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| **Lesson Title:** Reading Comprehension | | **Theme:** Reading | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-138 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcomes**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to:  1. Summarise ideas from the passage.  2. Recognise the writer’s point of view. | | | |

**Overview**

One way to improve reading skills is by learning to summarise the main ideas of a piece of writing. A **summary** should be short and to the point. To write a summary, you must read the passage once or twice and learn the main points.

For example, this summary of the passage from ‘The Lion Cub and the Egg’ is short:

Fadgo was a lion cub who was curious and played a lot. One day she found a falcon’s egg on the hillside. Fadgo took the egg home and her mother was upset. She sent Fadgo back to the hill to return the egg.

A writer’s **point of view** is very important to a story. Stories can be told from first person or third person point of view. In the **first person**, the writer is telling the story. The first person uses pronouns like ‘I’, ‘my’, ‘we’ and ‘our’. The **third person** is when the writer tells a story about others and is not part of the story. It uses pronouns like ‘he’, ‘she’ and ‘they’. The story ‘The Lion Cub and the Egg’ is written in the third person.

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Read the story and answer the comprehension questions.

The Lion Cub and the Egg – Part 1

A young lioness, whose claws were not yet strong enough for anything except play, went off to discover the world, and liked everything she saw. Her name was Fadgo.

As she was climbing a stony track on the hillside, she found a huge, round, smooth falcon’s egg, shining in the sun. The little lioness wanted to play with it – she was only a cub, and in any case, the mother bird was nowhere to be seen. She rolled the egg down the hill all the way back to the grasslands where her mother waited for her.

When her mother saw the egg, she was dismayed. She sent Fadgo to return the egg at once. But by the time Fadgo reached the top of the hillside again, the mother falcon was long gone.

**Comprehension questions**

1. Why was Fadgo’s mother upset?
   1. Fadgo was gone too long.
   2. Fadgo did not tell her mother where she was going.
   3. Fadgo took a falcon’s egg.
2. Why were Fadgo’s claws not strong?
   1. She is young.
   2. She hurt herself.
   3. Because she took the egg.
3. Why did Fadgo take the egg?
   1. She was very hungry.
   2. She was being naughty.
   3. She wanted to play with it.
4. How did Fadgo get the egg back to her mother?
   1. She carried it in her mouth.
   2. She rolled it down the hill.
   3. She carried it in her tail.
5. What did Fadgo’s mother make her do?
   1. Take the egg back to the nest.
   2. Apologise to the falcon.
   3. The mother didn’t make Fadgo do anything.

**Activity 2**

Read part 2 of the story. Write a summary of it.

The Lion Cub and the Egg – Part 2

When Fadgo realised what she had done, she felt terrible. She didn’t realise that there was a baby bird waiting to be born inside the egg. She thought that it was a plaything.

Fadgo and her mother waited all day and night at the nest to see if the mother falcon would show up. Unfortunately, she did not. Fadgo and her mother decided that the only thing to be done was to take the egg home with them.

They took the egg home and Fadgo and her mother took turns curling up next to the egg to keep it warm. And finally, after many days, the egg started to crack while Fadgo was watching it. Crack! Crack! Crack! And out peeped a tiny, fuzzy bird head. The baby bird saw Fadgo and thought immediately that she was its mother.

To this day, Fadgo and the bird are inseparable. They are an odd pair, but sometimes odd pairs can make the best of friends.

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**Activity 1**

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**Activity 2**

Fadgo felt very bad about taking the egg. After waiting all day and night with her mother, they realised the mother falcon was not coming back. They decided to take the egg home. After a while, the egg hatched and a baby bird came out. The baby bird thought Fadgo was its mother. Now the baby bird and Fadgo are best friends.