

## LESSON – 1

### THE DIAMOND NECKLACE

**Find the synonym of each word and use them in sentences of your own.**

1. Existence: State of living

The organization has been in existence for fifteen years.

2. Frustration: feeling upset or annoyed because one cannot do something about a certain condition

When she failed in the project, tears of frustration rolled down her cheeks.

3. Regrets: Feel sorry about something that one has not been able to do  
she expressed her regret at Virginia's death

4. Crockery: Cups plates dishes etc

All the crockery has been smashed to bits.

5. Anguish: Extreme unhappiness

she shut her eyes in anguish

6. Distress: A feeling of great worry

The news certainly distressed him.

7. Wrap: A garment to cover the body protect it from cold

I am trying to wrap up everything as fast as I can.

8. Misery: A difficult situation due to lack of food clothes or money

The misery of the poor is a well-known fact today.

9. Hardship: Great suffering of the mind and body

Success always follows hardship.

10. Drastic: To have a sudden effect on something

The drastic decision by the leader at crucial time brought victory to the team.

11. Mortgaged: To learn something to someone in exchange for money

The bank refused to accept any mortgage on land.

12. Suffice: To be enough of something; sufficient

To prove a good person, their actions would suffice.

13. Tremendous: very great

Children have tremendous energy in them.

**Answer the following questions:**

1. Why was Mathilde always sad?

Mathilde was always sad because she felt that the life she got is not as luxurious as she expected.

2. Why and how did Mr. and Mrs. Loisel spend the horrible and miserable life of necessity?

Mrs. Loisel lost the diamond necklace she borrowed from madam Forestier. Mr & Mrs Loisel decided to replace it as they could not find it. They had to even mortgage their entire life's savings. They dismissed their only servant and moved to a much smaller apartment and lived their life in great poverty.

3. What lessons do we learn from the story 'Diamond Necklace'?

The lessons we learn from the story are

- We need to be satisfied with what we have.
- Be honest and humble and accept your mistakes
- Value the persons and things that we have.

4. Why do you think that Monsieur Loisel was a loving husband?

Monsieur Loisel was a loving husband because he worked hard to give Mathilde a comfortable life. Even when she lost the necklace, he did not blame her rather stood with her and suffered with her to face the adversity.

**Answer the following questions with reference to context.**

1. Madame Forestier exclaimed, 'oh! My dear Mathilde, you have changed so much! I could not recognize you.'

a. Why could Madame Forestier not recognize Mathilde?

Mathilde had lost her beauty and charm and was tired and damaged from years of hardship. Thus, Madame Frostier could not recognize Mathilde.

b. What did they talk about and how did Madame Forestier respond?

Mathilde explained the reason for the drastic change in her appearance and that the lost diamond necklace was the cause of it. Hearing that Madame Forestier exclaimed that the necklace that she lent was fake.

c. Was all the misery Mathilde went through worthy? Why?

The misery Mathilde went through was the result of her greediness and dishonesty. So, I think it is not worthy.

2. “One night, her husband returned home with an invitation that read; Monsieur Loisel thought his wife would be excited to attend such a party, but she got upset and threw the invitation on the table”

a. What did Mathilde’s husband bring home one evening? Why?

Mathilde’s husband brought home an invitation for an evening party. He thought that his wife would be excited to attend such a party so he took tremendous trouble to get one.

b. Why did Mathilde get upset?

According to Mathilde she did not have a proper dress and jewel to attend such a grand party. So, she was upset.

## **POEM – 1** **PAPER BOATS**

### **I. Synonyms:**

1. Float – rest on the surface of a liquid without sinking
2. Strange – something which is unusual or unexpected
3. Shiuli – a small white flower with an orange stalk which blooms in the morning
4. Dawn – the first appearance of light in the sky in the morning
5. Bulging – swelling or sticking out

6. Race – to compete against someone or something  
7. Fairies – small imaginary beings that have magical powers  
8. Lading – to cover or fill completely

**Answer the following:**

1. What does his playmate do?

His playmate sets sail the clouds as a ship in full speed to be in a race with the paper boat.

2. What does the poet dream of?

The poet dreams of fairies sailing in his boat and filling their baskets of dream under the midnight sky.

3. Why do you think this poem is of imagination?

- The poet sails a paper boat and imagines it to sail till midnight.
- He thinks of fairies sleeping on a paper boat, filling their baskets.
- The cloud that moves naturally is said to be racing with the paper boats.

4. What is the desire of the boy by sailing boats?

The boy desires to make himself known to people in far land. He also desires to make the Shiuli flowers see the night.

**Answer the question with reference to context:**

1. I launch my paper boats and look up into the sky and see the little clouds setting the white bulging sails.

- a. What does the poet mean by the word launch?

Launch refers to making paper boats and allowing it to sail on the water.

- b. What does he see when he looks up at the sky?

He sees the little clouds when he looks up the sky.

- c. What does he think about the clouds?

He thinks the white clouds sailing in the sky