



CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

Working with the text.

A) Answer the Following Questions.

1) Why Did Taro Run in the Direction of the Stream?

Answer: Taro ran in the direction of the stream because he wanted to hear the sound of falling water which he had never heard before. At the same time, he was feeling thirsty.

2) How Did Taro's Father Show His Happiness After Drinking Sake?

Answer: Taro's father shows his happiness after drinking sake by dancing. He stopped shivering and felt warm as well as energetic.

3) Why Did the Waterfall Give Taro's Sake and Others Water?

Answer: For Taro's sake waterfall changed water into sake as a reward for him. He was a thoughtful son but unlike him, the other people were greedy. So, it remained plain water for other people.

4) Why Did the Villagers Want To Drown Taro?

Answer: Villagers wanted to drown Taro as they thought Taro had fooled them. The villagers too wanted to collect sake but they got only plain water. So, they wanted to punish him for playing tricks with them.

5) Why Did the Emperor Reward Taro?

Answer: The emperor rewarded Taro to establish him as a role model. Taro was kind and obeyed his parents. He was fully devoted to them. The emperor wanted to encourage all children to follow in his steps and respect, obey and serve their parents.

B) Mark the right item.

1) Taro earned very little money because



- i) he didn't work hard enough.
 - ii) the villagers didn't need wood.
 - ✓ iii) the price of wood was very low.
- 2) Taro decided to earn extra money
- i) to live a more comfortable life.
 - ✓ ii) to buy his old father some sake.
 - iii) to repair the cracks in the hut
- 3) The neighbour left Taro's hut in a hurry because
- i) she was delighted with the drink.
 - ii) she was astonished to hear Taro's story.
 - ✓ iii) she wanted to tell the whole village about the waterfall.

Working with Language

A) A Strike off the words in the box below that are not suitable.

thoughtful	hardworking	loving	honest
consider	trustworthy	efficient	kind

Taro wanted to give his old parents everything they needed. This shows that he was ...

Answer: Taro wanted to give his old parents everything they needed. This shows that he was honest, trustworthy, and efficient.

B) Question B:

- 1) "This made Taro sadder than ever." 'This' refers to
- i) a strong wind that began to blow.
 - ii) Taro's father's old age.



- ii) Taro's inability to buy expensive sake for his father.

(Mark the right item.)

2) "This", said the emperor, "was to encourage all children to honour and obey their parents." 'This' refers to

- i) the most beautiful fountain in the city.
 ii) rewarding Taro with gold and giving the fountain his name.
 iii) sending for Taro to hear his story.

(Mark the right item.)

C) Arrange the words below in pairs that rhyme.

young	sad	money	chop	lung	last	wax	could	bad	sound	axe
wood	way	stop	sunny	fast	round	day				

Example: young- lung money – sunny

Answer:

Sad - Bad

Could - Wood

Sound - Round

Last - Fast

Wax - Axe

Way - Day

Chop – Stop

D) Question D:

- 1) Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

lonely	little	hard	young	thoughtful	delicious	beautiful
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A young woodcutter lived on a lonely hillside. He was a thoughtful son who worked hard but earned little money. One day he saw a little waterfall hidden behind a rock. He tasted the water and found it delicious.

2) Find these sentences in the story and fill in the blanks.

- i) This made Taro sadder than ever. (3)
- ii) He decided to work harder than before. (3)
- iii) Next morning, Taro jumped out of bed earlier than usual. (4)
- iv) He began to chop even faster. (4)
- v) Next morning, Taro started work even earlier than the morning before. (10)

Speaking and Writing

Question A:

Speak the following sentences clearly but as quickly as you can. Learn them by heart.

- i) How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck would chuck wood.

Answer: Do yourself and try to speak the sentences clearly.

- ii) Betty bought a bit of butter, but the bit of butter was a little bitter so she bought some better butter to make the bitter butter better.

Answer: Do yourself and try to speak the sentences clearly.

Question B:

- 1) The story 'Taro's Reward' shows that Taro is thoughtful, hardworking and also wise. Read aloud the parts of the story that show these qualities in Taro.

Ans: The part of the story which highlights this is "All day long he chopped wood in the forest. Though he worked very hard, he earned very little money. This made him sad, for he was a thoughtful son and wanted to give his old parents everything they needed."

- 2)



- i) Like Patrick in the Story 'Who Did Patrick's Homework', Taro Is Helped by Magic. Do You Believe in Magic? What Are the Magical Things That Happen in These Stories?

Answer: No, I don't believe in magic. It's just a result of continuous practice and some tricks. In this story, the magic is visible in the way the waterfall appears behind the rocks and tastes like sake for Taro and plain water for other people.

- ii) Which Story Do You Like Better, and Why? Do You Know Such Stories in Other Languages? Discuss These Questions in Class.

Answer: Both the stories are based on the value of hard work. It tells us that hard work is the key to success. But I like Patrick's most as it is more adventurous than the other one.

- 3) Now Write a Paragraph or Two About These Two Stories, Comparing Them.

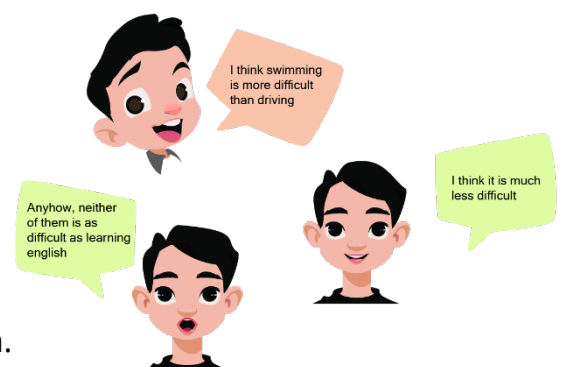
Answer: The story- Who did Patrick's homework is more adventurous than the other one- Taro's Reward. Patrick is presented as a hardworking boy who hates homework. He is good at sports. The story is a natural presentation and ends with a message that hard work is the key to success. On the other hand, Taro is shown as a thoughtful, wise, and hardworking boy who is kind and fully devoted to his parents. His characterization is just opposite to Patrick's. He was also rewarded by the emperor for his devotion to his parents.

Question C:

- 1) Listen to These Children. What are They Talking About?

Conversation of Children

Answer: They are discussing and comparing the difficulties related to different tasks-driving, swimming, or learning English. One agrees on the fact that driving is less difficult than learning English.





2) Work in Groups. Come to Some Agreement on Each of the Activities Given Below.

Decide Which is the Most Interesting, Dullest, Most Dangerous, Safest, Most Rewarding, Most Exciting.

cooking	fishing	playing football
knitting	dancing	listening to music
reading	sewing	mountain climbing
walking	swimming	learning languages
painting	watching TV	stamp collecting

Answer:

Most interesting: dancing, listening to music and watching TV.

Dullest: knitting, learning language, and sewing.

Most dangerous: mountain climbing.

Safest: Walking, stamp collecting.

Most rewarding: reading, fishing, cooking, and painting.

Most exciting: Playing football and swimming.

Dictation

Question 1: Your teacher will speak the words given below. Write against each two new words that rhyme with it.

1) bed, led, shed

2) wax, fax, axe

3) fast, cast, last

4) chop, flop, shop

5) young, among, belong