Class 9 English Kaveri – Chapter 7

Carrier of Words & Words

VOCABULARY & WORD MEANINGS • 2026–27

A chapter-focused vocabulary resource based on the uploaded Kaveri Chapter 7 textbook. Meanings are kept simple for Class 9 revision.

A. Carrier of Words – Key Vocabulary

Word / Phrase	Meaning	Context
sole	the only one	Khetaram is the sole postman of the branch.
hamlets	small settlements or villages	He delivers mail to far-flung hamlets.
ply	to travel regularly along a route	He plies his route through the desert.
hefted	lifted or carried with effort	He hefted the heavy mailbag.
stipulate	to specify a condition or requirement	The rules stipulate the conditions of the job.
mojri	a traditional type of Indian footwear	His mojri is suited to the local setting.
operating	working or functioning	The post office is operating in a remote region.
riverine	related to or located near a river	Some riverine communities are difficult to reach.
inaccessible	difficult or impossible to reach	The interior areas can be inaccessible.
ambit	the range or area covered by something	India Post aimed to bring people within its mailing ambit.
access	the ability or opportunity to reach or use something	People in remote areas need access to postal services.
remitted	sent or transferred, especially money	Money is remitted by relatives to their families.
scrap	a small piece or fragment	A scrap of paper can still carry a message.
dwell	to live in a particular place	People dwell in remote desert settlements.
threshold	the entrance or doorway of a house or building	He stands at the threshold before delivering difficult news.
dreads	fears greatly	Khetaram dreads letters carrying death news.
missive	a written message or letter	The missive carries important news.
entail	to involve or require as a necessary part	The work entails long journeys.
striding	walking with long, purposeful steps	He is striding across the desert.
arid	very dry; having little rainfall	The arid desert makes travel difficult.
concessional	provided at a reduced or special rate	The textbook uses the term in the context of service conditions.
gaunt	thin and bony, often from hardship or lack of food	The word can describe someone who appears very thin.
remote	far away from towns or populated areas	Khetaram serves a remote region.
desolate	empty, lonely and without much human activity	The mail is carried across a desolate landscape.

B. Important Expressions from the Chapter

Word / Phrase	Meaning	Context
crumble into sand	to gradually break down into sand or become sandy	the road crumbles into sand
give a new lease of life	to give renewed opportunity, usefulness or hope	the job gives his family a new lease of life
turn into a trickle before drying out	to gradually become a small flow and then stop	a resource or supply may turn into a trickle before drying out
bearing words across this desolate geography	carrying messages across a harsh and sparsely populated landscape	describes Khetaram's postal service
walking sandman	a figurative expression describing a person walking through sand and desert conditions	used for the desert postman's difficult journey

C. Poem 'Words' – Word Meanings

Word / Phrase	Meaning	Context
satisfy	to fulfil a need or desire	satisfy the heart
depart	to leave or go away	summer birds depart
pilgrim	a traveller, especially one on a meaningful journey	the heart is a pilgrim upon earth
cheer	to make someone happier or less sad	a voice can cheer a lonely home
hosts	a large number or multitude	hosts of words
weeds	unwanted plants; in the poem, an image for words of little value	words can be as worthless as weeds
sunny	bright, cheerful or happy	wins its sunny way
feast	a large or special meal; in the poem, an image of celebration	the world might hold a feast

D. Quick Revision

- far-flung — very distant or widely scattered.
- GDS — Gramin Dak Sewak, a postal worker serving designated areas, including remote communities.
- mailing ambit — the range of people or places covered by postal services.
- desolate geography — a harsh, empty or sparsely populated landscape.
- meaningful words — sincere words that genuinely communicate feeling or understanding.

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