



## ENGLISH (HONEYSUCKLE)

### GRADE 6

#### U- 1. WHO DID PATRICK'S HOMEWORK? (PROSE)

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#### ➤ Summary

Patrick was an active boy who loved outdoor games like hockey and basketball. He was an enthusiastic player but somehow was not interested in studies. Because of his poor interest in studies he shirked work and was warned strictly by his teacher.

One day Patrick observed his cat playing with a doll. But when he looked at it closely, he found that it was a small man-elf (a supernatural being). He was wearing a woollen shirt, a tall hat and breeches. He was scared of a cat and needed help. He pleaded (requested) Patrick to save him and in return he promised to grant him a wish.

Patrick felt happy and called himself a fortunate one. He asked the elf to do his homework in return. Though the elf was not ready for it yet, he offered to do this for him for 35 days (one semester).

However, a problem arose when the elf told that he knew nothing of maths and history. He needed help to do these subjects. Patrick agreed and brought many books to read and consult. He sat next to elf and put in a hard toll to complete the work.

Exactly after 35 days when the semester was over, the elf went away quietly. Patrick scored grade 'A' in all the subjects. Everyone appreciated him. He became a very different person who was hardworking, generous and an exemplary boy.

Patrick thought it is elf who helped him score high but in reality, it was Patrick himself who did all the good and changed his score.

#### ➤ NEW VOCABULARY

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| 1. Wrinkled  | 5. Puffed   |
| 2. Ignoramus | 6. Bleary   |
| 3. Squeaked  | 7. Amazed   |
| 4. Mystery   | 8. Britches |

#### ➤ WORD MEANINGS

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Boring – dull              | 5. Lucky - fortunate |
| 2. Surprise – astonish, amaze | 6. Slyly - secretly  |
| 3. Amazed – surprised         | 7. Mystery - puzzle  |
| 4. Puffed – swollen           | 8. Job – service     |



#### ➤ WORKING WITH TEXT

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Patrick think his cat was playing with? What was it really?

**Ans:** Patrick thought that his cat was playing with a little doll but it was really a man of the tiniest size.

**2. Why did the little man grant Patrick a wish?**

**Ans:** The little man granted Patrick a wish because he wanted to get free from cat.

**3. What was Patrick’s wish?**

**Ans:** Patrick wanted the little man to do all his homework till the end of the semester, which was for 35 days.

**4. In what subjects did the little man need help, to do Patrick’s homework?**

**Ans:** The little man needed Patrick’s help in English, Maths and human history.

**5. How did Patrick help him?**

**Ans:** Patrick helped him by consulting a dictionary, guiding the little man in doing sums in arithmetic and read out portions from history book.

**6. Who do you think did Patrick’s homework – the little man, or Patrick himself? Give reasons for your answer.**

**Ans:** It was not the little man but Patrick himself had did his homework as little man did not know anything, in English, maths and human history. Patrick had to consult dictionary, guide him with maths and help him to read too. He stayed up at nights and worked hard. Therefore, it was Patrick who did the homework.

➤ **MAKE SENTENCES**

1. Surprise – There was a surprise test in the class.
2. Puffed – He puffed out his cheeks and sat back in his chair.
3. Mystery – Nobody has ever solved the mystery.
4. Slyly – He glanced at her slyly.

➤ **WORKING WITH LANGUAGE**

**A. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the words or phrases from the box.**  
**out of luck, mystery, true to his word, chores, semester, between you and me, look up**

1. Some people find household **chores** a bore, but I like to help at home.
2. Who stole the diamond is still a **mystery**.
3. This **semester** we are going to have a class exhibition.
4. **True to his word**, the elf began to help Patrick.
5. Can you **look up** this word in the dictionary?
6. I started early to be on time, but I was **out of luck**. There was a traffic jam!
7. She says she’s got a lot of books, but **between you and me** I think most of them are borrowed.

➤ **ACTIVITY**

**Write a paragraph on “Self Help Is The Best Help”.**