

Chapter 13

Sachin Tendulkar

Sachin Tendulkar – The Master Blaster of India was born in Mumbai on the 24th April 1973. He is the youngest of four brothers and sisters. Cricket came naturally to him. He was helped and encouraged by his family members.

When he was not even 12, the world had already pronounced its judgement of him. “He will go where no other Indian batsman had been and would one day be talked of in the same breadth as Bradman.” Such words were said by those who watched him hit centuries after centuries in school cricket.

Sachin played his first test at Karachi, when he was only sixteen. In his first test, he scored a century. And he was the youngest player, at 19, to score 1000 runs in test cricket (1992).

He is lovingly called the little, big hero. He is called ‘little’ because he’s short, stocky and curly-haired, and ‘big’ because he plays like a giant !



Sachin is the recipient of many awards. He received the Birla Award and then the Arjuna Award for sports in 1995 when he was only 22. Two years later, he was also awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

People speak highly of them. He has received the great honour of getting an entry in Donald Bradman’s ‘World XI’. Now here's what other cricketers say of him.

Azharuddin said, “He is Viv Richards, Mark Waugh and Brian Lara all rolled into one. He would score a century, field like a tiger and take wickets too if he was given a chance to bowl– a real ‘all-rounder’.”

Teacher's Note: Ask the children to talk about their favourite Indian Cricket player.

Australian Captain Steve Waugh said, "He is the best batsman in the world-second only to Bradman !"

When the foreign media prepared a dream team, Sachin was the only Indian player to be included !

Sachin is very level-headed, balanced and dedicated. Within 24 hours of his father's funeral he was on his way to the World Cup in England because his side needed him.



Sachin has played exceedingly well. Many records have come on his way. And we are sure there will certainly be many more in the future.

Words to Learn

naturally
century
level-headed

encouraged
stocky
dedicated

pronounced
recipient
funeral

judgement
all-rounder
exceedingly

breadth
media
certainly

Skill Test

WORK OUT

A. Answer the following questions :

1. When was Sachin Tendulkar born ?

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2. What and when did the world pronounce its judgement of him ?

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3. When did Sachin Tendulkar play his first test match ?

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4. List the awards he has received so far.

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5. What did Azharruddin remark about him ?

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6. What did Steve Waugh say about him ?

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B. Fill in the blanks and complete the sentences in your own words :

1. Sachin Tendulkar – the Master Blaster of

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2. Sachin played his first test match

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3. He is lovingly called

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4. He has received the great honour

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5. He is the best

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GRAMMAR

A. Change the following sentences into passive voice :

1. The lion kills the goat.

2. Meena writes good poems.

3. The farmers grow crops in the field.

4. My brother helps the poor woman.

5. Miss Sharma teaches English.

B. Match the phrasal verbs with their meaning :

I

1. put on
2. bring up
3. put off
4. put on
5. look after

II

- a. care for
- b. take off
- c. to wear
- d. to rear
- e. to leave

VOCABULARY

A. Add -ing to these words and make other necessary changes :

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. help | 2. bat |
| 3. watch | 4. speak |
| 5. score | 6. receive |
| 7. play | 8. get |
| 9. attack | 10. exceed |

Now fill these -ing words in these sentences :

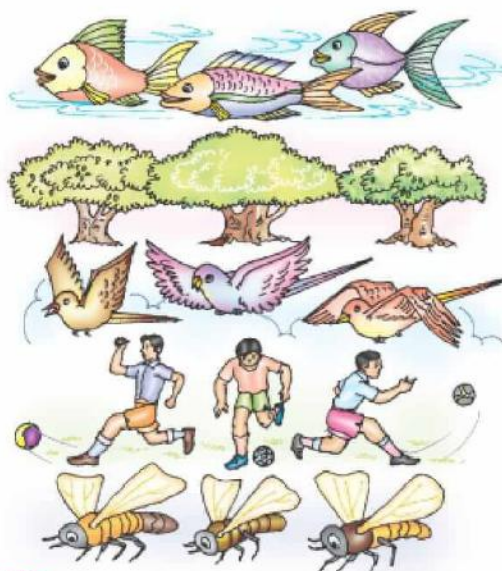
1. Mohit was the poor and old man.
2. Rahul was T. V. when the earthquake rocked the capital.
3. Amit is very fond of Cricket.
4. Even after 100 runs, Sachin was not at all tired.
5. Everyone is fond of style of Sachin.

B. Match the opposites :

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| encourage | last |
| first | discourage |
| high | low |
| entry | past |
| future | unbalanced |
| balanced | hate |
| include | exit |
| love | exclude |

C. Match and make phrases :

- (i) a *team* of
- (ii) a *flock* of
- (iii) a *shoal* of
- (iv) a *swarm* of
- (v) a *clump* of



COMPOSITION

Write a short composition on 'A Cricket Match' using the words and phrases given below :



pitch – scene on the ground – exciting – toss – started batting –
umpire – bowling – interesting game – half-century – bowled out –
century – next team batting – victorious – happiness – trophy.

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