

2.3 An Invisible Bench

(Aman walks on stage and squats down as if he is sitting on a bench that is invisible. Beena walks up to Aman.)

- Beena** : What are you doing?
Aman : I'm sitting on this invisible bench.
Beena : Can I join you?
Aman : Sure.



(Aman gets up, moves to one side. Both Aman and Beena sit down on the bench, when Chanda walks up to them.)

- Chanda** : What are you doing?
Aman and Beena : We are sitting on this invisible bench.
Chanda : Can I join you?
Aman and Beena : Sure.



(Aman and Beena get up, move to one side. All three sit down again when Dinesh and Ekta walk up to them.)

- Dinesh and Ekta** : What are you guys doing?
Aman, Beena, Chanda : We are sitting on this invisible bench.
Dinesh and Ekta : Can we join you?
Aman, Beena and Chanda : Sure.



(They get up, move a little to one side. All five children sit down forming a line.)



(Farukh walks on stage.....)

Farukh : What are you guys doing?

All others : Just sitting here
on this invisible bench.

Farukh : No you aren't! (Points)
I moved the bench
over there.



All others : Oh, no!

(They all fall down.)



Farukh : Ha, ha !

Aman : Let's do that again.

(The first five children move to one side and then sit down again.)

Farukh : What are you guys doing?

All others : Just sitting here on this invisible bench.

Farukh : No you aren't. (Points) I moved the bench over there yesterday.

Aman : But I moved it back here this morning !

Farukh : Then it's all right. Can I join you ?

Aman : Sure.

(They all sit down in a line.)

Farukh : I have an idea. Let's start again.

(Gets up, walks away and runs up to the children again.)

Farukh : What are you guys doing?

All others : Sitting on this invisible bench.



Farukh : Oh, no ! I had just finished painting that bench !

All others : AAAAGH !

(Stand up and wipe the imaginary paint off their back sides.)

Aman : Let's do that again.

All others : OK.

(Aman, Beena, Chanda, Dinesh, Ekta sit down on the imaginary bench. Farukh gets up, walks away and comes back again.)



Farukh : What are you guys doing ?

All others : Sitting on this invisible bench.

Farukh : Oh, no! I had just finished painting that bench!

Aman : Oh, that's ok. We all have our invisible paint suits on.

(All stand up, unzip the front of their imaginary suits and step out. Then they begin to fold the invisible suits.)



Farukh : I have another idea.

(Walks away and comes back again.)

Farukh : What are you guys doing?

All others : We are moving this invisible bench.

Farukh : I heard they are serving invisible cakes in that hall there –



(All throw down the invisible bench and run in the direction of the hall. Farukh follows.)



1. Enact the skit.

2. Can you think of other imaginary actions to use in this skit?

Discuss them in groups of five. Make a list of about five such actions in the group. Then extend the skit or write a new skit using those actions.

3. Use the following ideas to answer the question 'What are you doing?' and enact your answers.

- * invisible pen
- * invisible shoes
- * invisible tree
- * invisible needle and thread
- * invisible paper
- * invisible umbrella
- * invisible wall
- * invisible scissors
- * invisible ball
- * invisible board

I'm skipping this invisible rope.



4. Join the pieces to make at least 10 meaningful sentences.

Remember to use a question mark if you begin your sentence with 'who'.

Puzzle pieces for sentence construction:

- Subjects:** I, We, You, He, She, It, They, Who
- Verbs:** saw, are, were, want, is, was, will, am
- Objects/Completions:** your pictures., her classmates., in Standard VI., our teacher., help us., very friendly., singing.