

## My Dictionary

### Chapter-4 : Pandora's Box

chest (noun)	a large strong box My father keeps important documents in a chest
crammed (adjective)	filled with things or people; packed The house was crammed with guests
darting (verb)	moving suddenly and quickly in a particular direction I could see the dog darting out of the door into the street
errand (noun)	a job that involves going somewhere to deliver or take something The servant had been sent on an errand
fluttered (verb)	moved lightly and quickly The flag fluttered in the breeze
forbidden (verb)	not allowed The government has forbidden photography at metro stations
gleaming (adjective)	shining brightly He looked at me with gleaming eyes
grumbled (verb)	complained in a bad tempered way She grumbled about how badly she was treated
insisted (verb)	demanding that somebody agrees to do something They insisted that I should join them on their trip
pitiful (adjective)	causing you to feel sympathy for something It is a pitiful sight to see beggars on the roadside
pleaded (verb)	asked somebody for something in a strong and serious manner He pleaded with her to stay back
shrugged (verb)	shoulders raised and dropped to show that you do not know about something He shrugged his shoulders and said, "I don't know."
sobbed (verb)	cried noisily She sobbed and told me her sad story
speeding (verb)	moving quickly The car was speeding on the highway
strode (verb)	walked with long steps in a particular direction He strode across the street towards the stadium
tending (verb)	taking care of something Nurses were tending the patients in the hospital
trapped (verb)	kept someone in a dangerous place or bad situation and not allowed to go out The lion was trapped in the net
wail (verb)	to cry because you are sad or in pain She began to wail loudly when the bee stung her
worn out (adjective)	looking or feeling very tired You look worn out, you must rest for some time
yelled (verb)	shouted loudly because one was angry, frightened or in pain He yelled at the naughty boy

#### THESAURUS

darting (verb)	propelling	floating	flinging	dashing
forbidden (verb)	prohibited	banned	closed	prosecuted
trapped (verb)	captured	ambushed	cornered	at bay
wail (verb)	moan	sob	weep	cry

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## Pandora's Box

• Infinitives

★ the sound of the letter /t/ as in chair



Given alongside is a box. There are many things in it. Some are good, some are bad. Circle those that you want.

Discuss reasons for your choice with your partner.



How did Hope come into this world? Use Cordova Smart Class Software on the smart board in class and find out.

When the world was first created, it was a happy place of light and laughter. There was no such thing as sadness or pain. The sun shone every day and the gods came down from heaven to walk and talk with the humans who lived on the earth.

One afternoon, a man called Epimetheus and his wife, Pandora, were outside, **tending** to their flower garden when they saw God Mercury approaching. He was bowed down by a dark, wooden chest that he was carrying on his shoulders and he looked hot and tired. Pandora rushed to get the **worn out** God a cool drink, while Epimetheus helped him lower the chest onto the ground. It was tied with golden cords.



**Answer Orally:** Why do you think the chest was tied with golden cords?

"My friends, would you do me a great favour?" sighed Mercury. "It is so hot today and the box is very heavy! May I leave it here while I go on an errand?"

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"Of course you can," smiled Epimetheus.

Epimetheus and the God heaved the chest indoors.

Then Mercury said, "No one, under any circumstances, must open the box."

"Don't worry," laughed Epimetheus and Pandora and they waved the God off through the trees.

All of a sudden, Pandora stopped still and frowned, "Listen, Epimetheus!" she said in a low voice, "I am sure I heard someone whispering our names."

Epimetheus and Pandora listened hard. At first, they heard nothing. Then, they heard the distant sound of 'Epimetheus! Pandora!' being called from outside.

"It's our friends!" cried Epimetheus happily. But Pandora looked puzzled.

"No, Epimetheus, those aren't the voices I heard," she said, firmly.

"They must have been!" Epimetheus laughed.

"Come on now, let's go and see everyone."

"You go," Pandora insisted. "I'd rather stay here for a while."

Epimetheus shrugged and strode outside. As soon as he was gone, Pandora hurried over to the strange chest and waited. After only a few seconds, she heard it again - distant voices calling "Pandora! Pandora!" The voices were so low and whispery that Pandora wasn't sure whether she was really hearing them or was just imagining it. She bent down closer and put her ear to the lid. No, this time she was sure. The chest was calling to her, "Pandora!" The voices pleaded.

"Let us out, Pandora! We are trapped here in the darkness! Please help us to escape!"

Pandora jumped back with a start. Mercury had expressly forbidden them or anyone else to

open the chest. The voices sounded very sad and pitiful.

"Pandora!" they came again, "Help us! We beg you!"



Pandora could stand it no longer. Hurriedly, she knelt down and worked at the tight golden knots. All the time, the whispering and pleading voices filled her ears. At last, the knots were undone and the **gleaming** cords fell away. She took a deep breath and opened the lid.

**Answer Orally:** What/Who do you think will come out from the chest?

At once, Pandora realised she had done a terrible thing. The box had been **crammed** with all the evils in the world — thousands of tiny, brown, moth-like creatures that stung people with their wings and caused pain and misery wherever they went. Now, because of Pandora the evils were free. They flew up out of the chest in a great swarm and **fluttered** all over Pandora's skin. For the very first time, Pandora felt pain and regret. She began to **wail** with despair but all too late. She slammed the lid back down onto the chest.

Outside, Epimetheus heard his wife's cries and came running as fast as he could. The little creatures fluttered to sting and bite him, before **speeding** off through the window into the world beyond. For the first time ever, Epimetheus began to shout at his wife. Pandora **yelled** back and the couple realised that they were arguing.

"Let me out!" interrupted a high voice. Pandora and Epimetheus grabbed onto each other in panic. The voice was coming from the chest. "Don't be afraid of me! Let me out and I can help you!" came the voice.

"What do you think?" Pandora whispered to Epimetheus, wide-eyed.

"Surely, you can't do any more mischief than you already have done," he **grumbled**. So, Pandora opened Mercury's chest for a second time.

Out of the deep, dark chest fluttered a single shining spirit like a butterfly. It was Hope. Pandora and





Epimetheus sobbed with relief as she fluttered against their skin and soothed their stinging wounds. Then, she was gone, darting out of the window and into the world after the evils. Luckily, Hope has stayed with us ever since.

*A Greek myth*

**Message:** Hope for the best. Hope makes this world a beautiful place to live in.



## FROM THE STORY

### ORAL

*(Use Cordova Smart Class Software on the smart board in class to do these exercises.)*

**Read these words aloud-** discouraged, strolled, unfolded, attendant, wisdom.

1. Whom do you speak to when you feel disheartened?
2. 'God helps those who help themselves.' What do you think this means?

### MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

**Tick (✓) the correct answer in each.**

1. When the world was first created there was  
 (a) light ☐ (b) laughter ☐ (c) clouds ☐ (d) both (a) and (b) ☐
2. Epimetheus helped God Mercury lower the chest onto the ground because  
 (a) the chest was heavy ☐ (b) God was tired ☐  
 (c) God was thirsty ☐ (d) both (a) and (b) ☐
3. Pandora did not go with her husband because she  
 (a) was tired ☐ (b) wanted to open the chest ☐  
 (c) knew who was calling her ☐ (d) had to cook food ☐

### WRITTEN

#### READ AND ANSWER

1. What warning did Mercury give to Epimetheus and Pandora?
2. How did Epimetheus and Pandora get relief?

#### THINK AND ANSWER

1. Why did Mercury warn Epimetheus and Pandora about the chest?

2. Why did 'Pandora and Epimetheus grab onto each other in panic?
3. 'Pandora realised she had done a terrible thing.'  
 (a) What does the 'terrible thing' refer to?  
 (b) Do you agree that Pandora had done a terrible thing?
4. How does Hope help us?
5. What do you learn from this story?

Value Corner

#### Reference To Context

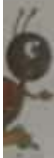
Read this sentence and answer the questions that follow.

"Surely, you can't do any more mischief than you already have done,"

- (a) Who said these words and to whom?
- (b) What was the 'mischief'?
- (c) Why does the speaker say these words? (d) What happens next?

#### HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) QUESTION

Suggest any five things to make this world a beautiful place to live in.



#### TALK

(ASSESSMENT OF SPEAKING SKILLS — ASL)

*This report is about the time when Peter Pan was being staged in London. The play had been staged for the first time.*

*Read it carefully.*

The play showed that the darling children fly away to Neverland with Peter Pan. Peter Pan teaches the children how to fly. He tells them, if they believe very strongly that they could fly, they would fly. Very soon, something strange happened — the author of the play, James Barrie, began to hear from parents that their children were trying out the dangerous feat of flying. The parents told him that Peter Pan said that if they believed in something very strongly they would do it. James Barrie was quick to react. He included a warning in his play — it said that the children could fly but only if they had been sprinkled with 'fairy dust'. Most interestingly, fairy dust since then was in short supply.



Now, discuss the report with your partner. You can use the questions to help you.

1. Name the play discussed in the story.
2. Who was its author?
3. When did this play take place?
4. What did Peter Pan tell the darling children?
5. What complaints did the author get from parents?
6. What was the danger for children?
7. What action did James Barrie take?
8. Why was fairy dust in short supply?
9. Do you think everything was fine after this solution?

### Word

'The voice was low...' 'But we can't hear it.'  
(a) few  
(b) very  
(c) soon  
(d) about



### LISTEN

(ASSESSMENT OF LISTENING SKILLS — ASL)

Listen to the poem and fill in the blanks. (Listening Text on Page No. 164)

1. There were ..... apples. (one/two/three)
2. The apples were ..... and little. (funny/big/cute)
3. The apples rolled into a ..... (park/house/yard)
4. The dogs were ..... (black/brown/white)



### SPEAK

(Use Cordova language lab software to watch the film. Listen to the expert, practise and record the sound.)

Repeat after the expert. (the sound of the letter /tj/)

sandwich	change	chalk	challenge
choose	chicken	cheque	chapter



### GRAMMAR

#### Infinitives

Read this sentence.

- To sleep is the only thing I want after a hard day.

To sleep in this sentence is an infinitive. An infinitive with to followed by the simple form of the verb like this

to + verb = infinitive

Infinitives can be used as nouns, adjectives or adverbs. It is not a verb you cannot add s, es, ed, or ing at the end.



A. Fill in the blanks with the **to + correct word** from the box and complete the sentences.

cancel	convince	do	keep
snatch	sail	speak	fix

1. The sailor was going ..... his ship, but the storm forced him ..... his plan.
2. Janet wanted ..... her promise, therefore she did not utter a word.
3. Sangeeta wanted ..... to the teacher but the teacher was busy.
4. The students could not do anything ..... the teacher.
5. The eagle dived down ..... the sandwiches from my lunch box.
6. I tried ..... the appointment but my boss did not allow me ..... so.

B. Underline the infinitives in these sentences.

1. Robbie went home early today to rest.
2. Have you decided what you want to buy?
3. To interrupt is not my intention.
4. When I play a game, I play to enjoy.
5. If you start something, you must be sure to finish.



### LEARN NEW WORDS



A. What can we put in the following?



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B. Use the words in the box to find synonyms for the italicised words.

sick like easy big angry

**Example:** Soni was *mad* because the other kids teased him.  
Mad is another word for **angry**.

1. It was a *simple* question.
2. The pumpkin was so *huge* that I couldn't carry it.
3. I *enjoy* drinking tea in the morning.
4. Sally wasn't at school because she was *ill*.



### PUNCTUATE

Use full stop [.] or question marks [?] wherever necessary.

Rima: Do you think it will rain

Rano: Yes, I think so

Rima: Why do you think so

Rano: The sky is cloudy



### WRITE

Imagine, you are Epimetheus. Write in your diary an account of Pandora's feelings.

You may use the following key words—

1. Pandora was feeling very bad.
2. She apologised.
3. wrote a note of sorry to God Mercury
4. promised herself to obey orders

### LIFE SKILL

Our little deeds can make people happy.

**Like:**

- helping or spending time with your grandparents
- giving your old clothes or books to poor children

Now, discuss with your friends and make a list of such things that you can do to make others happy. Then, write them on a chart paper and put it in your classroom.