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Paper Kite



Let's start

- Which is your favourite subject? Why do you like it?
- Are you scared of any subject? Why? Tell the class.



Now, let's read what the little boy has to say in this poem.

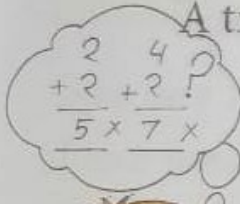


I bought a pretty paper kite
And flew it yesterday,
But then, you know, the branches of
A tree came in the way.

And while I tried to fly it high
Through some unhappy luck,
There in the branches of the tree,
My paper kite got stuck.

And like that helpless paper kite
I find I also stick
Quite often in the branches of
Simple arithmetic!

—Harindranath Chattopadhyay



About the poet

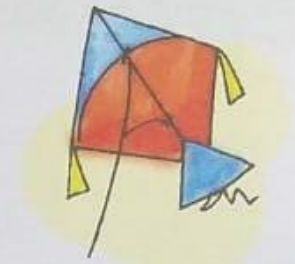


Harindranath Chattopadhyay (1898–1990) was a poet, dramatist, actor, musician and a member of the first Lok Sabha. He was also the younger brother of another great poet and freedom fighter, Sarojini Naidu. His poems for children are filled with fun and energy.

Let's answer

Answer these questions.

1. Number the pictures in the correct order that they happened in the poem.




2. People fly kites on August

3. What is common between the kite and the boy in the poem?

(Hint: Do they both get stuck in something?)

Did You Know?

- Before Independence, some
- Indians used to fly kites with the
- words 'Simon Go Back' written
- on them. They did this to protest
- against British rule. 



Let's enjoy the poem

Answer these questions.

1. Read the poem again. Write all the pairs of rhyming words that you see.

2. In the poem, we came across the words, 'kite' and 'fly'. Both these words have more than one meaning.

- **Kite** is a thing made of paper which you can fly.
- **Kite** is also the name of a bird.
- **Fly**, as a verb, means to move through the air.
- **Fly**, as a noun, is the name of an insect.

Such words which have the same spelling or pronunciation but different meanings are called **homonyms**.



Write three pairs of such words that you can think of and give their meanings.

a) i.

ii.

b) i.

ii.

c) i.

ii.