



Primary Schools
Half Yearly Exams 2010/2011

Year 4

ENGLISH (Listening Comprehension)
Teacher's Copy

Time: 20 minutes

Old Tim

Once there was an old man who lived alone in a little hut. He worked at odd jobs for the people who lived near him. Everyone liked him because he was kind.

One day the old man was sitting on the doorstep of his little home. He was eating a big delicious orange and enjoying the sunshine. As he sat there he thought and thought and thought. "What can I do to make others happy?" he asked himself. There must be some way in which I can help people." All at once, a smile came over his face. "I know what I will do," he said.

Then a very strange thing happened. Everywhere he worked, the old man asked for part of his pay in oranges. He took the oranges home and ate them. He saved all the pips and put them into a bag.

The people of the village thought that was very strange. But everyone thought that he was a wise old man and were very fond of him.

One day old Tim locked the door of his little home and tramped away. In one hand he had a walking stick. In the other he had a bag full of orange pips. Tim walked far into the country. Now and again he stopped by the side of the road. The old man made a hole in the ground with his stick. Then he dropped a pip into the hole and covered it with earth.

All summer he wandered from place to place. Everywhere he went, old Tim planted his pips by the sides of the roads. When his bag was empty, he went back to work. Always he asked for part of his pay in oranges. When his bag was full of orange pips, old Tim would set off again. In this way the kind old man spent the rest of his life.

Fine trees grew from the pips which he planted. Every winter they were covered with oranges. Passers-by often stopped to eat some of the fruit. "How nice it is to see such lovely orange trees," they said. "Who planted them?" The people who lived in those parts knew the answer. They told the strangers the wonderful story of old Tim.

(Adapted from *Old Apple-Seed John*)

Tick (✓) the correct phrase or sentence to answer the questions.

1. Where did the old man live?
_____ a) in a flat
_____ b) in a hut
_____ c) in a villa
_____ d) in a hotel

2. Why did everyone like Tim?
_____ a) he was clever
_____ b) he was old
_____ c) he was cute
_____ d) he was kind

3. Where was the old man sitting one day?
_____ a) on his doorstep
_____ b) on his chair
_____ c) on his sofa
_____ d) on his bicycle

4. What did Tim want do?
_____ a) he wanted to become a farmer
_____ b) he wanted to help kittens
_____ c) he wanted to make others happy
_____ d) he wanted to go for a long walk

5. What did the people of the village think of him?
_____ a) they thought he was crazy
_____ b) they thought he was sick
_____ c) they thought he was poor
_____ d) they thought he was wise

6. How did Tim get paid for the work he did?
_____ a) part of his pay was in grapes
_____ b) he earned a lot of money
_____ c) part of his pay was in oranges
_____ d) he did not earn much money

7. What did he save from the oranges?
_____ a) he saved the rind
_____ b) he saved the pips
_____ c) he saved the cores
_____ d) he saved the trees

8. What did Tim carry in his hands when he left home?

- _____ a) a walking stick and some leaves
- _____ b) a bag and some money
- _____ c) some food and a napkin
- _____ d) a walking stick and a bag

9. What did he do with the pips he saved?

- _____ a) he ate them
- _____ b) he planted the pips by the side of the roads
- _____ c) he gave them to squirrels
- _____ d) he planted the pips in his garden

10. What happened to the pips which Tim planted?

- _____ a) they grew into beautiful apple trees full of fruit
- _____ b) they grew into beautiful orange trees full of fruit
- _____ c) they grew into beautiful grape vines full of fruit
- _____ d) nothing happened, the pips died

(10 X 1 mark = 10 marks)

11. Put a tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is TRUE or FALSE.

	TRUE	FALSE
a) The old man lived with his family in a hut.	_____	_____
b) Tim planted the trees by making a hole in the ground.	_____	_____
c) Every time his bag was full of pips, Tim would set off.	_____	_____
d) Tim spent the rest of his life planting grapes.	_____	_____
e) Every summer the trees were covered in oranges.	_____	_____
f) Passers by stopped to eat the fruit.	_____	_____

(6 X ½ mark = 3 marks)

12. Fill in the blanks with a suitable WORD.

- a) Tim always _____ to make others happy.
- b) The old man made a hole in the ground with his walking stick and covered it with _____.

(2 X 1 mark = 2 marks)



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1. b) in a hut
2. d) he was kind
3. a) on his doorstep
4. c) he wanted to make others happy
5. d) they thought he was wise
6. c) part of his pay was in oranges
7. b) he saved the pips
8. d) a walking stick and a bag
9. b) he planted the pips by the side of the roads
10. b) they grew into beautiful orange trees full of fruit

1 mark each = 10 marks

11. a) False
- b) True
- c) True
- d) False
- e) False
- f) True

½ mark each = 3 marks

12. a) wanted/trying
- b) earth

1 mark each = 2 marks

No marks are to be deducted for spelling errors in numbers 12a and 12b.