## Reading -4

Prize distribution is one of the most important functions of a school. It is a memorable event in the history of the institution. It is held and marks the end of the academic year.

The prize distribution in our school was held in the first week of March. It was held in the school hall. The Director of Education was invited to preside over the function. The rooms were white washed and cleaned. The school compound was colorful with flower pots and banners. Maps, pictures and paintings were hung on the walls. Chairs were arranged for the visitors. The stage was beautifully decorated.

Prizes were arranged neatly on a separate table. The prize winners sat near the stage.

The Chief Guest arrived exactly at four. He was warmly received by the principal and other members of the staff at the gate. The school had played the national song. The scouts gave him a guard of honor. He was accompanied to the auditorium by the principal and members of the school committee.

The function started with a song. It was followed by a short drama. The principle read the annual report about the progress, examination results and extra-curricular activities of the school. The chief guest gave away the prizes. I also won a prize for standing first in my class. After that the chief guest delivered a short speech. He praised the school for it all-round progress and brought home to the student's their duties and responsibilities.

The principal thanked the chief guest and the function came to an end amidst cheers.