

**GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ**  
**SESSION - 2020-2021**  
**CLASS - 8 (A, B, C, D, E)**  
**SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**ASSIGNMENT- 2**  
**LESSON – NON - FINITES**

**Instructions for the E- learn assignment:** The parents to ensure that their ward watches the video instructions for this assignment by clicking on the given link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APbcdplAlrQ>. She should revise the lesson given in the book and then work on the assignment. The completed assignment is to be downloaded and filed/ pasted in the subject file/ copy and kept ready for submission. The day, date and procedure of submission shall be notified later.

**I. Underline the Infinitives in the following sentences:**

1. There was nothing for it to fight.
2. I have come to see you.
3. The order to advance was given.
4. I am sorry to hear this.
5. He is slow to forgive.
6. Everybody wishes to enjoy life.
7. My desire is to see you again.
8. The ability to laugh is peculiar to mankind.
9. He has the power to concentrate his thoughts.
10. I am not afraid to speak the truth.

**II. Pick out the Participle in each of the following sentences. Tell whether it is a Present, Past or a Perfect Participle:-**

1. Generally speaking, we receive what we deserve.
2. Having finished my work, I went out for a walk.
3. I saw the storm approaching.
4. Hearing a noise, I turned round.
5. Considering the facts, he received scant justice.
6. The enemy, beaten at every point, fled from the field.
7. Being dissatisfied, he resigned his position.
8. The rain came pouring down in torrents.
9. Having elected him President, the people gave him their loyal support.
10. The traveller, being weary, sat by the wood side to rest.

**III. Point out the Gerunds in the following sentences.**

1. He has ruined his sight by reading small print.
2. Asking questions is easier than answering them.
3. Walking on the grass is forbidden.
4. The miser spends his time in hoarding money.
5. Much depends on Rama's returning before noon.

**IV. You are Anita Sharma, a student of Delhi Public School, Praygraj. Write an application to your Principal asking her to sanction you medical leave for 2 weeks. Give reasons, why you need the leave.**

**V. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:**

The train for Gaya left at 8 p.m. and when that evening I returned to the bungalow a little before that hour, I found Lalaji with freshly washed clothes, and a bundle in his hand, a little bigger than the one he had arrived with, waiting in the veranda to say goodbye to me. When I put a ticket for Gaya and five one hundred rupee notes into his hand he, like the man with the coal grimed face, was tongue-tied. All he could do was to keep glancing from the notes in his hand to my face, until the bell that warned passengers the train would leave in five minutes rang; then, putting his head on my feet, he said; 'Within one year your slave will return you this money'.

And so Lalaji left me, taking with him the greater part of my savings. That I would see him again I never doubted, for the poor of India never forget a kindness; but the promise Lalaji has made was, I felt sure, beyond his powers of accomplishment. In this I was wrong, for returning late one evening I saw a man dressed in spotless white standing in my veranda. The light from the room behind him was in my eyes, and I did not recognize him until he spoke. It was Lalaji, came a few days before the expiry of the time limit he had set himself. That night as he sat on the floor near my chair he told me of his trading transactions, and the success that had attended them. Starting with a few bags of grain and being content with a profit of only four annas per bag he had gradually, and steadily, built up his business until he was able to deal in consignments up to thirty tons in weight, on which he was making a profit of three rupees per ton. His son was in a good school, and as he could now afford to keep a wife he had married the daughter of a rich merchant of Patna; all this he had accomplished in a little under twelve months. As the time drew near for his train to leave he laid five one-hundred rupee notes on my knee. Then, he took a bag from

his pocket, held it out to me and said, ‘This is the interest, calculated at twenty five percent, which I owe you on the money you lent me’. I believe I deprived him of half the pleasure he had anticipated from his visit when I told him it was not our custom to accept interest from our friends.

**Questions:**

1. Why did Lalaji keep glancing from the notes to the author’s face?
2. What promise did Lalaji make to the author?
3. What did the author feel about Lalaji’s promise at the time when it was made?
4. What did the author say when Lalaji offered him the interest?
5. Give meanings of the following words:
  - a. accomplishment
  - b. transactions
  - c. deprived
6. Give a suitable title to this passage.

**THE END**