

# UNIT ONE

## 1.1 BE THE BEST

### WARMING UP!

**1 A. Read aloud the following sets of words.**

- (a) river, stream, sea, ocean
- (b) hill, stone, mountain, rock
- (c) plant, sapling, tree, seed
- (d) child, adult, baby, youth

**B. Rearrange each of the above sets of words according to the increasing order of their size/growth.**

- (a) stream, river, sea, ocean
- (b) stone, rock, hill, mountain
- (c) seed, sapling, plant, tree
- (d) baby, child, youth, adult

**2. In your pre-primary classes you must have learnt the story of ‘The Lion and the Mouse.’ Read it in English and fill in the gaps using words given in the box:**

A lion was sleeping in a forest. A mouse started playing on him. The lion got up angrily. He caught the mouse and was ready to kill it.

The mouse begged the lion to leave it and said that someday it would help the lion. The lion laughed and let it go. One day the lion was caught in a net set up by hunters. He roared loudly as he tried too

hard to escape. The mouse **heard** the lion and came. It **chewed** up the net with its sharp teeth and set the lion.

[ **help, angrily, caught, forest, mouse, kill, roared, free, chewed, heard, laughed** ]

**Moral of the story:**

- “A friend in need is a friend indeed.”
- “Never underestimate anyone.”

## **MARGIN QUESTIONS**

1] What is main difference between a pine tree and a scrub?

**Ans: The main difference between a pine tree and a scrub is that pine tree is on top of the hill and a scrub is in the valley besides the rill.**

2] What do people like to see along the highway?

**Ans: People like to see a bit of the grass along the highway.**

3] What is the message given at the end.

**Ans: The message given at the end is that whatever you are be the best.**

## **English Workshop**

1. Read the words / names given below. Put the big-sized/ bigger ones in the big circle and the smaller ones in the small circle. (Muskie, tree, pine, lake, bass, bush, highway, scrub, rill, sun, star, trail)

**Bass, scrub,  
rill, star, trail,  
bush**

**Muskie, tree, pine,  
lake, highway, sun**

**3. Find and write the pairs of rhyming words from the poem.**

- a) hill – rill                      b) be – tree  
c) grass– bass                    d) make – lake  
e) crew – do                        f) here – near  
g) trail – fail                      h) star – are

**4. Complete the following with appropriate words/ phrases from the poem.**

- 1) If you can't be a pine, be a scrub.
- 2) If you can't be a tree, be a bush.
- 3) If you are a Muskie, then just be a bass.
- 4) If you can't be a captain, be the crew.
- 5) If you can't be a highway, be a trail.
- 6) If you can't be the sun, be a star.

**5. Write whether the following are true or false:**

- (1) All must be the Captains of the teams.  
[ False ]
- (2) A bit of grass can make the highway happier.  
[ True ]
- (3) We win or fail depending upon size or position.  
[ False ]
- (4) A scrub is found at the top of the hill.  
[ False ]
- (5) If your work is not important, don't do it.  
[ False ]
- (6) Whatever job you have, do your best.  
[ True ]