

## WORKSHEET (MODULE 1)

**Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words.**

1. Did the front wheel really wobble? What do you think?
2. In what condition did the author find the bicycle when he returned from the tool shed?
3. The friend shook the bicycle violently. Quote two or three sentences from the text which express the author's disapproval of it.
4. Did the author's friend really come for a long bicycle ride? What did he do then?
5. What is the writer's idea of going on a long bicycle ride?

**Read the following extracts and answer the following questions.**

1. "... If not, it would make a serious difference to the machine."
  - a) Name the story.
  - b) What does "it" refer to?
  - b) Did the writer consider "it" sensible?
  
2. I said, "Don't you trouble about it anymore; you will make yourself tired. Let us put it back and get off."
  - a) Name the writer.
  - b) Who is "I"?
  - c) What is to be put back?
  
3. "easily enough in the morning; a little stiffly after lunch."
  - a) What is being referred to?
  - b) Who says this?
  - c) Give an antonym of the word "stiffly".
  
4. He said, "This is dangerous; have you got a hammer?" I ought to have

been firm, but I through that Perhaps he really did know something about the business. I went to the tool shed to see what I could find . When I came back he was sitting on the ground with the front remnant of the machine was lying on the gravel path beside.

- (i) Why did “he” ask for hammer?
- (ii) What did the boy see when he come back?
- (iii) Where were the remnants of bicycle lying?

### **ANSWERS**

1. The front wheel might use to wobble occasionally, but nothing very serious. The author’s bicycle was good enough for occasional long rides and the author was happy with it.
2. When the author returned from the tool shed, his friend had taken out the front wheel of the bicycle. He was sitting on the ground with the wheel between his legs. He was playing with the wheel while the other part of the bicycle was lying on the gravel path beside him.
3. a) I said, “Don’t do that; you’ll hurt it.”  
b) I said, “It doesn’t if you don’t wobble it.”  
c) “Don’t you trouble about it anymore; you will make yourself tired.”
4. Yes, the author and his friend had planned to go for a ride on the bicycle, but the two couldn’t make it. His friend took out all the parts of the bicycle one-by-one. He first took out the front wheel and then the ball bearings from it. Then, they made a serious effort to search all of these, ending only in finding sixteen. And this was followed by dismantling of various other parts taking the entire day.
5. If you wish to go for a long bicycle ride, the bicycle should be in good condition. If possible, an expert mechanic should overhaul it to ensure everything is fine.

### **ANSWERS**

1. a) ‘A Bicycle in Good Repair’  
b) It’ refers to ball bearings.  
c) No

2. a) Jerome K. Jerome

b) The author

c) The Front wheel

3. a) The writer's bicycle

b) The writer

c) smoothly

4. (i) He asked for a hammer because he found the dangerous condition of the bicycle.

(ii) The boy saw that the man was sitting on the ground with the front wheel between his legs.

(iii) The remnants of the bicycle were lying on the gravel path beside him.