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Poem 2 -Books

1. The room we sit in melts away- Why does the room ' melt Away'?

Ans.It feels as though the room is melting away because when we read a book, we forget everything around us.

2. And we find ourselves at play

With someone who, before the end,

May become our chosen friend.

a. Where does the chosen friend come from?

Ans.The friend is a character from the book that seems to come alive.

b. How does this person or thing become a special friend?

Ans.While reading the story, the reader may begin to like certain qualities of the character so much that the reader may feel that that person is a special friend.

3. Or we sail along the page

To some other land or age.

What is the feeling conveyed when the speaker uses the word ' sail'?

Ans.The feeling we get when we read the word 'sail' is a feeling of ease and smoothness. It is a soft and gentle movement. When we read a book we get gently transported easily to the time and place where the story is set, as if sailing on water.

4. Here's our body in the chair,

But our mind is over there.

a. Where is the mind at this point?

Ans.The mind is in the land and the time of the story that the speaker is reading.

b. Why is there a distance between the mind and the body?

Ans.There is a distance between the mind and the body because the body is in the room but the mind is far away in another age and another land.

c. What kind of feeling is this? Does it make you feel uncomfortable or happy?

Ans.This is a dreamy feeling and all book-lovers enjoy this feeling. It makes book-lovers happy.

5. Each book is a magic box

Why does the speaker refer to a book as a 'magic box'?

Ans. A book takes the reader into the wondrous world of surprises and exciting events, just like a magic box that brings out a whole load of exciting things, takes us by surprise.

Poem 3-Spring

1. Who do you think is the speaker-an older or a younger person? What makes you think so?

Ans. The speaker is a younger person because normally children don't like staying indoors wearing woollen clothes during winter. Spring means that they are free to run and play.

2. The speaker knows what season it is by noticing the signs around her. Name five such signs.

Ans. There are buzzing black bees, there is dew on the rose, a rabbit has come out of its hiding place, the freshwater eels appear, the speaker is able to go out without a coat, there are buds and flowers and doves on trees.

3. Why does the speaker say she is racing through the meadows without a coat? What does it signify?

Ans. The speaker is able to step out of the house without a coat. This means that winter is finally over and it is spring.

4. The speaker uses words like 'racing through the meadows' and 'running on the rooftops'. What do these words tell us about her? Can you spot any similarities between the speaker and the season of Spring?

Ans. The words racing through the meadows or running on the rooftops show freedom, happiness and lightness. These feelings convey the joy of spring season after a dull, heavy winter.

Ch -4- The Thief is Caught!

1. How did Emil guess that Black Hat had taken his money?

Ans. When Emil was left alone with Black Hat in the compartment, he decided to watch the man carefully. When Emil woke up from his nap, he realised that Black Hat was gone and so was his money. So he guessed that Black Hat had taken his money.

2. Where did Emil meet Paul?

Ans. When Black Hat went into a cafe, Emil kept watching him with anger and sadness. Noticing that Emil was looking worried, Paul came up and asked him what the matter was. This is how Paul and Emil met.

3.What did Paul do right after he promised to help Emil?

Ans.After he promised to help Emil, Paul first gathered his friends and thought of a plan to catch Black Hat.

4.Why did Paul send Tuesday home? What did Paul tell him?

Ans.Paul sent Tuesday home because only Tuesday had a telephone at home. Paul told Tuesday that they would give all the news to him and he could pass it on to the rest. In that way, they would be able to work together smoothly.

5. "We'll also need some food and money."

a. Who says this and to whom?

Ans. Paul says this to Tuesday and the other boys.

b. Why did they need food and money?

Ans.Paul said they needed food because he thought catching Black Hat might take a long time and the boys might feel hungry. They needed money to pay for using the public telephone or hiring a taxi.

6.How did the boys frighten Black Hat?

Ans.The boys frightened Black Hat by simply following him down the street.

7. "That's what we want him to do."

a. Who says this? Who is 'him' here?

Ans. Emil says these lines. Here, 'him' refers to Black Hat.

b.What does the speaker want 'him' to do and why?

Ans.Emil's plan was that Black Hat would see all the boys, get frightened and throw the money at them to avoid trouble.

8. From whom did Emil get the reward and why?

Ans.Emil got the reward from the police. Black Hat was a notorious thief and the police had been looking for him. They had promised a handsome reward to anyone who helped them catch the thief. Emil had helped the police catch Black Hat with the help of his friends.

Ch -5- A Rupee Goes a Long way

1. “Are you sure?” Ranji asked. What were Ranji and the shopkeeper talking about?

Ans.The shopkeeper told Ranji that the one-rupee coin Ranji had was of no value because it was old. Ranji wanted to know if the shopkeeper was sure of it.

2. What did Ranji find when he reached the river?

Ans. Ranji found that the river had dried up and was just a muddy stream. The water was not deep enough to have any fish in it.

3. Who told Ranji that he could play better than him? Was this true?

Ans. The boy with the milk cans said he could play the flute better than Ranji. This was true, as he played a lovely tune with it.

4. Why do you think Ranji took the necklace even though he knew it was of little value?

Ans. Ranji was tired of the flute and wanted to get rid of it. Also, he found the necklace pretty.

5. Koki kept staring at the necklace. Why did she do this?

Ans. Koki kept staring at the necklace as she found it pretty and wanted it for herself.

6. In the end, did Ranji buy the jalebis? How did this happen?

Ans. In the end, Ranji sold the necklace to Koki for a rupee and with this new coin he bought the jalebis that he wanted.

Ch 6- Sam and the Secret Call

1. What did Armando do when he and Sam reached the middle of the sea? What did Sam see and how did it make him feel?

Ans. When Sam and Armando reached the middle of the sea, Armando dropped the anchor. He then put his hands together to blow a sort of whistle. At this, Sam's surprise, he saw a small school of dolphins near the horizon, swimming towards them.

2. When Armando fainted, Sam realised that he was alone on the boat in the middle of a storm. How do you think he felt? What do his actions after that tell you about him?

Ans. When Armando fainted, Sam probably felt nervous and helpless as he had no idea what to do next and how to get them out of the situation alone. But soon, Sam decided to use the whistle that Armando had taught him and call the dolphins to help them. This tells us that even in the midst of a crisis, Sam did not lose his calm and bravely tried to come up with a solution.

3. What did Sam do while the dolphins were pushing the boat? Why?

Ans. Sam tried to make Armando comfortable while the dolphins pushed the boat. He wanted Armando to gain consciousness as soon as possible so that he could instruct Sam what to do next.

4. At the end of the story, Armando was talking to Sam, but Sam wasn't listening. Why? What was he thinking?

Ans. Sam was not listening when Armando was talking because he was lost in his own thoughts. He was thinking about the most adventurous day of his life, of how he had managed to save himself and Armando and the way in which he had been able to keep his calm in the middle of a crisis. He was also enchanted at the sight of the dolphins flying like birds through the golden water.

5. "Lying on the small deck with the chugging of the boat in his ears and a gentle sea breeze fanning his face, Sam almost fell asleep." Why did Sam feel sleepy?

Ans. Sam had got on the boat soon after lunch. Also, the breeze was so pleasant and gentle that it lulled him into sleep.

6. "Sam was so relieved that he wanted to cry." Why did he feel relieved?

Ans. Sam was relieved because now he knew that the boat was safe in the storm and the dolphins would take care of it.