

## Worksheet - 2

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B) Tick (✓) the correct option

1. Elias gave his son

A. All that he had

B. A house and some cattle ✓

C. Nothing

D. Only a house

2. When Elias and his wife grew old, there

A. Was no one to look after them ✓

B. Were his children to look after them.

- C. Were many servants to look after them
- D. Were many friends to look after them

C) Fill in the blanks.

1. Elias had only seven mares ,two cows and about a score of sheep when his father died

2. The elder son of Elias died in brawl and the youngest son stopped obeying him

3. Elias and his wife , left alone become old and poor as the years passed by.

4. When in old age , Elias and his wife worked as labourers for Muhammad Shah who looked after them

D) Answer the following questions .

1. What kind of life did Elias lead when he became wealthy?

Answer: Elias lived a comfortable life. He has servants and neighbours who envied him

2. Mention any two important reasons that Elias fell to poverty?

Answer: Elias became poor because his children got spoiled, the elder died in a brawl, the younger asked his share and shifted to some other country, the daughter also died.

Other reasons were bad harvest, Kirghiz stole his best horses, his health also decreased and he had to sell his belongings

3. What happened to Elias's children when he grew up old?

Answer : His children got spoilt. The elder son died in a brawl ,younger son asked his share and shifted to some other country . Daughter also died.

4. Who employed Elias and Shem- Shemagi in old age? What work did he ask them to do?

Answer: Muhammad Shah employed Elias and his wife as labourers. They looked after his melon garden in summer and fed his cattle in winter

### Homework

**Note: Write all the word meanings from the book in your english notebook .**

Screen shots are given below for those who are not having books

Read and Enjoy

Leo Tolstoy was a famous Russian author and one of the world's greatest novelists. He was born in a well-known aristocratic family. His parents died when he was young. So, he and his siblings were brought up by relatives. He was mainly taught at home by tutors but went to Kazan University to study law. Tolstoy left the university in the middle of his studies. He worked in the army for some time and later, took up writing. Some of his remarkable creations are 'War and Peace' and 'Anna Karenina'.



Let us read a short story by Leo Tolstoy about a man called Elias.

There once lived a man called Elias in Ufa. Elias's father died after one year of Elias's marriage. He did not leave him much property. Elias then had only seven mares, two cows and about a score of sheep. He was a good manager, and soon began to acquire more.



He and his wife worked from morning till night, rising earlier than others and going late to bed. His possessions increased year by year. Elias gradually acquired great wealth. At the end of 35 years, he had 200 horses, 150 heads of cattle and 1200 sheep. He hired men and women to work for him.

They tended his flocks, herds, milked his mares and cows, and made kumis, butter and cheese. Elias had an abundance of everything and everyone in the district envied him. Influential people heard of him and wanted to be acquainted with him. People from distant places visited him. He welcomed every one and gave them food.

Elias had three children—two sons and a daughter. He married them all off. When he was poor, his sons had worked with him. They looked after the flocks and herds themselves. But when Elias grew rich, they got

score a group or set of twenty  
acquired obtained  
hired employed (someone)  
mare a female horse  
kumis a special kind of drink  
envied longed to possess  
something awarded to or achieved by another



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spoilt. The eldest was killed in a brawl and the younger one stopped obeying his father. So, they lived separately. Elias gave his son a house and some of the cattle. This diminished his wealth.

brawl a rough fight  
diminished made less  
Kirghiz one belonging to the people of the Mongolian race living in the vast regions of Central Asia

Soon, many of his sheep died due to a disease. This was followed by a bad harvest and then the Kirghiz stole his best herd of horses. His wealth decreased and he had to sell off his carpets, furs, saddles, tents and the remaining cattle. His son, who had parted, went to a far-off country and his daughter was dead. He and his wife, Shern-Shernagi had grown old. There was no one to look after them.

Their neighbour, Muhammad Shah, lived comfortably and was a good man. He had pity



on Elias and remembered the hospitality of Elias and said, "Come and live with me. Elias you and your old woman. In summer, you can work in my melon garden as much as your strength allows and in winter, feed my cattle. When you need anything, tell me, and you shall have it." Elias thanked his neighbour. He and his wife began to work as labourers and did all the work sincerely. They found it hard in the beginning but got used to the work. They were not lazy at all.

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Muhammad Shah told one of his guests about Elias and he said that he was aware of Elias and his fame. Then, Muhammad Shah told his guest that the old man and his wife worked for him. The guest was shocked and said, "Fortune turns like a wheel. One man, it lifts, another it sets down! Does not the old man grieve over all that he has lost?" So, the guest called Elias and his wife and spoke to them.



Elias said, "If I were to tell you what is happiness and what is misfortune, you would not believe me. You had better ask my wife." His wife said, "My old man and I lived for 50 years looking for happiness and not finding it. When we were rich, we had no time to talk to one another. We spent much time looking after the visitors, getting work done from our labourers and worrying about our cattle. Besides, my old man

and I used to disagree, yell and have a row."

"Now, my husband and I live peacefully with nothing to quarrel about. We have nothing to worry about but just think how best to serve our master. We work as much as we can and we get food and clothes. We have fun to wear and fuel to burn when it is cold and we have all the time to talk, and the time to pray. At last, we have found happiness."

The guests initially laughed but soon realised that what Elias was saying was indeed the truth of life.

hospitality the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests or visitors  
fortune a large amount of money or assets  
row fight

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