

Grade – 5

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A. Comprehension: Read this passage and answer the questions below:

It's a very old saying that a **rolling** stone gathers no moss. The proverb tells us that, if we constantly move about from one place to another and can never settle down, we are not likely to make much **wealth**. Only those stones that have long remained in one place become coated with moss. In the same manner, men who go on working **steadily** in the same town or country are most likely to become prosperous.

This proverb does not entirely forbid change of place. Although a stone gathers no moss when it is rolling, it may nevertheless arrive at a very favorable position, where the chances of accumulation of moss are higher. Many men have **immensely** improved their **prospects** and talents by boldly transferring themselves to the distant places. While doing this they may have **incurred** heavy expenses, but they are soon compensated for that expenditure by the better opportunities of enriching themselves that they find in their new homes.

Some individuals move to distant places, begin to do well and then want to go through the same cycle again. This restlessness in them sometimes turns favorable and sometimes unfavorable for them. So people who tend to get restless at any moment of time should always remember this proverb.

Continual changes of place may be profitable for rogues, whose **villainy** has been detected and who will have a better chance of cheating again in a land where they are unknown to the police. An able and honest man has every reason to continue to reside where he has established for himself a good reputation and is respected by his neighbors. If he **recklessly** goes to another country, he may take a long time to rebuild the reputation like the one he left behind. Not only this, he will also lose the advantages, which he derived from his local knowledge. He will also get affected in his professional life. A lawyer or a doctor has to start from scratch to build the goodwill among the people in a new environment. Such are the drawbacks that an honest man can face who cannot settle down in one place.

1. What is the main theme of the passage?

2. How is man compared to a rolling stone?

3-4. Write two effects on a rogue if he moves from one place to another.
