

SUVA SANGAM COLLEGE

YEAR 9

ENGLISH

WORKSHEET 6

QUESTION 1 Read the story below and answer the questions that follow.

The Two Brothers

5 Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on **adjoining** farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side by side, sharing machinery, and trading labour and goods as needed without a hitch. Then the long **collaboration** fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

10 One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there. Could I help you?" "Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbour. In fact, it's my younger brother. Last week there was a **meadow** between us and he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to **spite** me, but I'll give him one better. See that pile of **lumber** curing by the barn? I want you to build me a fence - an 8-foot fence - so I won't need to see his place anymore. Cool him down anyhow."

15 The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you." The older brother had to go to town for supplies, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day.

20 The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. No fence was there at all. It was a bridge - a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work - handrails and all - and the neighbour, his younger brother, was coming across, his hand **outstretched**. "You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done." The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, taking each other's hand.

25 They turned to see the carpenter **hoist** his toolbox on his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother. "I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

Every day we have the choice of building fences or bridges. One leads to **isolation** and the other to openness.

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A. Multiple Choice

1. The **antonym** for the word **spite** in paragraph 2 is
A. malice. B. affection. C. in spite. D. enmity.
2. The **synonym** for the word **outstretched** in paragraph 4 is
A. prolonged. B. extended. C. welcoming. D. before.

B. Completion

Complete the following sentences using the ideas given in the passage.

3. The cause of the conflict between the brothers is _____.
4. The phrase that indicates that the conflict between the brothers was rare is _____.
5. The older brother chose to build a fence because _____.

C. Open-ended questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

6. How did the older brother react to his younger brother?
7. What did the carpenter build instead of a fence?
8. What did the carpenter mean when he said he has many more bridges to build?
9. Discuss the message you learnt from this passage.

QUESTION 2 Vocabulary

Find the meaning of the following words using a dictionary.

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| 1. adjoining | 3. lumber | 5. meadow |
| 2. collaboration | 4. hoist | 6. isolation |

QUESTION 3 *Arrange the words below in alphabetical order. Try to spend*

5-7 minutes only.

1. mirror, copycat, teeth, ears, tongue, nose, mouth.
2. everything, names, age, likes, dislikes, partner, introduction.
3. friends, crowd, activities, life, personality, trust, mercy.
4. emotions, movies, groups, criticism, decisions, trouble, sympathy
5. security, style, system, structure, surprise, speed, stuffy.