

1.1 A Teenager's Prayer

Warming up!

Chit-Chat

1. Form groups of 5 to 6 and discuss. Give a rating of 1 to 5, to each of the following.

When you have to take important decisions what do you generally do?

- (a) Consult parents/elders
- (b) Contact friends for advice
- (c) Pray to God for guidance
- (d) Think deeply in silence
- (e) Ask your teacher for help
- (f) Toss a coin to decide

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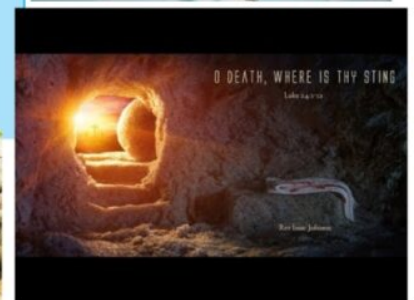
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Now, complete the following, creating examples of Apostrophe of your own.

- (a) O, Life! How **mysterious you are!**
- (b) Dear God, Please **show me a right path.**
- (c) Books! You are **treasures of knowledge.**
- (d) Exams! I wish **to get brilliant score.**
- (e) O, You beautiful sky **the place of millions of stars.**

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