Short Story

LESSON PLAN

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THE PEACOCK'S TAILFEATHERS

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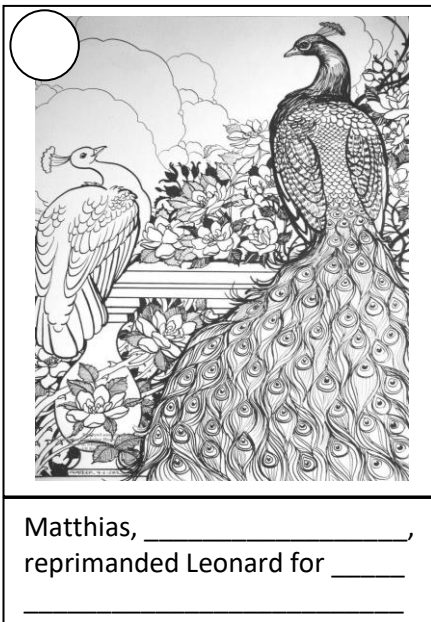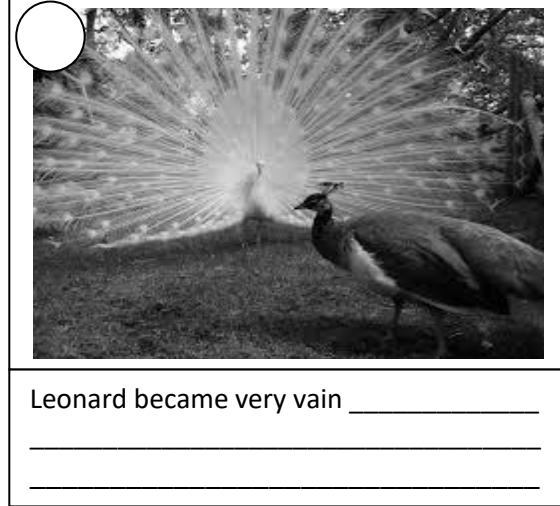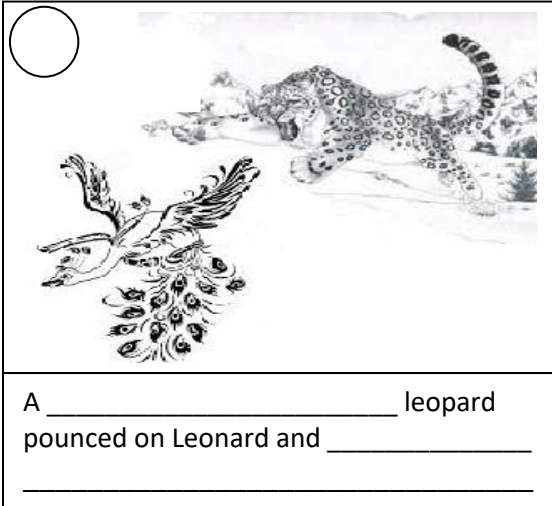| Stages	Procedure	Time

Objectives	1. To practice
	   a. skimming and scanning for details
	   b. guessing meaning of words in context
	   c. discussing and responding to content of the text orally	

Warmer	1. Teacher asks class if they have heard any folklore or story about the peacock before. 2. Teacher elicits for responses. 3. Teacher gets students to read the title of the short story and leads into the topic of the day.	**5 mins**
Pre-reading	1. Teacher arranges students into small groups. 2. Teacher distributes **Task 1** 3. In small groups, students arrange and number each picture. 4. To check and confirm answers, teacher gets students to skim through the short story.	**5 mins**
While-Reading	1. Next, students continue with **Task 1** by completing the caption of each picture. 2. Teacher elicits answers from each group and confirms answers. 3. Teacher distributes **Task 2**. 4. Students read paragraph and replace words underlined with words from the short story. 5. Teacher checks answers.	**15 mins**
Post-reading	1. Teacher gets students to look at the **Learning activity**. Each group reads and discusses the question: *Leonard was an albino peacock. Do you think albinos (animals or humans) lead normal lives? Discuss.*	**10 mins**
Wrap	1. As a concept check, teacher gets students to complete comprehension questions in the magazine.	**5 mins**

TASK 1

Arrange in sequence the pictures below. Complete each caption with details from the short story.

A _____ leopard pounced on Leonard and _____ _____

Leonard became very vain _____ _____ _____

Matthias, _____, reprimanded Leonard for _____ _____

It was Leonard's _____ to _____ _____

Once upon a time, there was __ _____ _____

Leonard was embarrassed _____ _____

Leonard called a _____ _____ and he covered _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
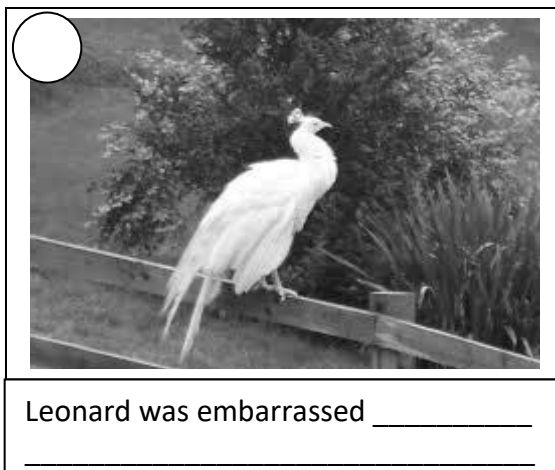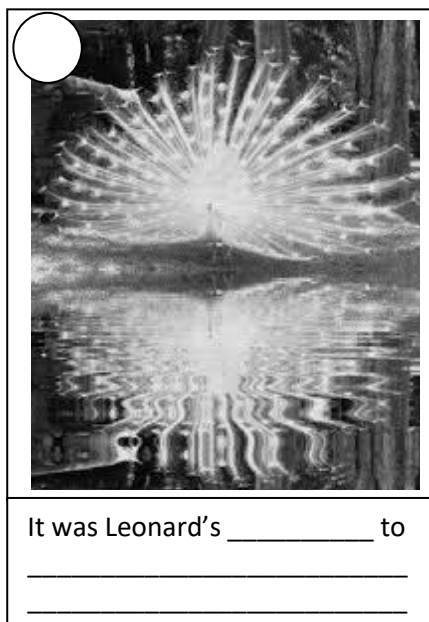
TASK 2

Read the paragraph below and replace the words underlined with a word or phrase from the short story.

The Peacock's Tailfeathers
There was once an albino peacock named Leonard who had the most beautiful and unique tail feathers. Leonard's tail feathers were white like snowflake. His uniqueness made him the leader for the pea fowls. To impress Leonard, all the other birds would (1) <u>do everything according to his wishes</u>. One day while Leonard was (2) <u>taking pleasure in</u> his own reflection in the pool, a (3) <u>starved</u> leopard came and pounced on him. Clumsily, the inexperienced cub had its claws (4) <u>stuck</u> in Leonard's tail feathers. Leonard was lucky to survive as the injured leopard went away but his tail feathers were damaged. To cover his (5) <u>awful bundle</u> of feathers, Leonard thought of a (6) <u>devious idea</u>. He gathered all birds and told them about the (7) <u>heroic combat</u> he had fought against his predator. He explained that he decided to remove his tail feathers to ease up future fights. All other pea fowls were nearly convinced that their tail feathers were (8) <u>not needed</u>, until Leonard's (9) <u>scheme</u> was uncovered by an old peacock. Matthias' (10) <u>wittiness</u> put Leonard to shame and he went to the cave to hide.

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

Answers

Task 1
Answers may vary. Below are the suggested answers.

	1 Once upon a time, there was <u>a beautiful albino peacock with pure white feathers.</u>
	2 Leonard became very vain <u>as the other birds would cater to his every whim and fancy and work hard to impress him.</u>
	3 It was Leonard's <u>daily habit</u> to <u>admire his own reflection in a pool.</u>
	4 A <u>hungry young</u> leopard pounced on Leonard and <u>clumsily landed on his tail feather.</u>
	5 Leonard called a <u>short meeting</u> and he covered <u>his entire back with a peculiar cape made of leaves.</u>
	6 Matthias, <u>the oldest among the peacocks</u>, reprimanded Leonard for <u>his ridiculous suggestion.</u>
	7 Leonard was embarrassed <u>that his ruse had been discovered, so he hid in his cave until his tail feathers grew back.</u>

Task 2

1. cater to his every whim and fancy
2. admiring
3. hungry
4. tangled
5. ugly short clump
6. cunning plan
7. epic battle
8. unnecessary
9. ruse
10. wise words

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