



**Brief Description (Objective):** The students will be able to appreciate that timely action is as important as consistent efforts to achieve success.

**Concept-Value Connection:**

- Tenses in general talk about the time of occurrence of an action and have different aspects that indicate whether the actions are complete or ongoing.
- Timing is very important in our day-to-day actions as well. Right actions taken at the right time and followed up consistently are the key to achieve success in any endeavour.

**Activity: Role-play**

**Characters: Narrator, Surya, his friend Chandran, Surya's father**

**Narrator:** Little Surya is a very smart and hard-working boy. His father, a farmer, has toiled hard in the fields and has recently produced a rich harvest. Seeing this Surya is also inspired and has decided to follow his father's footsteps. He has come up with a bright idea and is sharing his thoughts with his friend.

**Surya:** Chandran! I will be taking up farming in a small corner, in the courtyard of our house. Would you like to join me?

**Chandran:** Why not! The idea seems fascinating. It's the best way to spend our summer vacation. What are we supposed to do?

**Surya:** We have to get up early every morning, till the soil, sow wheat seeds and water them every day. That's all. I want to surprise my father with my farming skills. So let us get ready. We will be starting tomorrow morning.

**Narrator:** As planned, Surya and Chandran get up early every day and follow all the steps of farming consistently. One month has gone by and to their utter disappointment they have seen no growth in the land. Surya is disheartened and sobs inconsolably. Seeing him cry, his father is surprised.

**Father:** What is the matter, Surya? Why are you crying?

**Narrator:** Surya narrates the whole story. His father laughs and wipes his son's tears.

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**Father:** Surya, the main reason your crop has failed is because you sowed it at the wrong time. Though you worked hard day and night, you lacked planning.

**Surya:** I don't understand father. I followed all the steps that you do consistently. Then where did I go wrong?

**Father:** Timing is very important in agriculture or any other activity. A lot of planning has to go into this. You had sowed wheat seeds in summer. Winter is the time period for sowing and harvesting wheat. Surya, it is not enough if you have a goal. You should also have proper planning.

**Surya:** Thanks a lot father. I have understood my mistake. May I join you in the fields from tomorrow to learn more about timing and planning?

**Father:** Yes! Of course, you may! Remember, **doing the right thing at the right time is the key to success. Perfect planning in the present leads to continuous success in the future.**

### ***Points to Ponder/reflect upon***

- ❖ **Even Nature follows a systematic timetable for smooth functioning of the Universe.**
- ❖ **The Sun rises only in the morning and not at night. The Moon appears only at night.**
- ❖ **Flowers bloom in spring and leaves fall in Autumn.**
- ❖ **Goal setting without planning and timely action is merely a dream.**

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