



## CLASS - III ENGLISH NOTES SEPTEMBER

### 5. Lazy Kate

#### I. ERC:

1. “Dear me! Dear me! Kate will not get up. Well, she shall not be late to school. I will see to that.”

a) Who is the speaker?

Bed is the speaker.

b) Why does the speaker think that Kate will be late to school?

Bed thinks Kate will get late for her school as she's a lazy child.

c) What will happen if Kate is late to school?

Kate's teacher will scold her if she is late to school. Also, she will miss her lessons.

d) What does the speaker do to ensure that Kate is not late to school?

Bed walks from the room into the street to drop her at the school to make she isn't late.

2. “Take me home, Bed! Please take me home!”

a) Who is the speaker?

Kate is the speaker.

b) Where does Bed take the speaker?

Bed takes Kate to school.

c) Why does the speaker want to go home?

Kate is ashamed for being lazy in front of her classmates and teacher, thus she wants to go home.

d) Does Bed take the speaker home? Why/Why not?

Yes, Bed takes Kate home after she promises to get up early every morning.

3. “You have been dreaming, child.”

a) Who is the speaker?

Mother is the speaker.

b) Who is being referred to as 'child'?

Kate is referred to as 'child'.

**c) Why does the speaker think that the child had been dreaming?**

Mother thinks that Kate has been dreaming because, she informs her she's been to school, her Bed took her.

**d) Is the speaker correct about the child? Why/ Why not?**

Yes, the speaker is correct that Kate has been dreaming because it is not possible that her bed took her to school.

**II. Short Answers:**

**1. Why does Mother think that Kate will be late to school?**

Mother thinks that Kate will be late for her school because she refuses to get up from the bed.

**2. Who takes Kate to school? How?**

Bed takes Kate to school, as he walks from her room into the street and ends up in her classroom.

**3. Why does Bed agree to take Kate back home?**

Once Kate agrees to get up early every morning, Bed takes her back home.

**4. Why does Kate believe that she had already been to school that day?**

Kate believes she's been to school because she dreamt that her Bed took her to her classroom.

**5. What role does Bed play in helping Kate get rid of her laziness?**

Bed helped Kate realise that her laziness can drive her late to school. Due to this realisation she promised Bed that she'll get up early every morning.

**III. Long Answers:**

**1. Write a few lines about Kate's character.**

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: Kate is a lazy girl who loves to sleep. However, she is also a fast learner. She immediately realises her laziness as her fault and further corrects it by promising Bed to get up early every morning. One can say that Kate is a girl with faults but she also has the potential to correct it, as soon as she learns about them.

**2. Do you think Bed actually took Kate to school or was she dreaming?**

No, Bed actually didn't take Kate to school, she was dreaming.

**3. What is the theme of the play? What do you learn from it?**

The theme of the play is to cultivate the habit of punctuality. We have learnt to rise up early in the morning so as to avoid getting late.

- 4. Do you think that Kate will ever be late for school again? Give reasons for your answer.**

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: No, as mentioned before she has learnt from her mistakes and not to repeat them ever again.

## **6. The Skeleton Key**

### **I. ERC:**

- 1. “He didn't want to give up his entire Saturday afternoon at his grandparents' house.”**

- a) Who is being referred to here?**

Erik is being referred to here.

- b) Why did he not want to give up his entire Saturday at his grandparents' house?**

He didn't want to give up his entire Saturday at his grandparent's house because there were no kids to play with, in the neighbourhood.

- c) For how long had the person gone to his grandparents' house?**

Erik had gone to his grandparent's house for four hours.

- d) Write a word that can be used instead of 'give up' in the sentence.**

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- 2. “You're right on time,' Grandma Bethany said, opening the door.”**

- a) Who is Grandma Bethany talking to?**

Grandma Bethany is talking to Erik.

- b) Why was the listener right on time?**

Erik was right on time to have tea and cake.

- c) What did the listener think of on listening to Grandma Bethany's words?**

After listening to Grandma Bethany's word Erik thought first ten minutes would go by quickly.

- d) Make a sentence with the phrase 'on time'.**

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: All the employees were asked to be on time for the meeting.

- 3. “With a click, the door opened. Erik switched on the light and walked down the stairs.”**

- a) Where is Erik?**

Erik is in the game room in the basement.

**b) Why is he there?**

He's there to play with his Grandpa Bill.

**c) What did he see when he switched on the light?**

After switching on the light he saw a giant room with a pool table in the middle and a dartboard on the far wall.

**d) Who came into the room next? What did he/she offer to do for Erik?**

Grandpa came next in the room. He offered to teach pool to Erik.

**II. Long Answers:**

**1. In the beginning, Erik was not happy about going to his grandparents' house.**

**Did he not like his grandparents? Gives reasons for your answer.**

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: Yes, Erik was not happy about the idea of spending his entire Saturday at his grandparent's house because there were no kids in the neighbourhood.

**2. How do you think Erik would now feel about visiting his grandparents? Give a reason for your answer.**

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: After discovering the basement giant room with a pool table in the middle and a dartboard on the far wall, he would definitely visit his grandparents.

**3. Which of these words would best describe Erik-selfish, curious or greedy? Give a reason to support your answer.**

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: Curious, as he wants to learn how to play pool from his grandpa Bill.