

## UNIT II NARRATION AND SUMMATION

**2.1. LISTENING & SPEAKING: Listening to anecdotes, Listening to stories, Listening to event narration, Listening to documentaries, Listening to interviews with celebrities, Narrating personal experience, Narrating an event, Reporting and Summarising of interviews**

### LISTENING TO ANECDOTES

What is an anecdote?

It is a short amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person.

Eg. He told anecdotes about his job

Similar: story, tale, narrative, sketch, urban myth, urban legend, reminiscence, yarn. shaggy-dog story

- An anecdote is an account regarded as unreliable or hearsay.
- His wife's departure has long been the subject of rumour and anecdote.
- An anecdote is the depiction of a minor narrative incident in a painting.

Example:

Listen to "This Race Called Life - a beautiful inspirational short-story" by Dare to do Motivation on YouTube and answer the questions below:

<https://youtu.be/bqBeOmozEls>

### QUESTIONS:

1. How is success measured? (by winning)
2. Is success alone Life? (No)
3. When did the little boy actually win? (When he was supporting the aged or the physically challenged, he won the race of life.)

### LISTENING TO STORIES

Example

Listen to "The King and the Beggar -an inspirational story" by Dare to do Motivation video on YouTube and answer the questions given below:

<https://youtu.be/7wEWIOKp-UM>

Questions:

1. How did the king select his successor to his throne?

Answer: By selecting a person who is rich in compassion and kindness and who think of the welfare of his fellowmen and do something good for the people.

2. What is the twist in the story?

Answer: The king was disguised as a beggar and judged the passers-by

3. Message of the video as said by Theodore Isaac Rubin.

Answer: Kindness is more important than wisdom. And the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom

### **LISTENING TO EVENT NARRATION**

Example

Listen to "Why I miss travelling/ Helly Shah / A Travel Story/English Story telling on You Tube and fill in the blanks:

<https://youtu.be/YKqh475265A>

There is a quote by Paul Cohelo (Sometimes in life you have to travel a long way to find out what is near). In Mumbai, the speed of time is inversely proportional to the speed of traffic). 100 people are trimmed into the place of (forty people). The girl went for a (movie) with her college mates and decided to. (go for a trip) that night. She was exploring the scenic beauty of (Mahabaleshwar) and (Panchgani). A trip with college friends had no (planning) and no (funding). They could get only (watery milk) and, (oily) medhu vadas. She was not of the person who does things without plan and takes risks. But her visit to Mahabaleshwar without planning is worth. She learnt many lessons of life. She realised at the end of the weekend trip that she ignored (seventy year) old neighbour and a beautiful (Gulmohar tree) near her house. She was rushing from one to another. She realised that chasing our dream is necessary but realising the importance of what is around us is more necessary.

## LISTENING TO DOCUMENTARIES

Listen to the documentary entitled "Watch these documentaries for 8+ IELTS ideas by IELTS Energy TV on You Tube.

<https://youtu.be/XJs00jM9sEw>

Example

Listen to "Bill Cunningham New York- Money is Cheap Freedom is expensive" on You Tube and write an essay on Bill Cunningham, An American photographer.

Write an essay on Bill Cunningham, an award-winning American Photographer:

Bill Cunningham, an award-winning American photographer believed in "Money is cheap freedom is expensive". He was very brisk and active even as an octogenarian. He runs to capture sights. At 87, he used to run on the streets of New York. It was very difficult to find a brisk man as Bill Cunningham. He was awarded by the French government. He was designing hats for women first. He wrote about fashion for Women's Wears Daily. He began taking candid photographs on the streets of New York City. He did not embarrass people by taking photographs. He deeply cared for people. He cared for ordinary people on streets. He believed that whomsoever seeks beauty will find it. He attended church weekly. Once again, his message for the society is "Money is cheap and Freedom is expensive".

## LISTENING TO INTERVIEWS WITH CELEBRITIES

Example

Listen to "The Icons: Sudha Murthy, in conversation with Twinkle Khanna" by Tweak India on You Tube and write a dialogue between the two.

<https://youtu.be/J2dTsbpOH7s>

**Twinkle Khanna:** You come from a family of achievers. Could you please tell us the reason behind your geniuses?

**Sudha Murthy:** Education should be respected. My mother used to gift us books. We had a library at home. Books are like our siblings. She developed love for knowledge in

us. Gradually it became a passion with us.

**Twinkle Khanna:** Normally what kinds of books do you prefer mam?

**Sudha Murthy:** We read all kinds of books.

**Twinkle Khanna:** Do all your male colleagues treat you with respect?

**Sudha Murthy:** Yes, When I was in college, I was isolated. I was treated as a strange animal in zoo. That time, I realised that one should depend on oneself to be successful. You are the best friend to yourself. You are the worst enemy to yourself. (She says the same in Sanskrit)

**Twinkle Khanna:** You helped Mr.Murthy in Infosys.

**Sudha Murthy:** Yes,

**Twinkle Khanna:** The world's richest man was moderate initially. Did you help him?

**Sudha Murthy:** I helped him 10s, 20s, 40s, and totally 4,000/-, Mr.Murthy said that he would return the money as soon as he got a job. But after marriage I told him that your money had become my money and how could you return.

**Twinkle Khanna:** Oh! the biggest ace card you played mam.

**Twinkle Khanna:** When did you meet Mr.Murthy?

**Sudha Murthy:** In Prasanna's place sometime in 1974 in October. I met him. He was a well-travelled person. He visited many countries those days when going abroad was hard. I thought he must be a different person. He was looking so simple and so serious. He was looking like a college student. He was actually four years older to me but he was looking four years younger to me.

**Twinkle Khanna:** Did you decide to marry him?

**Sudha Murthy:** Not immediately but after some years. Actually, books formed a link between us. We used to exchange books. Books connected us.

**SPEAKING:****NARRATING PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**

Speak to your classmates regarding your unforgettable moment in your school/college life.

**Miss. Asha speaks:**

I studied BBA in ABC Arts and Science College, Kodaikanal. I was an NSS volunteer, SIFE member, Rotaract and Red Cross volunteer. The memorable event is in which our SIFE First Prize in the International competition conducted by SIFE. SIFE is actually students In Free Enterprize. Our team consisted of hundred members out of which we six Students in Free were elected based on our contribution to the success of our project. The motto of SIFE is economic independence of individuals. Every individual should be able to earn well. If one Is not aware of how to earn money, that person can be taught how to do it by learning a skill. Our team selected vagabonds who simply sell some beads for livelihood. We wanted to bring about a great change in their lives. We did it too. We first taught how to dress well and how to move with people. We taught them the importance of education. We got admission for their children in government school. We gave them basic education on how to read and write. We taught them how to sign. We opened SB account in Bank. We got orders for their handmade products in reputed chain stores. Not only did we get orders for them for the time being but also regularly. We taught them the necessity of saving money. We taught them how to drive cars. We got them licenses. Over all we transformed the lives of hundred uneducated vagabonds into decent and dignified human beings by economically empowering them. The time given by the Organizing Committee was one year for us. The Prize Deciding Committee admired our painstaking efforts for bringing about a great social change in their lives. We went to New Jersey for the final round. Finally we won the First Prize among 150 teams. This is an unforgettable moment in my college life.

## **NARRATING AN EVENT**

### **Miss. Sharmila speaks:**

The event which I am going to narrate is our Graduation Ceremony. It was conducted in our college auditorium. There was a wonderful procession of graduates preceded by the music band. The graduating engineers and the staff wore robes distributed by the university. The Vice-Chancellor of Anna University presided over our Convocation. All graduating engineers attended the function in proper dress code. The degree certificates of the students were distributed by the Heads of the Departments concerned because the graduates were more in number. The Vice-Chancellor distributed University Rank Certificates and gold medal to the University Rank Holders. As soon as all the certificates were distributed, the students took an oath read by the Principal. After the pledge was over, the students were requested to stay back for delicious lunch. The students who have studied for four years together left the campus to continue their journey of life towards their successful professional life.

## **REPORTING OR SUMMARISING OF PODCASTS**

Listen to "What is Podcast in Tamil? Google Podcast meaning - Just Haran on You Tube. This video explains about what is podcast. He says the word is a clipped word from iPod and broadcast. Pod +cast give us podcast. It is mainly for listening to a book or lectures on inspiration. Inspirational speech can be listened. It does not contain any video. An app has to be installed in phone for listening to podcast. We should go to Google play store and install podcast app for listening to podcasts. The narrator searches for "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" book. He teaches the listener on how to listen for podcasts.

SUMMARISE "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" Podcast:

## **REPORTING AND SUMMARISING OF INTERVIEWS**

Listen to "Will Senator Kamala Harris Run for President?" on You Tube and summarise reading the following points. In the interview, Ellen interviews the Senator, Kamala Harris. The interviewer, Ellen met the Senator Kamala Harris accidentally and

planned for an interview. In the interview she asked what was her opinion about various issues in the country. She replied that everyone has to be a joyful warrior. Ellen was impressed with the answer. The people are taking to the streets for everything. Harris is of the opinion that people have to fight for the ideals of the nation. They should be patriots. They should fight for the ideal of 1776 that all are equal. Harris is born to Jamaican father and Indian mother. She talks about the dreamers who fight for ideals. The children and youngsters believe in democracy and so the future of the nation will be bright. There is march everywhere for the rights of people. The Dreamers can make big change in society. The people are in the early months of 2018 and they face many challenges such as paying bills, paying housing loans, meeting educational expenses and many pressing issues like issues of immigration, guns, weapons and so on. There is a need for a universal background check. Ellen asked her who would be her Vice-President. She replied whether the interviewer had any plans to become so. She replied that she is too busy for that. The interviewer asked her if she had any celebrity crush. Kamala Harris accepts that she had crush on Tito Jackson. She has many sisters and cousins who say Jackson 5, Michael or Marlon but she had on Tito Jackson. Harris has been working as a Senator for a year. The interviewer asked her if she has any one issue for which she has no idea. She replied that she did not understand why the whole town shuts down for a one-inch snow in winter. When asked for any rebellious thing which she did as a teenager. Harris said that she broke curfew. She loved loitering in high school and would love to loitering when she was bored even after the Principal advised her to go back to class. She replied humorously for a question that if she was stuck in an elevator with some of the Presidents, what would she do. Harris would read cookbooks when she does not get sleep at night. Her husband would call her with regular terms like Honey or babe. She did not have any idea how republicans would call her. She does not have any tattoo. To imagine having a tattoo, she would go for lotus tattoo near her wrist because her name stands for lotus. The interview ended with the last question whether she would aim to be the President. Harris intelligently skipped saying what was the next question. The interviewer calls Tito. The interview ends humorously in light vein.