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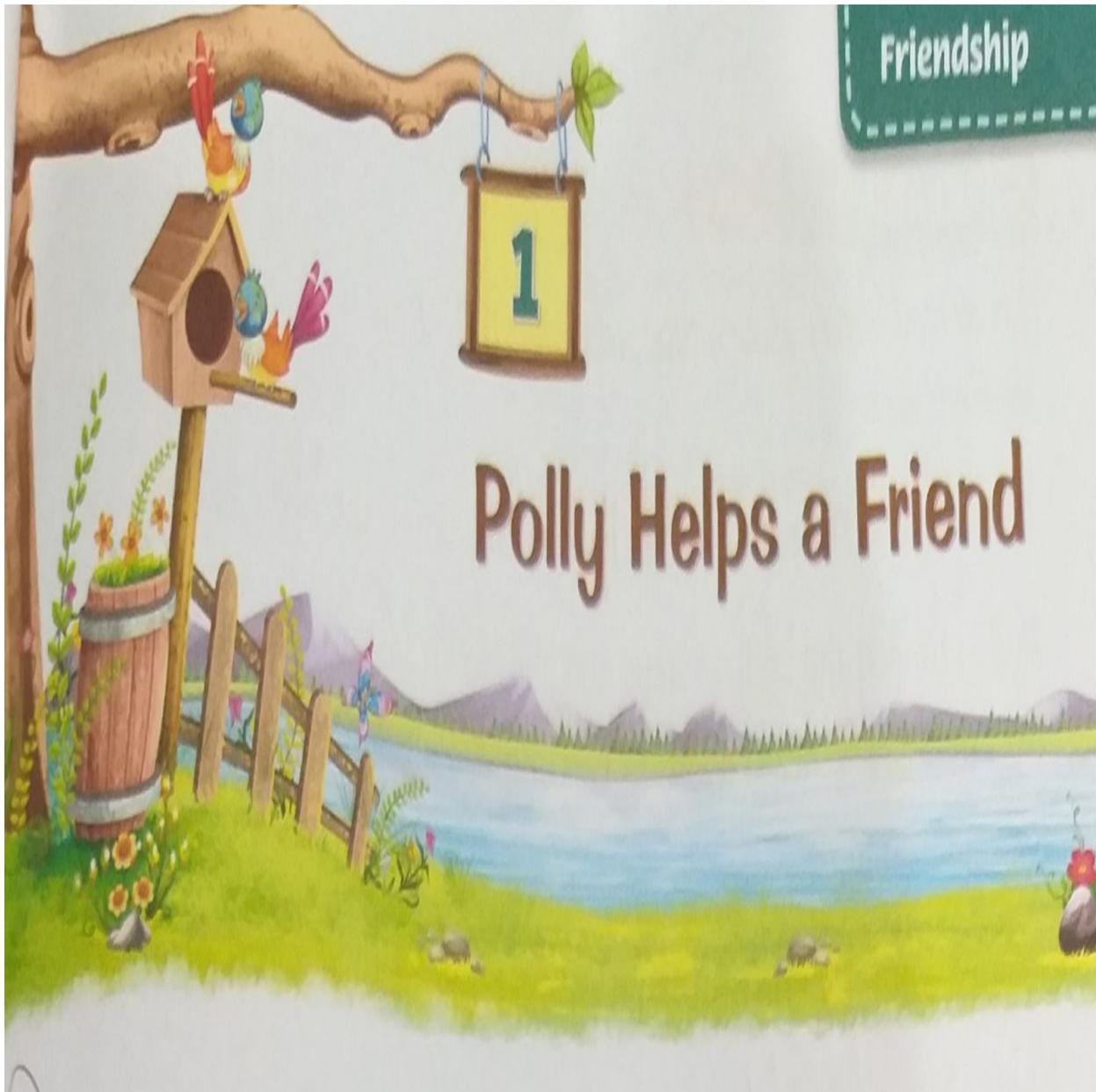
English Literature

Worksheet no.1

Class: 2 (A-F)

**Note:** This will be included in Class Performance Test Unit- 1 Examination (2020-2021)  
Parents are requested to make sure that the child reads and understands the story and the related exercises.

**Lesson:1 Polly Helps a Friend**





## READING



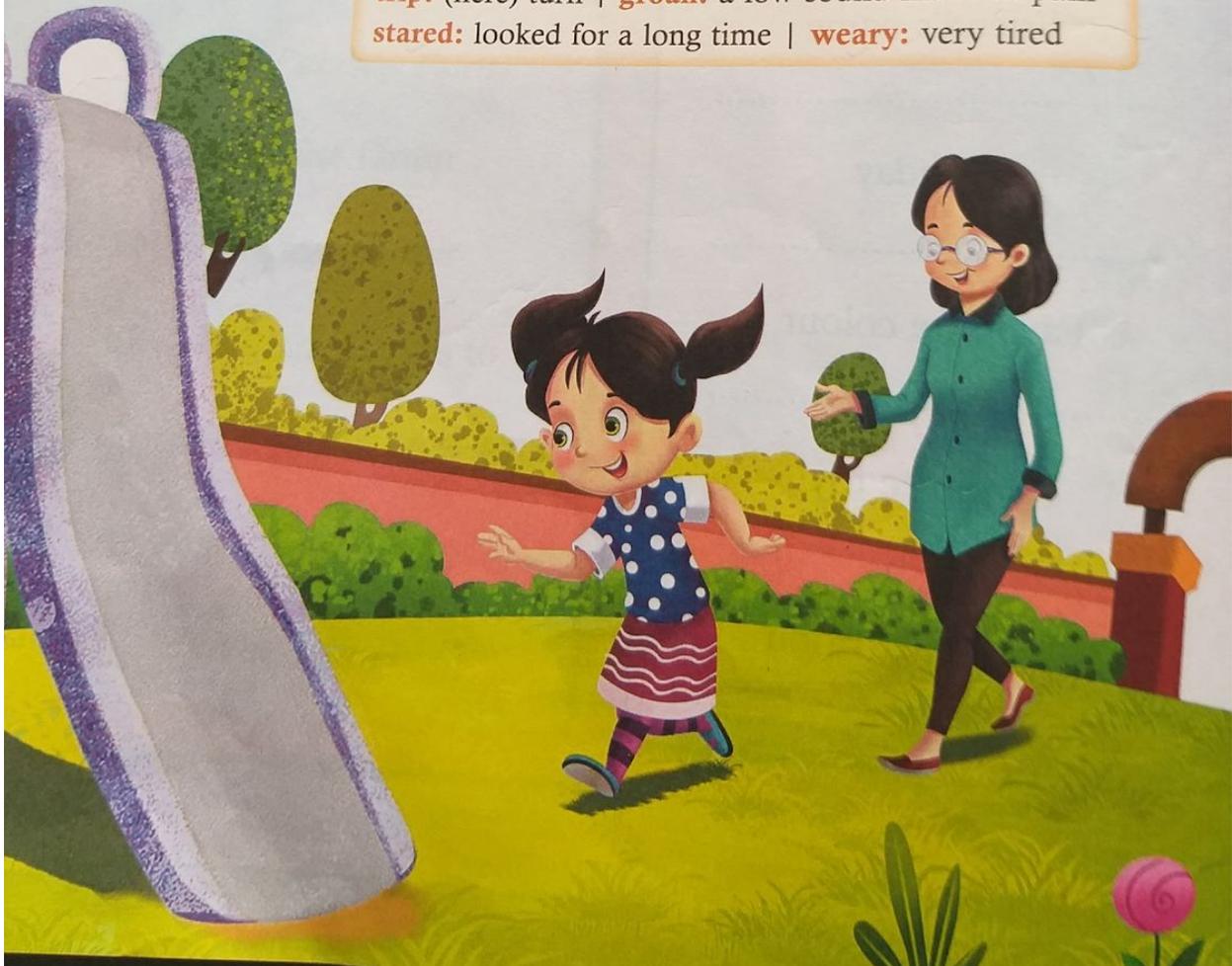
Let us read a story about a little girl named Polly. Read what she does in the park one day.

Polly came to the park with her mother. She ran to the silver slide she loved. Polly climbed the endless steps and slid down faster and faster. On her twelfth <sup>\*1</sup>trip, she heard a <sup>\*2</sup>groan! Hearing it, Polly jumped off the slide and looked around.

<sup>\*1</sup>'Thank you for getting off. I am so tired, and my back hurts badly today,' said a voice.

She turned and two very sad eyes <sup>\*3</sup>stared back at her. It was the slide talking! 'Children jump on me and slide down my back at great speed. I'm too old and <sup>\*4</sup>weary to take it,' said a giant mouth just below the teary eyes.

**trip:** (here) turn | **groan:** a low sound made in pain  
**stared:** looked for a long time | **weary:** very tired



The slide pulled out a large handkerchief and started crying. 'I love children, but if I don't get some rest I will soon become useless. I will be thrown into the <sup>\*5</sup>junk <sup>\*6</sup>heap.'

Polly was quiet for some time. Then, she said, 'Don't worry. I will help you.'

Right then, she saw two men painting a bench. She thought, 'People will now have to wait for a few days to sit on that.'

Then, she <sup>\*7</sup>yelled, 'I've got it!'

She opened her bag and took out a red crayon and a sheet of paper. She wrote something on it. Then, she stuck the sheet on the slide.

Just then, Mother called.

'Don't worry,' Polly told her friend as she ran off. <sup>\*2</sup>Now, you can rest and feel better.'

Mother asked, 'What were you doing there?'

'A good thing,' answered Polly.

**junk:** rubbish  
**heap:** a large pile  
**yelled:** shouted loudly

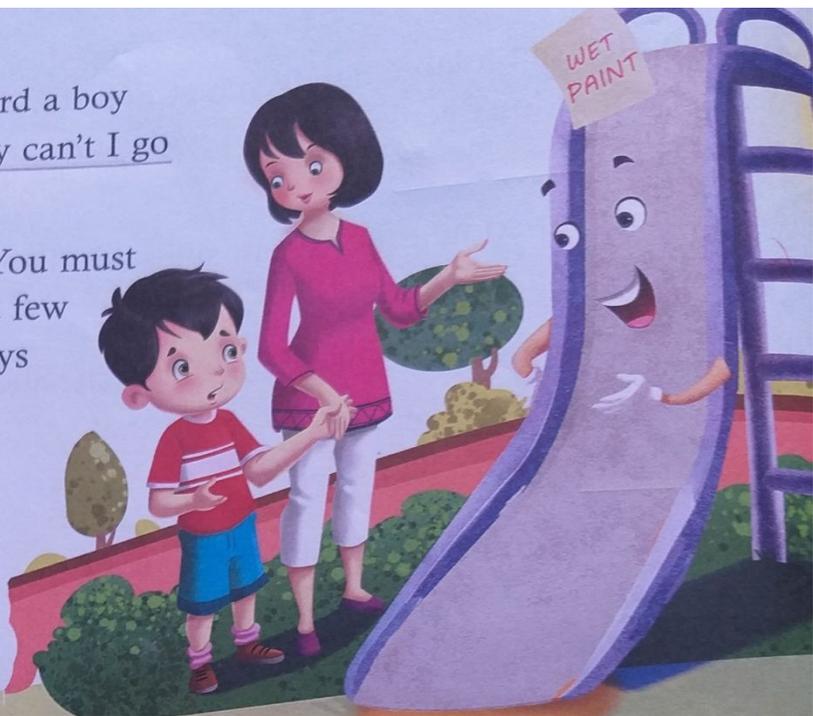


As they left, they heard a boy asking, 'Mummy, why can't I go on the slide?'

His mother replied, 'You must stay off the slide for a few days, dear, the sign says "WET PAINT".'

Polly smiled.

—adapted from  
Susan A Candela's  
story by the same name



**Note:** Exercises to be written in a four line notebook and learnt.

**Difficult words:-**

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| 1. silver  | 11. speed        |
| 2. climbed | 12. weary        |
| 3. endless | 13. giant        |
| 4. faster  | 14. handkerchief |
| 5. trip    | 15. useless      |
| 6. groan   | 16. junk         |
| 7. slide   | 17. yelled       |
| 8. tried   | 18. crayon       |
| 9. voice   | 19. stuck        |
| 10. stared | 20. replied      |

**Word Meanings:-**

1. trip - turn
2. groan - a low sound made in pain
3. stared - looked for a long time
4. weary - very tired
5. junk - rubbish
6. heap - a large pile
7. yelled - shouted loudly

**Fill in the blanks:-**

1. Polly loved the silver slide.
2. The slide pulled out a large handkerchief and started crying.
3. Polly took out a red crayon and a sheet of paper from her bag.
4. The slide was crying because it was in pain.

**Write true or false:-**

1. Polly came to the park with her sister. False
2. Polly saw two men painting a bench. True
3. Polly heard a groan in her second trip. False
4. Polly climbed the endless steps and slid down faster and faster. True

**Answer in one word:-**

1. A low sound made in pain  
Ans- groan
2. Looked for a long time  
Ans- stared
3. Shouted loudly  
Ans- yelled
4. A large pile  
Ans- heap

**Who said these words to whom:-**

1. "Thank you for getting off ".  
Ans- The slide said these words to Polly.
2. "Now, you can rest and feel better ".  
Ans- Polly said these words to the slide.
3. "Mummy why can't I go on the slide?"  
Ans- The little boy asked his mother.

**Answer the following questions:-**

1. Where did Polly and her mother go?  
Ans- Polly and her mother went to the park.
2. What did Polly hear after her twelfth trip down the slide?  
Ans- Polly heard a groan, after her twelfth trip down the slide.
3. What was the first thing that the slide told Polly?  
Ans- The slide thanked Polly for getting off from it.
4. What would the children do on the slide?  
Ans- The children would jump and slid down at great speed on the slide.
5. What was the slide afraid of?  
Ans- The slide was afraid of becoming useless and being thrown into the junk heap.

**Answer the following in brief:-**

**Note- ( Parents are requested to make the child write the answers in his own words.)**

1. What did Polly take out from her bag?
2. Why did the little boy's mother say that he could not get on the slide?
3. Why was the slide crying ?

**Frame sentences with the following words:-**

1. children -
2. mother -
3. friend -
4. bag -
5. handkerchief -

**Quick Recap Test:-**

**Answer these questions:-**

1. Who went to the park?
2. What was the colour of the slide ?
3. What do you mean by groan ?
4. What did Polly stick on the slide ?

**Note: Assessment questions can also be framed from in between the chapter.**

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