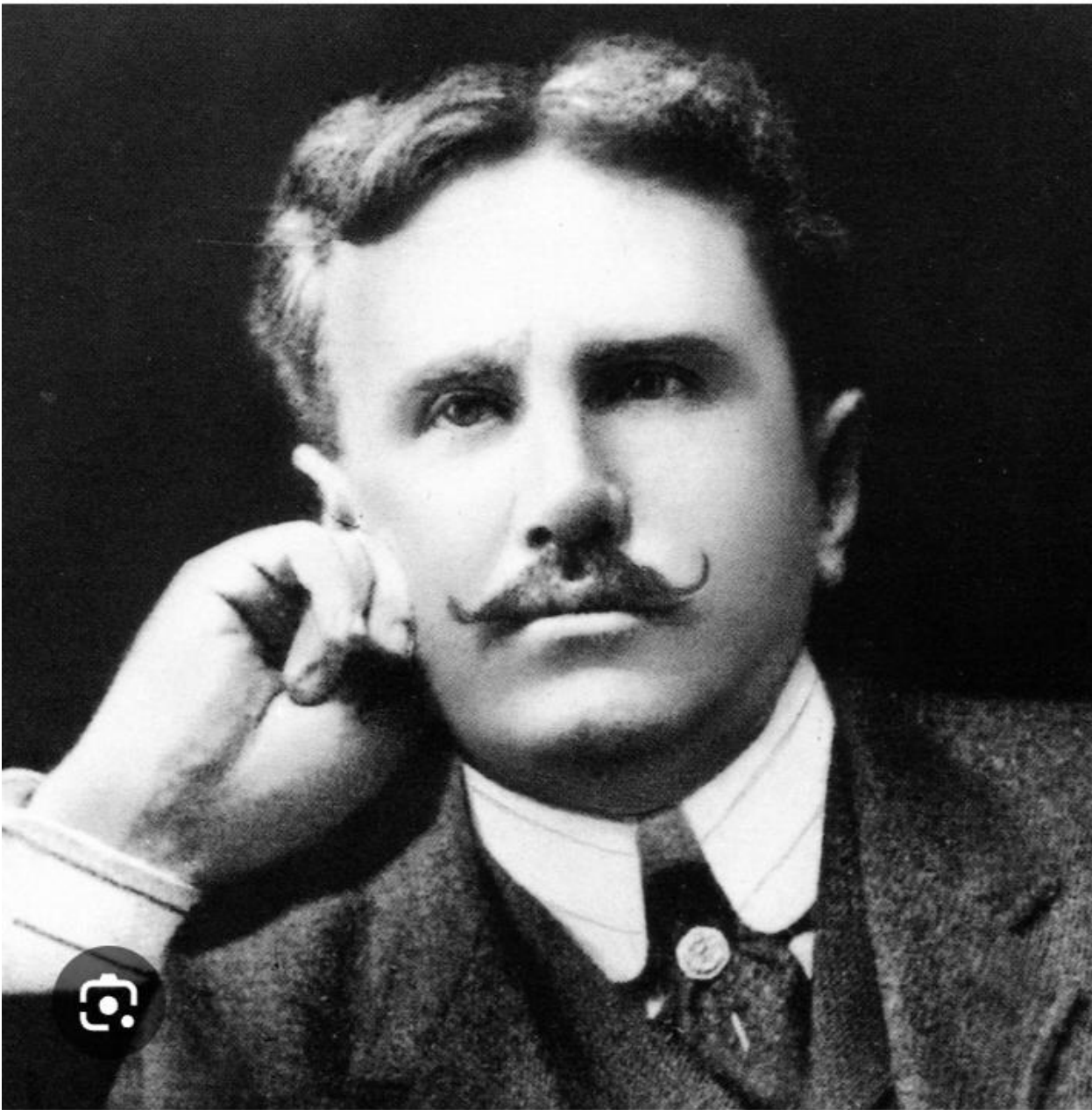




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Summary:

The Cauvery is an important river in South India that begins in the hills of Kodagu in Karnataka. It flows through forests, coffee plantations, and plains, giving life to people, plants, and animals. Many great civilisations have grown along rivers like the Cauvery because they provide water and fertile land. The river passes through places like the Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, which is home to many beautiful birds. Finally, the Cauvery flows into the Bay of Bengal after a long journey. The chapter shows how rivers are essential for life and should be protected.

Synonyms and nearest meanings

1. Civilisations

Meaning: Advanced societies where people live in an organised way.

Synonyms: cultures, societies, communities, nations, settlements

2. Displaces

Meaning: Forces someone or something to move from its place.

Synonyms: removes, shifts, relocates, transfers, uproots

3. Conquered

Meaning: Defeated or gained control over something or someone.

Synonyms: defeated, overpowered, captured, subdued, dominated

4. Plantations

Meaning: Large areas of land where crops like coffee or tea are grown.

Synonyms: farms, estates, fields, gardens, orchards

5. Sanctuary

Meaning: A safe place for animals or birds where they are protected.

Synonyms: refuge, shelter, reserve, haven, protection

WHILE READING

1. b. a child
2. It turns its back on the sea and rushes down the other side of the mountain.
3. a. the reader
4. b. simile

POST READING

- A. 1. b. truant
2. C. indomitable
3. d. confluence
4. b. move with a sound

B. 2. in digestion

C. 2. there was a drought

D. 2. rare birds

E. The following bird sanctuaries are:

Keoladeo Ghana National Park

Harike Wildlife Sanctuary

Salim Ali bird sanctuary

Nal Sarowar Bird Sanctuary

Chilika Lake Bird Sanctuary

Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary

F. 1. It bubbles up as though a water pipe has burst under the ground.

2. It turns it's back on the sea and rushes down the other side of the mountain

3. They have been around since the age of devotees

4. Lots of unusual binds live on them as there are no people bother them.

5. They have a thick tail that they swish from side to side. This makes the move very fast in the water when they are hunting for things to eat.

Q1. Why have great civilisations developed along rivers?

Answer: Great civilisations have developed along rivers because rivers provide water for drinking, farming, and daily life. They make the land fertile and suitable for growing crops. Rivers also help in transport and trade. Because of these benefits, people settled near rivers and built strong civilisations.

Q2. Where does the River Cauvery begin and what is special about its starting point?

Answer: The River Cauvery begins in the mountains of Kodagu in Karnataka. It starts as a small bubbling spring, as if water is bursting from underground. Even though the Arabian Sea is nearby, the river flows in the opposite direction. This makes its beginning quite unique and interesting.

Q3. Why is the Cauvery called a life-giving river?

Answer: The Cauvery is called a life-giving river because it supports people, animals, and plants along its path. It provides water for farming and daily use. It flows through forests, villages, and plains, helping life grow everywhere. It finally reaches the Bay of Bengal, spreading life all along its journey.

Q4. What is special about the Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary?

Answer: The Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary has many small islands in the river where birds live safely. There are no people to disturb them, so birds gather in large numbers. They look

like clouds of black and white when they fly together. Unique birds like the spoonbill can also be seen there.

Q5. What happens to animals when there is no rain, as described in the passage?

Answer: When there is no rain, rivers dry up and only muddy puddles remain. Animals like fish and crocodiles struggle because they need water to survive. They have very little space and must compete for food. This makes life difficult and dangerous for them.

Value-Based Questions

Q1. What lesson do we learn about the importance of the Cauvery river?

Answer: We learn that rivers like the Cauvery are very important for all living beings. They provide water, support agriculture, and help maintain nature's balance. Without rivers, life would become very difficult. So, we should protect rivers and keep them clean for future generations.

Q2. What should we learn from the story about caring for nature and animals?

Answer: The story teaches us to respect and care for nature and wildlife. Animals depend on natural resources like water to survive. We should not harm their habitats or waste water.

Protecting nature ensures that both humans and animals can live safely and peacefully.

CH. 11 Hampton Court Maze

Author: Jerome K. Jerome

About the Author

Jerome K. Jerome (1859–1927) was a famous English writer best known for his humorous writing. He wrote novels, essays, and plays, but his most famous work is *Three Men in a Boat*. His stories are full of wit, funny incidents, and observations about everyday life.

Summary of Hampton Court Maze

Hampton Court Maze is an amusing episode from *Three Men in a Boat*. The narrator and his friends visit the famous maze at Hampton Court. A man confidently claims that the maze is very easy to solve and offers to guide everyone through it.

Soon, however, he becomes confused and loses his way. More and more people follow him, believing he knows the correct path. They wander around the maze for a long time, unable to find the exit. Finally, an old keeper comes and helps them get out.

The story humorously shows how overconfidence can lead to mistakes and how people often follow someone who appears confident, even when that person is wrong.

Moral / Message

- Do not be overconfident.
- Confidence should be supported by knowledge and experience.
- It is wise to ask for help when needed.

Main Theme

Humour, overconfidence, and human nature.

Synonyms

1. Ramble → Wander, Roam, Stroll, Meander, Stray
(walk without a fixed direction)
2. Maze → Labyrinth, Puzzle, Network, Complexity, confusion
(a confusing network of paths)
3. Imposter → Fraud, Fake, Pretender, Deceiver, Masquerade
(a person who pretends to be someone else)
4. Trailed → Followed, Tracked, Pursued, Shadowed, Tailed
(went behind someone)
5. Consulted → Referred to, Asked, advised with, discussed with, Guided
(looked at for information)

While reading

Factual Questions

1. Why did people follow Harris? Answer: b. They had been there for too long and they wanted to get out.
2. How many people followed Harris? Answer: b. 20
3. What is 'half of a penny bun'? Answer: b. the bun thrown by the woman
4. Harris's cousin swore he had noticed there seven minutes ago. People were Answer: b. coming back to the same point.
5. **How many times did they come back to the same place?**
Answer: They came back repeatedly (multiple times), eventually returning to the center every single time they tried to find a way out.

Extra Questions & Answers

1. Why did Harris think the maze was easy?

Answer: Harris had studied the map of the maze. It looked simple to him, so he believed he could easily find the way out.

2. How did Harris know that he was lost?

Answer: Harris and his group saw the same half-eaten bun again. This showed that they were walking in circles.

3. What lesson do we learn from the story?

Answer: The story teaches us not to be overconfident. Practical experience is important. We should stay calm and ask for help when needed.

4. Describe Harris's adventure in the Hampton Court Maze.

Answer: Harris entered the Hampton Court Maze with his cousin. He had studied a map and believed the maze was very easy. Many lost visitors followed him because they thought he knew the way out. However, Harris became confused and kept leading the group in circles. The people became angry when they could not find the exit. Finally, an old keeper arrived and guided everyone safely out of the maze.

5. How did Harris's confidence lead to trouble?

Answer: Harris was very confident because he had studied the map of the maze. He thought he could easily find the exit and even offered to help others. Many people followed him, trusting his guidance. However, Harris soon got lost and could not find the correct path. His overconfidence caused trouble for both himself and the people who followed him.

6. Why is Hampton Court Maze a humorous story?

Answer: The story is humorous because Harris acts as if he knows everything about the maze, but he gets lost himself. Many visitors trust him and follow him, which makes the situation even funnier. The

group keeps returning to the same place, and even the young keeper who comes to rescue them gets lost. These funny incidents make the story entertaining.

Post reading:

A. I've often thought I should like to live at Hampton Court.

The beginning is:

1. Thoughtful

B. "But, there, I don't suppose I should really care for it when it came to actual practice."

The author:

2. Likes the countryside but selectively.

C. Harris was mad because:

3. the woman called him a fraud

D... they told him to go and curl his hair with it. What does 'it' refer to?

2. The map

E. Why was the keeper unable to reach them?

Answer: The keeper was on the other side of the hedge. Although he could see them "every now and then" as they rushed about, the physical barrier of the high maze hedges prevented him from getting to them directly, and he eventually had to wait for them to find the exit.

Value-Based Questions & Answers

1. What does the story teach us about overconfidence and humility?

Answer: The story teaches us that overconfidence can lead to mistakes and problems. Harris believed he knew the maze well because he had studied its map, but he got lost. He also misled others who trusted him. The old keeper, on the other hand, was calm

and experienced. He helped everyone safely. Therefore, we should be confident but also humble and willing to learn from others.

2. Why is practical experience important in life?

Answer: Practical experience helps us deal with real-life situations better. Harris had knowledge from the map, but he did not have experience of the maze. The old keeper had experience and knew how to guide people safely. This shows that experience is often more useful than theory alone. We should value both knowledge and experience.