

Uncle Nayak, the gardener, shows Uma a bird's nest in the garden **hedge**. There are three tiny eggs in the nest.

'Don't touch the eggs, Uma,' Dr Nair says. 'Come, let's go inside. After tea I will tell you a story about a clever fox. Do you want to hear it?'

hedge a row of bushes or plants planted along the edge of a garden

Value pick

Underline the part of the story which tells us that we should thank people who help us.

About the passage

A. Who says these lines?

1. 'Are my uniforms ready, Mr Paul?' Mrs. Sumad
2. 'Yes, here they are.' Mr Paul
3. 'Come, let's go inside.' Dr Nair

B. Answer these questions in one or two sentences.

1. What does Uma's father do?
2. Why does Dr Nair go to Mr Paul's shop?
3. Who is the grocer? What does Dr Nair buy from his shop?
4. Who opens the gate and greets Dr Nair and Uma?
5. What does Uma see in the garden hedge?

C. Think and say.

Why did Uma's father ask her not to touch the bird's eggs?



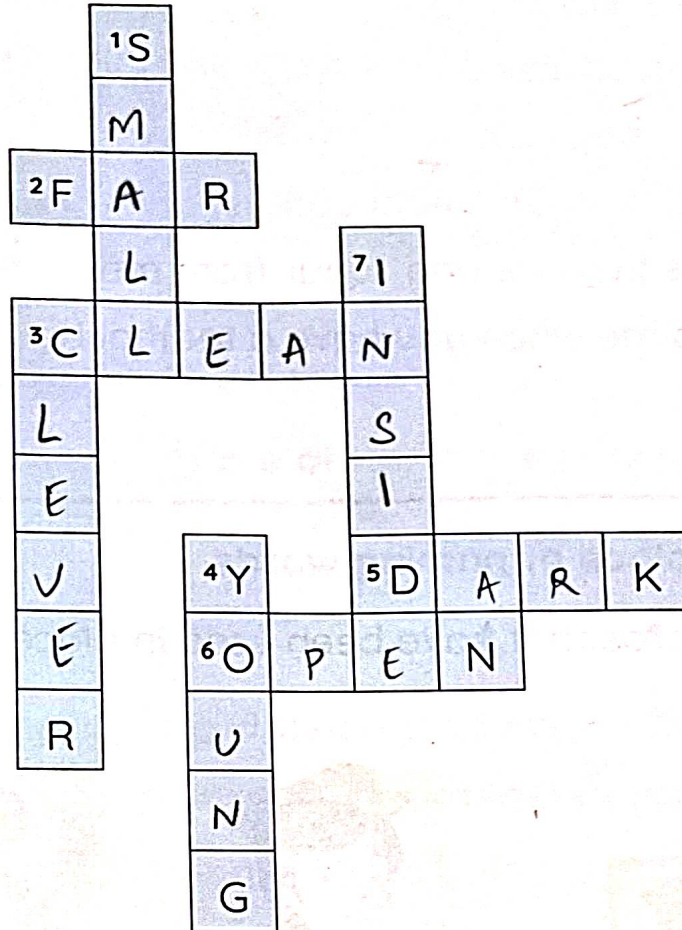
Let's have fun with opposites! Find out the opposites of the words and complete the crossword.

Across

2. near
3. dirty
5. light
6. close

Down

1. large
3. foolish
4. old
7. outside



Say it right



Listen to and say these words aloud. For each row of words, add a word of your own with the same sound. One has been done for you.

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|---------|------|------|-------------|
| 1. day | may | way | <u>hay</u> |
| 2. mail | rail | tail | <u>sail</u> |
| 3. bake | sake | take | <u>cake</u> |

Fill in the missing vowels (a, e, i, o, or u) to find out who these people are. One has been done for you.

1. I stitch your uniform.
2. I look after your garden.
3. I help you to stay safe.
4. I keep watch at your school gate.
5. Your parents buy rice and sugar from me.
6. You come to me when you have a toothache.

tailor

gard ener

police

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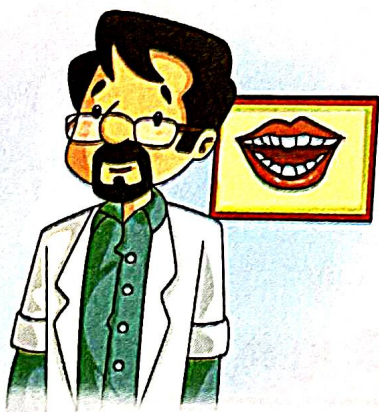
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Grammar

Words used in place of naming words

Underline the words that have been used in place of naming words.



• This is Dr Nair.
He is a dentist.

• This is Mrs Kumar.
She is a policewoman.

• **They** have come to
He stitches clothes.

The words I, you, he, she, it, we, and they are used in place of naming