Ans: The players ran away because one of them had hit the ball into the nearby house and broke its window glass.

In the next class on 29.06.2020 (Monday) we shall be doing the extract Question Answers given in the Exercise.