

BIJENDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PURNEA

Class : 6

Subject : English Course Book

Chapter - 7 Seventeen Oranges

A. Word Meaning :-

1. Dock - an area of water next to land where ships go.
2. Apron - clothes that you wear to stop getting dirty.
3. Pip - small, hard seeds in a fruit
4. Peel - the skin of a fruit

B. Read these quotes from the story and answer the questions:

1. Mind your cat doesn't escape again!

a. Who said these words and to whom?

Ans. The policeman P C Pongo said these words to Bill.

b. Why did he say this?

Ans. He said this to Bill because Bill was so upset when his cat ran back to the ship.

c. Did the cat actually escape again? Why?

Ans. No, the cat actually did not escape again. Because Bill could not catch the cat. But PC Pongo thought there was cat in Bill's basket.

2. You stole these oranges! What have you got to say for yourself?

a. Who said this?

Ans. The policeman PC Pongo said this.

b. What made him notice the stolen oranges?

Ans. The policeman saw Bill's pockets stuffed full of oranges, when Bill's apron string broke.

c. What happened next ?

Ans. After seeing the oranges PC Pongo took Bill into his hut and emptied out his pockets.

3. Where are the oranges?

a. Who said this and to whom?

Ans. PC Pongo said this to Bill.

b. What had the listener done with the oranges?

Ans. The listener ate all the seventeen oranges along with the pips and peels.

c. Why did he do so?

Ans. Bill did so because he was scared that he might lose his job or may be sent to prison. He did it to remove all the evidence.

4. Pongo locked you in that hut for half an hour? He had no right to do that.

a. Who said these words and to whom?

Ans. Clem said these words to Bill.

b. Who was Pongo and why did he lock up the listener of the lines above?

Ans. Pongo was a policeman. He locked up the listener, Bill because he took seventeen oranges.

c. Do you think he deserved to be locked up? Give a reason.

Ans. As Bill was caught stealing oranges he deserved to be locked up. But after that when the evidence was gone the policeman had to let him off.

Comprehension - 2

Answer these questions:

1. What sort of character is PC Pongo? Do you like him? Why / Why not?

Ans. a. PC Pongo was very sincere person. He was doing his job at the docks very honestly.
b. I like him because as a policeman he was performing his duty properly.

2. What do we know about Clem's character?

Ans. Clem was Bill's friend. According to Bill, Clem was more daring. He played a great trick on the policeman PC Pongo.

3. If you were caught in a situation like Bill, what would you do? Why?

Ans. If I were caught in a situation like Bill I would confess my mistakes and give up all the bad habits like stealing oranges etc. Because stealing definitely is a sin.

4. Here's the thief!

a. Is Bill really a thief?

Ans. No, Bill is not a thief. He was working at the docks.

b. Did he do something really bad?

Ans. Yes, I think he did something that is really bad.

c. Do you feel sorry for him?

Ans. Yes, I feel sorry for him.

5. Do you think Bill stole the oranges because he was hungry or out of greed?

Is it right to steal food when someone is very hungry? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. a. From the story I know that Bill stole the oranges because he has a habit of doing that.

b. It is not right to steal food even when someone is very hungry.
Because stealing is not permitted as a good job in any way.