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BOOKS - FULL MARKS ENGLISH (HINGLISH)

A LETTER TO GOD

Activity

1. Now complete the following statements:

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signed by the



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2. Now complete the following statements:



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3. Now complete the following statements:



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The form has six sections. The sender needs to fill upsections and the receiver



Passages For Comprehension

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What only thing did the earth need and why?



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What had Lencho predicted? Did his prediction come true?



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5. With a satisfied expression he regards the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind begin to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones begin to fall. This truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys, exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls.

How did Lencho regard his field and flower?



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What happened suddenly and why did the boys run out to collect frozen pearls?



7. It is really getting bad now, exclaimed the man. "I hope it passes quickly". It did not pass quickly. For an hour the hail rained on the house, the garden, the hillside, the cornfield, on the whole valley. The field was white, as if covered with salt. Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants.

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Describe the devastating impact of the hailstones on the crops and vegetations.



9. Lencho's soul was filled with sadness. When the storm had passed, he stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons, "A plague of locusts would have left more than this. The hail has left nothing. This year we will have no corn."

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Why and how did he compare the hail to a plague of locusts?



11. But in the hearts of all who lived in the solitary house in the middle of the valley, there was a single hope:help from God. Don't be so

upset, even thoughb this seems like a total loss.Remember no one dies of hunger." "That's what they say: no one dies of hunger."

What was the only hope left among those who were living in that solitary house in the valley?



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loss.Remember no one dies of hunger." "That's what they say: no one dies of hunger." How did they console themselves in that time of difficulty?



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13. All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God, whose eyes as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is Deep in ones consecution. Lencho was an Ox of a man working like an animal in

the field but still he know how to write. The following Sunday at daybreak he began to write a letter which he himself would carry two tone and place in the mail. It was nothing less than a letter to God.

What did Lencho think about God and how did it help him?



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What did Lencho decide and how did he want to do it?



15. "God," he wrote, "if you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow field again and to live until the crop comes because the hailstorm..." He wrote "To God" on the envelope, put the letter inside and, still troubled, went to town. At the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mailbox.

What kind of help does Lencho need from God and why?



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What did he do and how did he do it?



17. One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address. The postmaster-a fat, amiable fellow-also broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious and, tapping the letter on his desk, commented, "What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!" What did the

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19. So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter. But when he opened it,

was evident that to answer it, he needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave part of his salary, and several friends of his were obliged to give something 'for an act of charity'. It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half. was the idea that struck the What postmaster's mind and why did he think so?



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How did the postmaster try to help the writer of the letter?



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How and why did the postmaster experience the contentment of a man who had performed a good deed?



23. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money, such was his confidence-but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

Did Lencho show a slight surprise on seeing the money? Why didn't he?



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Why did Lencho become angry when he counted the money?



25. Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said, "God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks". Lencho.

What did angry Lencho do?



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letter?



Ncert Textbook Questions Solved Oral Comprehension Check

1. What did Lencho hope for?



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2. Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like 'new coins'?



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3. How did the rain change? What happened to Lencho's fields?



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4. What were Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped?



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5. Who or what did Lencho have faith in? What did he do?



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6. Who read the letter?



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7. What did the postmaster do then?



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8. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it?



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9. What made him angry?



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Ncert Textbook Questions Solved Thinking About
The Test

1. Who does Lencho have complete faith in? Which sentences in the story tell you this?



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2. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?



3. Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? Why/Why not?



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4. Who does Lencho think has taken the rest of the money? What is the irony in the situation? (Remember that the irony of a situation is an unexpected aspect of it. An ironic situation is strange or amusing because it is the opposite of what is expected.)



5. Are there people like Lencho in the real world? What kind of a person would you say he is? You may select appropriate words from the box to answer the question.



6. There are two kinds of conflict in the story: between humans and nature, and between

humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated?



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7. Look at the following sentence from the story:

Suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall.

rain. A storm in which hailstones fall is a

'Hailstones' are small balls of ice that fall like

'hailstorm'. You know that a storm is bad weather with strong winds, rain, thunder and lightning.

There are different names in different parts of the world for storms, depending on their nature. Can you match the names in the box with their descriptions below, and fill in the blanks? You may use a dictionary for help.

1. A violent tropical storm in which strong

- winds move in a circle: _ _ c _ _ _.
- 2. An extremely strong wind: _ a _ _.
- 3. A violent tropical storm with very strong winds: _ p _ _ _.

4. A violent storm whose centre is a cloud in the shape of a funnel: ___n__.

5. A violent storm with very strong winds, especially in the western Atlantic Ocean: _ _ _ r

6. A very strong wind that moves very fast in a spinning movement and causes a lot of damage: _ _ _ I _ _ _.



- **8.** Notice how the word 'hope' is used in these sentences from the story.
- (a) I hope it (the hailstorm) passes quickly.
- (b) There was a single hope: help from God.



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9. Match the sentences in Column A with the meanings of 'hope' in Column B.

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1.	Will you get the subjects you want to study in college? I hope so.	(i) a feeling that something good will probably happen.
2.	I hope you don't mind my saying this, but I don't like the way you are arguing.	(ii) thinking that this would happen (It may or may not have happened.).
3.	This discovery will give new hope to HIV/AIDS sufferers.	(iii) stopped believing that this good thing would happen.
4.	We were hoping against hope that the judges would not notice our mistakes.	(iv) wanting something to happen (and thinking it quite possible).
5.	I called early in the hope of speaking to her before she went to school.	(ν) showing concern that what you say should not offend or disturb the other person: a way of being polite.
6.	Just when everybody had given up hope, the fisherman came back, seven days after the cyclone.	(vi) wishing for something to happen, although this is very unlikely.



Ncert Textbook Questions Solved Iii Relative Clauses

- **1.** Join the sentences given below using who, whom, whose, which as suggested.
- I often go to Mumbai. Mumbai is the commercial capital of India. (which)



2. Join the sentences given below using who, whom, whose, which as suggested.

My mother is going to host a TV show on cooking. She cooks very well. (who)



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3. Join the sentences given below using who, whom, whose, which as suggested.

These sports persons are going to meet the President. Their performance has been excellent. (whose)



4. Join the sentences given below using who, whom, whose, which as suggested.

Lencho prayed to God. His eyes see into our minds. (whose)



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5. Join the sentences given below using who, whom, whose, which as suggested.

This man cheated me. I trusted him. (whom)



Ncert Textbook Questions Solved Example

1. A Practice Exercise for Relative Clauses:

I met Ram. Ram gave me your message.



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2. A Practice Exercise for Relative Clauses:

I live in this house. This house belongs to my



Ncert Textbook Questions Solved Exercise

1. A young boy came to me yesterday. He was blind.



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2. Yesterday I met an old woman. She had very long hair.



3. Sudha works very hard. She must pass.



4. My Principal had a bicycle. The bicycle had a golden seat.



5. They met Mr. Sharma. He told them a true story.



6. Mukesh stole her purse. He is now in the prison.



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7. Sunita was very upset. I did not know the reason.



8. Find sentences in the story with negative words, which express the following ideas emphatically.

The trees lost all their leaves.

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9. Find sentences in the story with negative words, which express the following ideas emphatically.

The letter was addressed to God himself.				
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The postman saw this address for the first				
time in his career.				
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Ncert Textbook Questions Solved Metaphors

1. In pairs, find metaphors from the story to complete the table below. Try to say what qualities are being compared. One has been done for you.

Object	Metaphor	Quality or Feature Compared
Cloud	Huge mountains of clouds	The mass or 'hugeness' of mountains.
Raindrops		
Hailstones		
Locusts		
	ull lenn	An epidemic (a disease) that spreads very rapidly and leaves many people dead.
di surv	An ox of a man	



Ncert Textbook Questions Solved Speaking

1. Have you ever been in great difficulty, and felt that only a miracle could help you? How was your problem solved? Speak about this in class with your teacher.



1. Listen to the letter (given under in this lesson) read out by your teacher/on the autio tape. As you listen fill in the table given below:

The writer apologises (says sorry) because	
The writer has sent this to the reader	
The writer sent it in the month of	ing.
The reason for not writing earlier	
Sarah goes to	
Who is writing to whom? Where and when were they last together?	



Additional Questions Solved Short Answer Type Questions

1. Where was Lencho's house situated?



2. What did Lencho and the earth need immediately?



3. How did the rain come as predicted by Lencho and how did he receive it?



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4. Why were the rain drops like new coins for Lencho?



5. Why did Lencho's happiness change into deep concern?



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6. Describe the loss caused by the heavy fall of hailstones in general and to Lencho in particular.



7. Why did Lencho write a letter to God?



8. Why did Lencho think of writing a letter to God? What did he write in the letter?



9. What was the address written and how was the letter sent to God?

10. How did the postmaster react when a postman showed him the letter to God?



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11. Why did the postmaster decide to answer Lencho's letter?



12. How did the postmaster answer Lencho's letter by sending him the money?



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13. Why did Lencho go a bit earlier than usual to the post office the following Sunday?



14. Why did Lencho show no surprise on seeing the money?



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15. Why was Lencho angry after he counted the money?



16. Why did Lencho ask help from God? Did he receive it?



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17. What did Lencho write in his second letter to God? Why did he ask Him not to send the rest of money by post mail?



18. Lencho has a great faith in God. Does he have the same kind of faith in man? Taking examples from the story describe his attitude towards God and man.



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19. What is the ironical about the ending of the story?



Additional Questions Solved Long Answer Type Questions

1. Describe Lencho as a farmer. How did the rain gladden his heart but the heavy hailstones that followed left him a worried man?



2. What circumstances made Lencho write a letter to God? What does this act show about

him?



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3. Writing a letter to God for help, really shows not only the unshaken faith in God of the writer Lencho but also shows his utter simplicity and innocence. Comment.



4. Why did the postmaster and his employees decide to help Lencho? Was their effort appreciated by the receiver of that help?



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5. Who does Lencho think has taken the rest of the money? Describe the ironical ending of the story.



6. Draw a character sketch of Lencho, the farmer in about 120-150 words.



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7. Give a character sketch of the Postmaster in your own words. Don't you think that he should have deserved a better recognition and appreciation of his act of charity?



1. You have read about Lencho in 'A Letter to God', First Flight, textbook in English for Class X. How has the story of Lencho moved you? What do you think about Lencho's faith in God and his attitude towards the officials in the post office? Do you think he is right in asking God for support and then blaming the people at the post office? Discuss his actions with your friends. Why does he do so?



2. The summary of the story of Lencho is given below. The sequence of the story is jumbled up. Read the story again and rearrange the jumbled sentences to make a coherent story.



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3. Create a graphic description based on the given summary of 'A Letter to God'.



Reading Comprehension

1. Given below is a story of the tailor who has been known for his skills in cheating and stealing. Read in groups of four or in pairs. You may discuss the events and incidences of the story with your friends and write them in a sequential manner.

THE TRADER AND THE TAILOR

There was a tailor who was known for beating others in the art of being light-fingered and

thievery. A trader swore that even with a hundred attempts, the tailor would not be able to take a coil of thread from him without his knowledge.

The trader was told that many others, more intelligent than him, had been beaten by the tailor. They said he should not imagine himself so great, for his ego would only give him worse troubles in competition with the tailor. Still, the trader became more competitive and made a wager that the tailor would not be able to rob him of anything.

He wagered an Arab horse with those who

taunted him. If the tailor failed to steal, then they would have to give him a horse instead. That night, the trader luy uwuku troubled by the situation and could not sleep a wink. In the morning, he put a piece of satin cloth under his arm and went to the bazaar and entered the shop and saluted the cunning rogue warmly. The tailor sprang up from his seat and welcomed the trader, inquiring about his health with cordiality exceeding even that of the trader, planting in his heart great feelings of affection for him. When the trader heard these songs of sweetness from the

tailor, he flung down the piece of silk saying, "Cut this into a coat for me and make it wide below my navel so as not to hamper my legs and tight about it to show off my figure." The tailor answered, "O! kindly man, I will do you a hundred services," and accepted the order. He measured the satin and inspected the working surface and all the time chatted away to the trader in idle gossip, about other amirs and of bounties and gifts he had received from them, and about misers and their mean ways, and made the trader laugh with hysterics. During this beguiling talk, he

was snipping away with his scissors rapidly, cutting as fast as his lips moved. The trader was laughing, the tailor was cutting, the trader closed his eyes in joy, the tailor cut extra pieces, tucking them under his thighs, hidden away from all but God. From his delight at the tailor's tales, the trader's former boast went out of his mind. What satin? What boast? What wager? The trader was drunk on the jokes told by the tailor. Then the tailor told such an incredible story

that the trader fell over on his back with laughter The tailor swiftly stitched a swatch of

the satin to the hem of his underpants while the trader was paying no attention at all, greedily sucking with every guffaw at the jests the tailor told. The tailor continued to tell funnier and funnier tales and jokes until the trader was completely within his power. With his eyes shut and his reason vanished, the bewildered and boastful trader was drunk with joy. And the tailor continued to cut, filching yet more of the beautiful cloth, with

You who becomes the slave of the jest, no

begged for more.

nothing to stop him now. And yet the trader

story is more laughable than you yourself, think on this at the edge of your grave. How long will you listen to the lies of this world that leave your mind and spirit unhinged? The Universal Tailor will cut and stitch the hems of a hundred travellers, silly as children. Eventually the tailor became bored with the whole story and told the trader that he better leave before another tale was told, "For if I tell another one, the coat will be too tight for you, and you will stop laughing and weep tears of " by Rumi (Abridged) blood. Did you enjoy the story of 'The Trader and the

Tailor'? The story is summarised below. Read the story again with your friend and complete the paragraph using short sentences with the given hints.



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Vocabulary

1. In this story you have come across a word "light fingered" which means inclined to steal things. Some such words are given below. Use

appropriate words and fill in the blanks.

light-headed, light year, light-hearted, light sleeper, light-duty



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Grammar

1. You have come across Relative Clauses in the lesson 'A Letter to God'. Read about the relative clauses again. Complete the sentences given below in the table by adding the most

suitable clause from the box and make it a relative clause. The first one has been done for you.

contains meaning of words stitches clothes tell lies won the best actor award this year hit a century is faithful	need to fill in the application is a crook help themselves won the nobel prize believe in hard work
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a) A tailor is a person v	who stitches	clothes
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(C)	The book is about a scientist	
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(d) What is the name of the player _____.

- (e) I don't like people _____.
- (f) What is the name of the actor_____.
- (g) Students ____should meet the

principal in her office.				
(h) Friends of the trader thought (that) the				
tailorand could cheat anyone.				
(i) Lencho who thought God would				
help him.				
(j) Those will succeed.				
(k) God helps those				
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Editing

1. Suppose Lencho gets a hundred pesos in his envelope. He writes a letter to God expressing his gratitude. However, he has missed a word in each line. Help him with those words so that his letter is complete.

Dear God!

Thank for

- (a) sending a hundred pesos help.
- (b) I am very for this kind gesture.
- (c) You were my only and your
- (d) help has my faith in you.
- (e) This money will help me until the crop

(f) and I promise to hard in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Lencho



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Listening

1. Here is an interesting story. The story has been told in two ways. Story A has all the odd sentences (1,3,5,...) and story B has the even sentences (2,4,6,...). Working in pairs, one of

you take up Story A and the other take up Story B. The person with Story A will read out the first sentence and the partner (person with story B) will write in the space provided. Then the person with Story B will read sentence two and the partner will write in the space for sentence two. Likewise complete the whole story. Once the story is completed, both of you will read out to each other to check whether you have listened carefully to your partner and written the complete story.



1. Lencho, the main character in the story, is a farmer. He supports his family through farming. The conflict in the story happens when a hailstorm strikes the field and destroys his farm. All the hard work, for nothing! The entire land is wrecked by catastrophe. There is no one who can help. Lencho's complete faith in God is amazing during the calamity. So, one type of conflict dominating in the story is man versus nature. Discuss with your partner the natural calamities that play havoc in the lives of people. Collect photographs and make a visual presentation to share in the class.



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2. Try writing a small poem on the topic man versus nature. Read aloud the poem with the required stress and intonation. Given below is a poem written by Norman Littleford, which may help you think and compose.

Writing

1. The tailor here is a cheat, but Lencho in the story, 'A Letter to God', is naive and simple. He has immense faith in God. How do you distinguish between Lencho and the tailor? What makes them different? Working in pairs, list the actions and qualities of Lencho and the tailor and draw their character sketches. The given cues will help you to draw a

character sketch of these characters.

Action: What does the person do?	What quality it reveals?
Lencho lost all his crops. He is helpless. Prays to God.	
How does he manage the situation?	Annual Control of the
Does he harm anyone by his action?	
How do others think of him?	
What is your judgement of him?	
He received 70 pesos and he thought 30 pesos had been stolen.	A read to the second of the se

Now, write the character sketch of Lencho fadn the tailor.



2. Writing a portrait or description of a person.

Read the following description about two persons, Raavi and Mohini.







Writing: The Process Approach		
What do you do?		
Note down as many ideas as you can about a given topic. Then arrange the ideas in a sequence.		
Create an outline of your writing – which ideas will go first, how will they be supported by evidence, will there be a picture, etc.		
Write the first draft; here the focus is on the content and not the form.		
Revise the first draft, improve it. Add or delete ideas and improve the language.		
Proofread the draft with the help of the teacher; here the focus is on the form and not the content.		
Write the final draft now.		

3.

