

Literature Reader

Ch-3 The Poor Little Toe

Summary of the poem :-

This poem was written by E.W.Wilcox, a famous American author and poetess. In this poem she personified the body parts i.e; gave human attributes or characteristics features to them and showed how they tirelessly work for us which we sometimes forget. Through this poem the poetess wanted to convey a message that how hard each part of our body work for us and never complain as they aren't actual characters and can't speak. Through this poem we could know that what if parts of our body or organs could speak and express their feelings. Like the mouth with a pout said that it gets tired out with endless talks, where as walk makes the knee tired. The hand said that it has to perform the hardest work in the land . Brain at the same time emphasized that its work is also harder if compared. Eye also said that it works firmly and lastly with loud sorrowful cry little toe said that rarely it can complain as it is the youngest of the five and has never been considered or admired. It complained that it is never noticed and continuously insulted as it is pushed upon and rubbed. This makes him sick and be in pain but then also it carries all the weight of the body, small or great. Though it never gets any praise then also it works silently and continuously.

1. Word meanings:-

- (1) Toil – work very hard
- (2) Thrive – do well
- (3) Overlooked – not noticed

- (4) Snubbed – insulted
- (5) Sore – in pain
- (6) Folly – foolishness

2. Make sentences:- (Do it in your literature notebook)

- (1) Toil , (2) Thrive , (3) Overloaded , (4) Snubbed , (5) Sore ,. (6) Folly

3. Answer the following questions:- (Do it in your literature notebook)

- (1) **Why was the mouth tired out?**

Ans:- The mouth gets tired out of endless talks.

- (2) **Which part of the body said its work was the hardest in the land?**

Ans:- The hand said that it has to perform the hardest work in the land.

- (3) **Tick (✓) the right answer.**

The little toe said that

(a)It was the youngest of the five.

(b)It was very well cared for.

(c)It carries the weight of the body, great or small.

Ans:- (a) & (c)

a. It was the youngest of the five.

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c. It carries the weight of the body, great or small.

- (4) **Why did the eye think that it had reason to complain?**

Ans:- The eye think that it had reason to complain as it works very hard steadily continuously.

(5) Which part of the body said it was always in the way?

Ans:- The little toe said that it was always in the way.

Grammar

Ch-3 Negative Sentences

A sentence having **not** or **no** in it is called a **negative sentence**. Negative sentences are the opposite of affirmative sentences. It states that something is false.

Rule 1:- When the verb is some form of be (is, are, am, was, were) we put **not** after the verb to make the sentence negative.

Examples:- 1. I am happy. -- I am **not** happy.

2. They were ready -- They were **not** ready.

Rule 2:- When the verb is have, has or had, we use **no** to make the sentence negative.

Examples:- 1. He has some diamonds. -- He has **no** diamonds.

2. She had a beautiful saree. -- She had **no**
beautiful saree.

Rule 3:- When the verb is made up of two or more words, we put **not** after the first word to make the sentence negative.

Examples:- 1. They **have arrived**. – They have **not** arrived.

2. He **will sing** a song. – He will **not** sing a song.

Rule 4:- To make a command sentence negative, we put **do not/don't** in the beginning of the sentence.

Examples:- 1. **Close** the doors. – **Do not/Don't** close the doors.

2. **Sit** down. – **Do not/Don't** sit down.

Make the following sentences negative:- (Do this in your grammar notebook)

1. His computer is new.
2. He has solved all sums.
3. I am satisfied with your work.
4. Water these plants everyday.
5. We can stand here and talk.
6. Run fast.
7. Mr. Khan is feeling fine today.
8. This school has got an R.O. water plant.

Coursebook

Read the chapter 2 and do the exercises in the book only.

Workbook

Do chapter 2 from page 11 to 16 in the book only.
