



CLASS - III ENGLISH NOTES NOVEMBER

8. THE FISHERMAN AND HIS WIFE

I. ERC:

1. 'I don't need anything from you'.

(a) Who said this?

The poor, old fisherman said this.

(b) To whom did he/she say this?

The fisherman said this to the golden fish, which got caught in his net.

(c) Why did the person say this?

The fisherman said this because he did not care for the riches of the world or want great power.

(d) What does this tell us about the person?

The person was not greedy and he was happy with whatever he had in life.

2. 'Oh, such a fool you are! You could have at least asked for a new watering trough'.

(a) Who said this to whom?

The fisherman's wife said this to him.

(b) Why did the person call the other person a 'fool'?

She called him a fool because even though the fisherman had an Opportunity to make a wish for anything he pleased, he did not ask for anything.

(c) Was the other person really a fool? Why/ Why not?

No, the other person was not a fool. He was a humble person.

(d) What is a 'watering trough'?

A 'watering trough' is a container from which animals eat food or drink Water.

3. 'She wants a new house now'.

(a) Who is the speaker?

The fisherman is the speaker.

(b) Who is the person speaking to?

He is speaking to the golden fish.

(c) Who is 'She' ?

'She' refers to the fisherman's wife.

(d) Why did she want a new house?

The fisherman's wife wanted a new house because they were poor and would not be able to buy or make a new house. Also, she was a very greedy woman.

4. 'I hope you are happy now! You've got what you wanted'.

(a) Who is speaking to whom?

The fisherman is speaking to his wife.

(b) What had the person wanted?

The fisherman's wife had wanted to become a noblewoman.

(c) Who had granted the wish?

The golden fish had granted the wish.

(d) Was the person happy after the wish was granted? Why/ Why not?

The fisherman's wife was not happy after becoming a noblewoman. Next, she wanted to become the queen of all the land.

II. Short Answers:

1. What was special about the fish that the poor fisherman caught one day?

The golden fish was special because it could talk and grant wishes.

2. What did the fish promise the fisherman?

The fish promised the fisherman that it would reward him with anything he wishes for, if he lets him go.

3. What did the fisherman's wife tell him when he told her about the fish?

The fisherman's wife called him a fool for not making the fish grant him a wish. She told him that he could have at least wished for a new watering trough.

4. At the end, what did the fisherman's wife want?

In the end, the fisherman's wife wanted to be the Empress of the land and the sea. She wanted the golden fish to become her servant.

III. Long Answers:

1. Why do you think the fish swam away the last time without a word?

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: The fish did not say anything because it realised that there would be no end to the greed of the fisherman's wife and that she must be taught a lesson.

2. Give one word to describe the fisherman's wife. Do you think the fish did the right thing by not granting her last wish? Why/ Why not?

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: The fisherman's wife was 'greedy'. The fish was right in not granting her last wish because she would have possibly used her power to harm others and make everyone do things that were only to her own advantage.