**ENGLISH HANDOUT 3/3**

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**An Alien Hand(Supplementary Reader)**

**class VII**

**I Want Something in a Cage**

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The stranger said that he earned those five dollars by doing hard labour in jail in his ten years of imprisonment, fifty cents a year.

But Mr. Purcell ridiculed and said, “They give you five dollars,” laughed at the man, “and a cheap suit, and tell you not to get caught again.” and continued with an advise to the stranger how to take care of doves. The stranger was not interested in the care and feeding of the doves because he wanted to set them free. So he stalked abruptly out of the shop and he released the dove one by one by opening the cage. They rose like windblown balls of fluff and were lost in the smoky grey of the wintry city. He looked at the flying birds until they disappeared in the mist and then he melted away. All he wanted was to have the pleasure of freeing some animals. This urge was so great that for this he spent all his money

The merchant’s brow was puckered with perplexity. So desperately had the man desired the doves that he had let him have them at a reduced price? And immediately he had turned them loose. “Now why,” Mr Purcell muttered, “did he do that?” He felt vaguely insulted; the man bought the doves from Purcell’s shop for five dollars and then went outside to set them free. It was Mr. Purcell who had kept these birds in cage and restricted their freedom and the man spent his ten years income only to give the doves freedom, so he felt more insulted.

Every living being, human or animal, deserves freedom.

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