

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?

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| (a) Consult parents/elders | 5 |
| (b) Contact friends for advice | 3 |
| (c) Pray to God for guidance | 4 |
| (d) Think deeply in silence | 4 |
| (e) Ask your teacher for help | 5 |
| (f) Toss a coin to decide | 1 |

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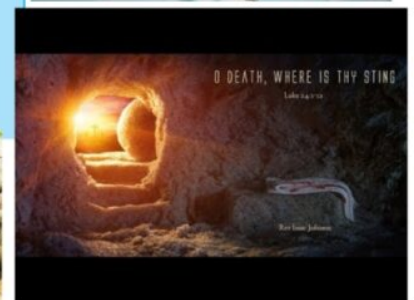
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Now, complete the following, creating examples of Apostrophe of your own.

- (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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