

10-THE STORY OF A BICYCLE



The bicycle is very popular in India. Old and young, the milkman, the Hobby Horse newspaper boy, the postman and the hawker use it for going from one place to another. A lot of educated young men use bicycle for environmental concerns. The first bicycle was built in 1816 by a German. It was made of wood. The rider sat on the saddle and rode it by pushing his feet against the ground. In England the machine was called the `Hobby Horse'. A Scotsman named Macmillan, improved the Hobby Horse. He provided pedals which were connected to the rear wheel by long rods.



Hobby Horse

In 1861 a Frenchman built a better machine. It was called the `boneshaker' because its wooden wheels gave a rough ride. Soon rubber wheels were fitted and the machine was then called the

bicycle. The modern bicycle was built in 1879 by Harry Lawson, an American. It was driven by a chain connected to the rear wheel.



The bicycle has been a companion of the common man since ages. It does not require fuel. It is easy to park. It keeps the body of a rider fit. The use of bicycle is also eco-friendly, as it keeps the environment noise free and pollution free.

New Words

Word Pronunciation Meaning

popular -पॉपयलअ(र्) -लोकप्रिय

hawker -हॉकअ(र्) - फेरीवाला

built - बिल्ट् -बनाया

saddle -सैडल् -साइकिल की सीट

rode - रोड् - सवारी किया

rear - रेअर -पिछला

companion - कम्पैनिअन् -साथी

fuel - फ्यूअल् -ईधन

Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions :

- a. When was the first bicycle built?
- b. Who improved the 'Hobby Horse'?
- c. Why was the bicycle called the 'boneshaker'?
- d. When was the modern bicycle built and by whom?
- e. How can you say that bicycle is eco-friendly?

Word Power

1. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box :

popular, bicycle, educated, companion, eco-friendly, environment

- a. Trees help in keeping our _____ clean.
- b. Books are our good _____.
- c. _____ people can bring change in society.

- d. Riding _____ is a very good exercise.
- e. Sachin Tendulkar is a very _____ cricketer.
- f. Use of cloth bags is _____.

Language Practice

1. Frame questions using the table given below :

Whose	book	is	this/that	?
	shirt			
	bicycle			
	books	are	these/those	
	shirts			
	bicycles			

Activity

» Look at this picture :



Rohan writes to Arman about what is shown in the picture. He has made six mistakes in the letter he has written. Pick out the mistakes and correct them. Write your sentences in the space given. The first one has been done for you.

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Dear Arman

How was your trip to Kathmandu?

The weather here is pleasant now. I am sitting in the garden and writing this letter. Reshma is also here. She is busy talking to grandpa.

Grandpa slipped in the bathroom yesterday and broke his foot. Grandma is fast asleep in her chair. I have to go now. I want to watch the Doraemon at 5 o'clock and it is going to start in five minutes.

Please write soon and tell us how you are.

With love

Rohan

Incorrect Statements Correct Statements

1. The date is wrong. It should be 7 July, 2017.

2. Rohan is not in

3. Reshma

4. Grandma

5. Grandpa

6. The time

Let's Have Fun

» Riddles-

A. You see me at a crossing,

You see me at the square,

Dressed in white & blue,

You'll find I am there.

B. I have black and white stripes

But an animal I am not,

You walk over me,

Whenever you cross the road.

A. Traffic Policeman

,B. Zebra Crossing

Think and Write

» How can we save our environment?
