



Class- 5

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LESSON 1- Don Quixote and the Enchanted Helmet

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**Pre Activity**–Have you ever found yourself in an unfortunate incident not of your own making? Make your story as humorous as possible.

**New words with meanings-**

1. Bare-headed- (here) Without a helmet.
2. Enchanted- Having a magical quality.
3. Trim- Make neat and clean by cutting away the unwanted parts.
4. Lance- A long spear used by a soldier used by a soldier on horseback.
5. Run him through- Stab him.
6. Wretch- An unfortunate person.
7. Surrender- Give up something.
8. Hedge- A row of bushes.
9. Visor- A piece of armour at the front of a helmet to protect the eyes or the face.
10. Enchanter- Someone who uses magic to put spells on people.
11. Armourer- (here) A maker of weapons.

**Answer the following questions.**

Q1. What did Don Quixote see on his way to the large village?

Ans- Don Quixote saw a horseman wearing a helmet that glittered like gold. Actually it was a barber wearing a brass basin over his new hat to protect it from getting dirty in the rainy weather.

Q2. Why did the barber carry a brass basin with him?

Ans- In the times of Don Quixote, people believed that any illness could be cured by opening a vein of the sick person and letting out the ‘bad’ blood. The barber was most often needed to bleed the ailing person. So, the barber always had a brass basin to catch the blood as it flowed from the patient’s arm.

Q3. Why did Don Quixote attack the barber?

Ans- Don Quixote attacked the barber thinking him to be a knight. He wanted the barber’s brass basin that he thought was King Mambrino’s enchanted golden helmet. Don Quixote had read that whoever wore King Mambrino’s helmet could never be attacked.

Q4. How did the barber run across the fields?

Ans- The barber leaped over the hedge at the side of the road and ran away across the fields.

Q5. What did the two men do when the barber left the basin behind him?

Ans- Don Quixote picked up the basin and clapped it on his head. He turned it this way and that, and tilted it backward and forward. He called it large and commented that it did not have a visor. Sancho hid his laughter because he knew it was not a helmet but a barber's brass basin.

Q6. What exchange did Sancho want to do and why?

Ans- Sancho wanted to exchange his donkey with the barber's 'horse', which was actually a donkey. He wanted to do so, perhaps, because the barber's donkey was not as tired as his own, and would aid him better on the journey onwards.

### **HOTS**

Q1. Why was Sancho nervous about Don Quixote's new adventure?

Ans- Sancho was nervous because of Don Quixote's new adventure because the last one had not ended in a great manner, with Don Quixote having chased windmills, mistaking them for giants.

Q2. Why did Sancho try to hide his laughter on seeing Don Quixote wear the helmet?

Ans- Sancho tried to hide his laughter on seeing Don Quixote wear the helmet because the latter was looking like a big fool, wearing a 'helmet' that looked so much like a barber's basin.

Q3. Do you agree with Don Quixote's reasoning for the exchange of saddles? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans- Yes, I agree with Don Quixote's reasoning for the exchange of saddles. In Quixote's imagination, he did win the battle against the barber, and rightfully, the latter's possessions now belong to him. Even then, he considered himself to be a brave knight who did not rob others, and certainly not a horse, that might be dear to its master. Since an exchange cannot be termed as robbery, he allowed Sancho to exchange saddles, which he considered a fair thing to do.

**POST ACTIVITY-** Pick out three things that you found humorous in the story.

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