

# ST. PETER'S INTER SCHOOL

Sanjua, Bakhrahat, South 24 pgs.

Worksheet

Class - VII Subject - English

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

## TIT FOR TAT

A Landowner was brought by one of his farmers a roasted chicken and a bottle of fruit juice. The landowner called his servant boy and told him to take the farmers gift to his house. Knowing how cunning the boy was, he explained to him that under the cloth there was a live bird and also a bottle of poison. He advised him not to uncover the gift on the way, for if he did so, the bird would fly away and even the smell of the poison in the bottle was enough to kill him.

The boy, knowing his master only too well, found a comfortable corner, and not only ate the roasted chicken, but also drank away the delicious juice to the last drop.

When, at lunch time, the landowner went to his house, he asked his wife to bring him food. His wife asked him to wait as the meal was not yet cooked. The landowner, thinking of the farmer's gift, said to his wife that the chicken and the juice which he had sent through his servant would be good enough. He was very surprised and angry when his wife told him that she had not seen the boy since the morning.

Without losing a minute, the landowner ran back to his place to work, and there he found his servant fast asleep. He shouted and kicked the boy to wake him up. Then he angrily enquired about the farmer's gift. The boy said, "O Master, on the way to your house a strong wind blew away the cloth which covered the bird and it flew off. I was afraid you would punish me, so I drank the poison which was in the bottle. And now, the boy continued, "I am lying down here waiting for death to come".

1. What gift did the farmer bring for the landlord? (1)
2. What did he tell his servant was there under the cloth? Why did he do so? (2)
3. When his wife had not prepared the lunch what did the farmer decide to eat? (2)
4. What excuse did the servant give to his master for having consumed his gift? (2)
5. Give one word to describe the servant boy. (1)
6. Find words in the passage which mean the following (2)
  - a. counseled
  - b. asked about something
  - c. tasteful
  - d. cooked on dry heat

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## A LESSON IN MANNERS

By James Baldwin

Read the story. Then answer the questions.

One morning there was a loud knock at Dean Swift's door. The servant opened it. A man handed her a fine duck and said, "Here's a present for the Dean. It's from Mr. Boyle." Without a word, he walked away. Mr. Boyle was a sporting neighbor and he was an admirer of Dean Swift. The next time, the man brought a quail. "Here's something else for the Dean," he said roughly, and tossed it into the servant's arms. "That fellow has no manners," she said. "The next time he comes," said the Dean, "let me know, and I will go to the door." It was not long until the man came with a present. The Dean went to the door. "Here's a rabbit from Mr. Boyle," said the man. "See here," said the Dean in a stern voice, "that is not the way to deliver a message. Just step inside and make believe that you are Dean Swift. I will go out and make believe that I am bringing him a present." "I'll agree to that," said the man; and he stepped inside. The Dean took the rabbit and went out. Then he knocked gently at the door. The door was opened by the man. The Dean bowed and said, "If you please, sir, Mr. Boyle's compliments, and he wishes you to accept this fine rabbit." "Oh, thank you," said the man very politely. Then, he offered the Dean a shilling. "And here is something for your trouble." The lesson in manners was not forgotten; the man was always very polite when he brought his presents. And the Dean always gives the man a "tip" for his trouble. Jonathan Swift, often called Dean Swift, was famous as a writer. Among other books he wrote "Gulliver's Travels."

### Answer the questions.

1. Why did a man came at the Dean Swift's home?
2. Who had sent the presents?
3. What did he do when the man came with a present?
4. How did the Dean Swift teach him the manners?
5. Who was the Dean Swift and why he was famous?