



Subject: English
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L-2
Topic : A Gift of Chappals

Pre-Activity: Write a few lines about the most precious gift that you received. Give reason.

Word Meanings –

Scrawny – thin

Paati – grandmother

Thatha – grandfather

Weird – strange or unusual

Glided – moved along smoothly

Stumbled – followed haltingly

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the secret that Meena shared with Mridu in the backyard?

Ans. Meena shared the secret of having a kitten in the backyard inside a torn football lines with sacking and filled with sand, which they found outside the gate in the morning.

2. How does Ravi get milk for the kitten?

Ans. Ravi gets the milk from the kitchen saying that he was feeling hungry. He even drinks most of the milk to prove Paati that he was indeed hungry. He then brings the tumbler in the backyard and empties it in the coconut shell.

3. Who does he say the kitten's ancestors are? Do you believe him?

Ans. Ravi said that the kitten's ancestors were the lion of the Pallava kings, the Mahabalipuram Rishi-Cat which has the emblem of the Pallava dynasty.

No, I don't believe his story.

4. What was the noise that startled Mridu and frightened Mahendran?

Ans. It was the sound coming out of Lalli's violin that startled Mridu and frightened Mahendran.

5. Describe the music teacher, as seen from the window.

Ans. As seen from the window, music teacher had the bony figure. He was sitting in front of Lalli with his back towards the window. He was a bald-headed man with a fringe of oiled hair falling around his ears. He had an old-fashioned tuft. He had a shining gold chain in his neck and a diamond ring in his hand. He was wearing a golden-boarded dhoti. His large foot was stuck on the floor and he was beating the floor with his scrawny toe.

6. i) What makes Mridu conclude that the beggar has no money to buy chappals?

Ans. The beggar showed his feet to the children. There were pink blisters on his feet which made Mridu conclude that he didn't have the money to buy chappals.

6. ii) What does she suggest to show her concern?

Ans. Mridu was concerned about the beggar. She suggested giving an old pair of chappals to the beggar.

7. "Have you children" She began and then, seeing they were curiously quiet, went on more slowly," seen anyone lurking around the verandah?"

i) What do you think Rukku Manni really wanted to ask?

Ans. Rukku Manni wanted to ask the children what they have done with the chappals.

ii) Why did she change her question?

Ans. She changed her question after finding the children serious and quiet. She became sure that the children had children had something to do with the chappals.

iii) What did she think had happened?

Ans. She thought that the children would have hidden the chappals somewhere.

8. On getting Gopu Mama's chappals, the music teacher tried not to look too happy. Why?

Ans. Music teacher's chappals were old, but he lied to Lalli saying that they were brand new. Gopu Mama had hardly used his new chappals. The music teacher was happy getting them, but was trying to hide those feelings. He tried to show that he was upset with the children and with his loss.

9. On getting a gift of chappals, the beggar vanished in a minute. Why was he in such a hurry to leave?

Ans. The beggar was in a hurry to leave after getting the chappals because he knew that the children have got them for him without seeking the permission of their elders. He feared they might be taken back from him, so he left in a hurry.

10. Walking towards the kitchen with Mridu and Meena, Rukku Manni began to laugh. What made her laugh?

Ans. Rukku Manni was laughing imagining Gopu Mama without chappals. He had the habit of taking out his hoes immediately after coming home and putting on those

chappals. She laughed wondering what excuse would she give to him and what would be his reaction.

Post Activity – If you would have been in these children’s place, what would you have done ?