



CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

Working with the poem.

1. Answer these questions.

i. Why does the poet want to know where the teachers go at four o'clock?

Answer: The poet wanted to know where the teachers go at four o'clock because school gets over at that time.

ii. What are the things normal people do that the poet talks about?

Answer: Living in a house, living with their parents, washing socks, wearing pyjamas, watching TV, picking their noses, making spelling mistakes, being bad, getting punished, losing books, doodling on school desktops, and wearing old soiled pants are all things normal people do that the poet mentions.

iii. What does he imagine about

a. Where teachers live?

Answer: He imagines that the teachers live in houses.

b. What they do at home?

Answer: They wash their socks, wear pyjamas, pick their noses, and watch TV at home.

c. The people with whom they live?



Answer: They live with other people, and it is probable that they also had mothers and fathers.

d. Their activities when they were children in school.

Answer: Their activities would be similar to what children do today. They were also bad, made mistakes, never got spellings right, and were punished in the corner for pinching the chocolate flakes. They would have also lost their hymn books, scribbled on the desktops and wore old dirty jeans.

iv. Why does the poet wonder if teachers also do things that other people do?

Answer: The poet wondered if teachers also do things that other people do because he thinks they are superhumans. They did not make any mistakes and were strict. Moreover, they punish those who commit mistakes.

v. How does the poet plan to find out? What will he do once he finds out?

Answer: The poet plans to find the teacher's routine by following one of the teachers on the way back home and observing what they do. Once he found out their schedule, he would compose it into a poem, which then those teachers would read to their students.

2. What do you think these phrases from the poem mean?



i. punished in the corner.

Answer: A form of punishment that involves standing in the corner of the classroom.

ii. leave their greens.

Answer: After the bell, children are supposed to leave the playground for the next class.

