



Before we read

- How do you feel during this pandemic covid 19 Lockdown?
- Are you longing for freedom to move out as freely as you can?
- Do you have any pet animal or bird?
- Have you ever sensed it too deserve freedom like us?

Theme

The Author L.E. Greeve explains the importance of freedom in all living beings, whether a human or birds and animals. One who suffered knows the plight of suffering. A man who was imprisoned for so many years can understand the plight of the birds and animals in cages in the pet shop longing for freedom/

A Man who was imprisoned for ten years visited a pet shop and bought a pair of dove for fifty dollar which he earned in ten years. He set them free and felt relieved looking at the them, flying freely enjoying the freedom. This story tells us that we should not imprison a living being whether it is an animal or bird and should not harm them in any way.



Mr. Purcell and his pet shop

- > Mr. Purcell Owned a pet shop.
- > The shop had all kinds of pets.
- On the shelves, there were many cages. Prescribed remedies for ailing canaries, and displayed on his shelves long rows of ornate and gilded cages.
- There was always some noise in the shop.









Mr. Purcell appearance and nature

Mr Purcell was a small, fussy man;

- red cheeks and a tight, melon stomach.
- He wore large glasses which magnified his eyes so as to give him the appearance of a wise and genial owl.
- He owned a pet shop.
- Each morning, unfold his morning paper, and digest the day's news(scan through every minor detail written in the newspaper).
- Mr. Purcell considered himself a professional man as he showed his concern about the well-being of birds and animals in his shop.



Entry of a strange customer

- One usual foggy morning, in winter there, entered a visitor.
- There was a bell over the door that jingled whenever a customer entered.
- This morning, however, for the first time Mr. Purcell could recall, it failed to ring.
- Simply he glanced up, and there was the stranger, standing just inside the door, as if he had materialised out of thin air.
- Purcell smiled and nodded. "Good morning," "What can I do for you?"





Comprehension Check

- Do you think the atmosphere of Mr Purcell's shop was cheerful or depressing? Give reasons for your answer
- Why is Mr. Purcell compared to an owl?
- Describe the appearance of Mr. Purcell .
- What is his usual routine?