

Lesson – 3

The Last Leaf

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

1. Harbours: Believing.

He was suspected of harbouring an escaped prisoner.

2. Disapprovingly: Without approval.

He folded his arms and shook his head disapprovingly.

3. Contemplating: Thinking deeply.

He contemplated his image in the mirrors.

4. Broth: A soup made of healthy nutrients

A hot broth is more delicious in winter.

5. Succumbed: fail to resist

We cannot merely give up and succumb to despair.

6. Janitor: A care taker

The janitor was just sweeping up as I left the building.

7. Recounted: Give an account of an event

My friend recounted about his last summer trip.

8. Exasperated: Intensely irritated

He's becoming increasingly *exasperated* with the situation.

9. Replete: filled.

I went out into the sun-drenched streets again, replete and relaxed after a delicious meal.

Answer the following:

1. Why did artists choose to live in the Greenwich Village?

Artists choose to live in Greenwich village for its quiet and peaceful atmosphere and for apartments that were available on low rent.

2. What gave hope to the disheartened Johnsy?

The leaves that remained on the branch of the vine even after a heavy storm gave hope to the disheartened Johnsy.

3. What did the doctor say about Johnsy's illness?

The doctor requested Sue to install hope in her friend Johnsy, as she had lost all desires to live. After Johnsy cheered up, the doctor declared that she would soon recover and get her strength back.

4. Discuss the character of Mr. Behrman.

Mr Behrman, a man in his forties, hard-working and relentless. Though his paintings did not earn him popularity or luxurious life, he never stopped painting. His desire to paint a masterpiece was kept alive by his enthusiasm, hope and trust in himself. He was very kind and compassionate person. He wanted to cheer up Johnsy though it costed him his life.

Answer the question with reference to context:

1. 'What! That is ridiculous! Why is she behaving like a fool?'

a. Why did the speaker say this?

The speaker said this because he did not find any reason and logic in what he heard.

b. What did he do in order to help Johnsy?

He painted the leaf on the wall where the last leaf was, in order to help Johnsy.

c. What was the sacrifice made by him?

He made a sacrifice of himself for he wanted Johnsy to live with hope.

2. " ... A chanced meeting that turned into a solid bond of friendship."

a. Which bond of friendship is being referred to here?

The friendship that blossomed between Johnsy and sue is being mentioned here.

b. Describe the ‘chanced meeting’ referred to here.

Johnson and Sue were strangers.They just met at a small cafe as fellow dinners as they introduced and spoke of their interest, they became good friends

c. What do we learn from the passage that this was a solid bond of friendship?

By the word solid bond of friendship, we understand that the two who just met became close friends

Lesson – 4

The Importance of Being Earnest

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

1. Salver: A large plate usually made of metal

The food was served in a salvo at my friends house

2. Emigration: To live in another country permanently

There was a mass immigration from the neighbouring countries due to war

3. Calamity: Event that causes great damage

Soldiers were sent to help people who are affected by a natural calamity

4. Extravagance: Spending more energy

The Richmond sun lived a life of extravagance..

5. Horrid: Very unpleasant

Some like to watch horror movies.

6. Absurd: not logical and sensible

The allegations brought on him were absurd.

7. Induce: To persuade

The rules in school or meant to induce discipline in children

8. Ridiculous: Unreasonable

He gave us a ridiculous reason for his late arrival.

Answer the following questions:

1. Who had come to visit Jack Worthing? How did he introduce himself to Cecily?

Mr Algernon came to the house of Jack worthing with an excuse to visit him. He introduced himself as Jack's brother Ernest to Cecily.

2. How was Mr. Ernest described by Jack Worthing?

Jack Worthing described Mr. Ernest as someone who does wicked little affairs that Jack had to plan to emigrate Mr. Ernest to Australia.

3. What shock awaited Jack back at home and why was it so?

When Jack was about to pretend that his brother was dead, his friend Algernon pretended to be his brother and presented himself before everyone. Thus, Jack was shocked when he returned.

4. How was Jack dressed and why?

Jack was dressed with crape hatband and black gloves indicating to announce to everyone that his brother Ernest was dead.

5. Why had Miss Prism and Dr. Chasuble come to the Manor house?

Miss Prism and Dr Chasuble came to the main house to meet Cecily as she will be alone in the manor with Jack being away on business.

Answer the question with reference to context:

1. “Mr. Earnest Worthing is here. He has come from the station. He has his luggage with him”

a. Who said these words to whom?

The Merriman man said these to Cecily.

b. Who was Mr. Earnest Worthing and why was he at the Manor house?

Mr.Earnest Worthingwas the brother of Mr John Worthing.He pretends to be visiting the manor on his travel on business.

c. What was Cecily’s reaction on hearing this?

Cecily was reluctant at first but invited him and told merriment to make arrangements for his stay.

Poem – 2

The Way Through the Woods

I. Synonyms:

1. Coppice - Running Young trees
2. Heath - A large waste of open land
3. Cantering - Moderate speed of a horse
4. Solitude -Pleasant feeling of being alone

Answer the following:

1. What is the condition of the road through the woods now?

The road has been covered with the fall in leaves and remains of the copy is done.

Now anyone would hardly know that there was a road.

2. Why is the otter not afraid of men?

Otter is not afraid of men because there aren't many in the woods

Answer the question with reference to context:

**1. "Yet, if you enter the woods
Of a summer evening late,
When the night-air cools on the trout-ringed pools,
Where the otter whistles his mate,**

a. Explain the words trout-ringed pool.

Trout are fish that make a circular ripple on the surface of the water as they come up for air hence "trout ringed pools"

b. What activities would take place in the woods at this time?

At the time in the woods, one can hear the otter whistling his mate, a horse's cantering sound and a swish of a skirt in the dew

c. What does the otter do?

The otter summons his mate to enjoy the late summer evening

Lesson – 5

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

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

2. Scuffling: A low noise

The teacher noticed two pupils scuffling in the corridor"

3. Scruffy: Dirty

A teenager in scruffy jeans and a baggy T-shirt"

3. Hookey: To stay away from school without permission He played hooky from school to go out hunting"

4. Lick: To defeat easily

Our team licked the other team as they were not experienced.

5. Retorted: Respond in anger

'No need to be rude,' retorted Isabel

6. Jauntily: Expressed confidence

It's also not like smaller fashion scarves, which you can jauntily tie around your neck.

7. Reluctance: Hesitating

She sensed his reluctance to continue

8. Jeer: To laugh at someone

Some of the younger men jeered at him

Answer the following:

1. Why was Tom punished and made to whitewash the fence?

Aunt Polly discovered that Tom had been on fight with someone again as she looked at his clothes. Thus, he was punished to whitewash the fence.

2. What clever idea did Tom think of to make his friends whitewash the fence, while he earned from it?

Tom tricked his friends to think that he was white washing the fence for fun.He made it look so too, to get their attention and triggered a desire in them to do the work. He demanded that only if they give him something they have a part in the fun. Thus the friends ended up giving him what they had

3. List five things Tom earned in return for letting his friends whitewash the fence.

Tom earned a bag of marbles, a rat, a piece of string, some Chalk, a dog collar and some more

4. What kind of person do you think Aunt Polly was?

She was very kind and caring towards them. She enjoyed his mysteries yet wanted him to be well in life too by studying.

Answer the question with reference to context:

1. ‘Drat that boy,’ she muttered to herself, ‘always up to some mischief. This time I am going to catch him for sure.’

a. Who said the above words? Why was she annoyed with the boy?

Aunt Polly said the above words. she was annoyed with the boy as he always does some mischievous things.

b. Who was the boy?

Tom Sawyer was the boy spoken of

c. Where was the boy while she was hunting for him and what had he done?

He was said to be hiding in the cupboard and meddling with the jam with his dirty hands. When Polly called, he came silently and stood behind her.

Poem – 3

All the world’s a stage

I. Synonyms:

1. Mewling - Whimper as a baby
2. Puking - To vomit

3. Satchel - A small bag with a shoulder strap
4. Furnace - A device for high-temperature heating
5. Ballad - A simple romantic Song
6. Pard - A leopard
7. Reputation- Good name
8. Pantaloon - A man's close-fitting trousers
9. Hose - Socks
10. Shank - Leg
11. Sans - Without

Answer the following:

1. What are the seven acts of life according to the poem?

The seven acts of life are infancy, schoolboy, Lover, soldier, Justice, pantaloon and the second childishness

2. What does the expression 'bubble reputation' mean?

Repetition, it does not last long as a bubble which burst after a while and becomes nothing

Answer the question with reference to context:

**1. "Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth
And then the justice,
In fair round belly with good capon lined,
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances;
And so he plays his part"**

a. Which stage of life is referred to here?

The first two line speaks of the soldier stage and the rest about the church stage

b. What are the characteristics of this age?

He regards himself as wise and experienced and doesn't mind sharing his views and ideas with anyone and likes making speeches. He's made a name for himself and is prosperous and respected. As a result of his success, he's become vain. He enjoys the finer things in life, like good food.

c. Describe the changes a person goes through at this stage?

His belly has become rounder, his eyes have deepened, and trims his beard to a formal cut.