

4.3 Golden Chain

WARMING UP !

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- (1) Do you have an old friend?
- (2) What is needed for friendship to grow?
- (3) How do you feel if you don't have any friend?
- (4) Why do we spend a lot of time in the company of friends?
- (5) Why do we share secrets, happiness and sorrows with our friends?

(1) Write 5 points each about Dos and Don'ts in 'True Friendship'.

Dos	→	Help in times of trouble
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Don'ts	→	Allow you to copy answers during exams.
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(2) We have already learnt that when there occurs a comparison in the lines of a poem, the Figure of Speech in that line is a Simile.

For example : as bright as a star
 tall just like a tree

However, if the comparison made in the line of a poem is indirectly understood or suggested (implied) without using words (*as* *as*, *just like*) and so on, then the Figure of Speech is called a **Metaphor**.

For example : Riya is the star of our class.
 Life is a game. Play it well.

Now say which of the following are the examples of Simile and which contain Metaphor.

- (1) Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, like a Diamond in the sky.
- (2) The stormy sea, as dark as coal
- (3) Old mighty tree, Your branches span the sky
- (4) Time is money
- (5) Like a caged bird sadly sings
- (6) More than clouds, you are soft
- (7) The Rose is the king of flowers.

(3) When opposite ideas occur in the same line of the poem, the Figure of Speech that occurs in that line is called Antithesis.

For example : • Up and down the hill, they flew.

- Many are called, but few are chosen.
- The best of times, the worst of times.

Golden Chain

Friendship is a Golden chain,
The links our friends so dear,
And like a rare and precious jewel
It's treasured more each year...

It's **clasped** together firmly
With a love that's deep and true,
And it's rich with happy memories
And fond **recollections**, too...

Time can't destroy its beauty
For as long as memory lives,
Years can't **erase** the pleasure
That the joy of friendship gives...

For friendship is a priceless gift
That can't be bought or sold,
But to have an understanding friend
Is worth far more than gold...

And the golden chain of Friendship
Is a strong and blessed tie
Binding **kindred** hearts together
As the years go passing by.

– Helen Steiner Rice



♦ *To what two things is friendship compared?*

• **clasped** : held tightly

♦ *What holds friends closely together?*

• **recollections** : remembering the past

• **erase** : wipe away

♦ *How long does true friendship last?*

♦ *Which possession is more precious than gold?*

• **kindred** : alike, similar

1. Write the name of your closest true friend vertically and prepare an Acrostic using every letter in the name. (Refer to 'Word Play' on page 73.)

For example : **R**eliable |
Inspiring |
Trustworthy |
Encouraging |
Supportive |
Hard-working |

2. Tick the correct (✓) before the correct statements.

- (a) Time can destroy the beauty of friendship.
- (b) Friendship cannot be bought or sold.
- (c) Friendship binds the hands together.
- (d) Friendship is like a real rare and precious jewel.
- (e) Friendship has more value than gold.

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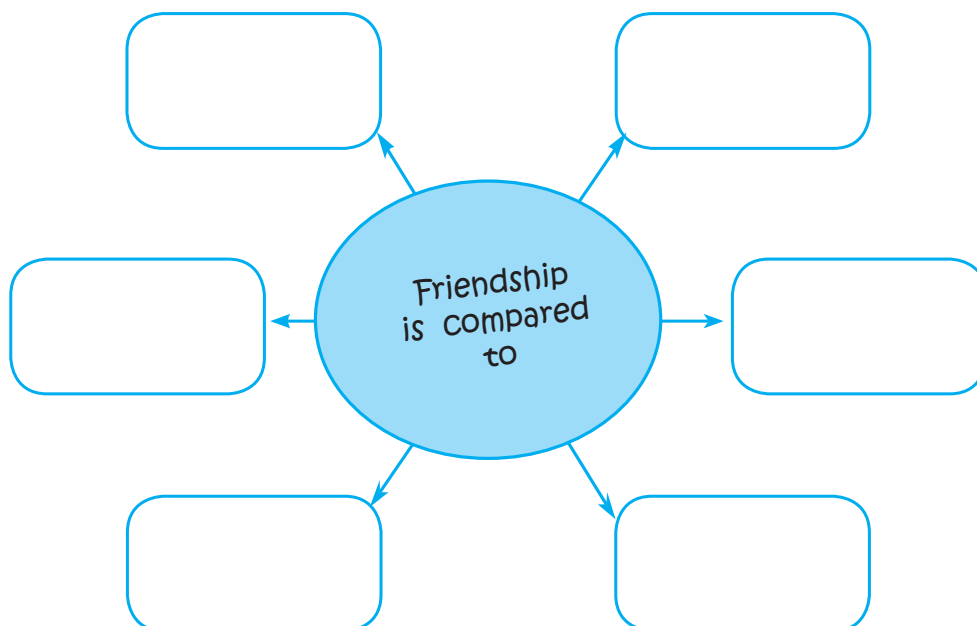
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3. Read the poem and complete the web.



4. Say WHY friendship is compared to the following.

- (a) a golden chain.
- (b) a precious jewel
- (c) a priceless gift.

5. Refer to the poem and write down 5 reasons, why 'Friendship' is the best gift anyone can give you.

- (1) It grows more precious as each year passes.
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)
- (6)

6. Write the words that go with the following.

- (1) jewel
- (2) hearts
- (3) memories
- (4) gift
- (5) tie
- (6) friend

7. Match the lines with the Figures of Speech they contain.

(You may also refer to 'Word Play' on page no 74 for help.)

	A		B
(1)	Friendship is a Golden chain	(a)	Simile
(2)	That can't be bought or sold	(b)	Metaphor
(3)	And like a rare and precious jewel	(c)	Metaphor
(4)	For as long as memory lives	(d)	Antithesis
(5)	For friendship is a priceless gift	(e)	Alliteration

8. Think on your own and say why true friendship can be compared to the following.

- (1) An Evergreen Forest
- (2) An Ever-flowing River
- (3) A Rainbow after heavy rains

9. Think and develop a story that leads to the conclusion—'A friend in need, is a friend indeed'.

