



CLASS - IV ENGLISH NOTES JANUARY

10 The Witness

I. ERC:

1. 'I 'll teach that man a lesson for insulting me in front of my friends'!
Thought Jaisingh.

(a) Who is Jaisingh referring to?

Jaisingh is referring to the moneylender.

(b) How had the man insulted Jaisingh?

The moneylender had asked Jaisingh to return the borrowed money, in front of his friends.

(c) Was Jaisingh right in thinking so?

No, as the moneylender had asked for his money many times but Jaisingh had not returned it.

(d) Write the antonym of the word 'insulting'.

Complementing.

2. Said the moneylender, 'What if I write off your loan? Will you let me go then?'

(a) Who is the moneylender speaking to?

The moneylender is speaking to Jaisingh.

(b) What is the loan being referred to?

The loan being referred to is the amount that Jaisingh had borrowed from the moneylender but had not returned.

(c) What had the other person done?

The other person, Jaisingh, had waylaid the moneylender on a deserted road and was threatening to kill him.

(d) Will the other person agree to the moneylender's offer?

Yes, I think Jaisingh will agree to the offer.

3. 'Aha! I tricked the moneylender so cleverly!'

(a) Who is the speaker?

Jaisingh is the speaker.

(b) Why was the speaker so happy?

He was happy because he thought he had tricked the moneylender.

(c) How had he tricked the moneylender?

He thought that he had tricked the moneylender by getting a receipt signed by him with a banyan tree as witness.

(d) Write a word to replace 'tricked'.

Fooled

II. Short Answers:

1. Why did the moneylender go to Jaisingh's house?

The moneylender went to Jaisingh's house to get his money back.

2. How did Jaisingh react to his visit? Why?

Jaisingh felt insulted because the moneylender asked for his money in front of his (Jaisingh's) friends.

3. What did the moneylender say when Jaisingh drew his sword?

He said that he would write off his loan.

4. When did Jaisingh agree to the moneylender's proposal?

When the moneylender suggested that the banyan tree could act as the witness to the episode.

5. Why did Jaisingh agree to have the banyan tree as a witness?

He agreed to have the banyan tree as the witness as he thought that since it could never speak it could never be proved that he had not paid the loan back to the moneylender.

6. Why was the receipt useless?

The receipt was useless because it did not have the signature of the moneylender. Instead, it had the signature of the banyan tree, which was useless.

11 Unless

I. ERC.

1. As he kept twisting faster,
'Unless you find in your inside
A hook, my little master!'

(a) Who is the speaker?

The fish is the speaker.

(b) Why is the speaker twisting?

The fish is twisting so that it can manage to escape.

(c) Who is he/she referring as 'mater'?

The fish is referring to Bobbie, a young boy, as 'master'.

(d) What is the 'hook' mentioned here?

A fishing hook is mentioned here

2. 'And never have to wash or dress,
And never to be beaten!'
'Quite so,' the fish remarked, 'unless
You happen to be eaten!'

(a) Who is the fish speaking to?

The fish is speaking to Bobbie, the speaker.

(b) What does the other person wish for?

The other person, Bobbie, wishes to be a fish.

(c) Why does the other person have such a wish?

The other person has such a wish so that he never has to bathe or dress or be beaten.

(d) What is the disadvantage of being a fish?

That it could be caught and eaten.

II. Short Answers:

1. What did Bobbie wish to be?

Bobbie wished to be a fish.

2. What brought that thought into Bobbie's mind?

As he was trying to catch a fish, this idea struck Bobbie's mind.

3. What do the words 'speckled twister' mean?

The words 'speckled twister' mean a fish with lots of dots or patches

4. Why did Bobbie want to be a fish?

Bobbie wanted to be a fish so that he would never have to bathe, dress, go to school and do dictations and never be beaten.