

BIJENDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Class - 5

Subject - ENGLISH COURSE BOOK

Chapter - 1 A BOTTLE OF DEW

A. Word Meaning:

1. Dew - Water that gather on the ground and on leaves during the night
2. Potion - Drink that have magical effects
3. Pauper - Very poor person
4. Sage - Very wise person
5. Tend - Some thing or someone, look after
6. Crop - Plant that is grown for food
7. Mutters - Say something very quietly and not clearly
8. Dismay - Feeling very upset
9. Glints - Shines very bright
10. Astonished - Very surprised

B. Read these lines from the story and answer the questions.

1. 'Yes, in my travels in the Himalayas, I heard how you could make such a potion. But it is a difficult process.'

a. Who said these lines? Who was he talking to?

Ans. Sage Mahipati said these lines. He was talking to Ramanatha.

b. What was the process?

Ans. The process was of turning any object into gold by sprinkling a magic potion on it.

c. Do you think it was actually a difficult process? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. The process was neither a difficult nor an easy one because it was not real.

2. 'This is cheating,' he told the sage. 'I have wasted six precious years of my life.'

a. Who said these lines? What is the speaker talking about?

Ans. Ramanatha said these lines. He is talking about the time he spent working on his plantation.

b. How was 'this' a cheating according to the speaker?

Ans. The magic potion was supposed to turn any object into gold. However, it did not perform as expected. Hence, Ramanatha accused Mahipati of cheating him.

c. Do you think the speaker really 'wasted' six years of his life? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. No, because he earned his wealth honestly during that time, even if he didn't realise he was doing it.

COMPREHENSION - 2

Answer these questions :

1. How would you describe Ramanatha before he started working on his fields?

Ans. Before he started working on his fields, Ramanatha was naive, selfish, lazy and trusting. He wanted to find wealth without trying.

2. How did he change during the six years when he worked on his banana plantation?

Ans. During the six years, he learnt how to work hard and be responsible. He realised the effort it takes to make a living and become successful.

3. What do you think Ramanatha did with all his wealth?

Ans. I think Ramanatha used all his wealth properly. He understood that only hard work could bring success. So, he started to work harder on his plantation.

4. Do you agree or disagree with the following sayings? Give reasons for your answer.

a. The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work.

Ans. One can be very talented, but unless he or she puts that talent to work, it will be of no use to that person or anyone else.

b. Luck favours those who don't depend on it.

Ans. One needs to work hard to achieve success in life. If one does nothing and expects to become successful, success will never come.