

Lesson - 04

The last lesson

1. What was Franz expected to be unprepared with for school that day?

Ans:- Franz was expected to be unprepared with for school that day because M. said that he would question them.

2. What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day?

Ans:- Franz noticed unusual about the school that day was "All were sitting quietly. It was very quite as Sunday morning. There was no opening and closing desk."

3. What had been put upon the bulletin board?

Ans:- The bulletin board had been put on "an order had come from Germany Berlin to teach only German in the School of Alsace and Lorraine".

4. What changes did the order
from Berlin?

Answer :- The whole school seemed to
strange on the back benches
that were always empty. The
village people were sitting quietly
like the kids.

Lesson = 02
Lost Spring

1 What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps? Where is he and where has he come from?

Ans:- Saheb is looking for gold (rupees or coin) in the garbage. He is in Seempusi, neighbourhood of author. He has come from Bangladesh in 1971.

2 What explanation does the author offer for the children not wearing footwear?

Ans:- One explanation offered by author for the children not wearing footwear is that it is a tradition to stay barefoot not because of lack of money.

Another explanation by author is that it is an excuse to explain their never-ending poverty.

3 Is Saheb happy working at tea-stall?

Ans:- No, Saheb is not happy working at tea stall. He is no longer his own master. He wants to be a motor mechanic and go to garbage to learn work.

4. What makes the city of Firozabad famous?

Ans:- The city of Firozabad is famous for its glass bangles. It is the center of India's glass blowing industry.

5. Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.

Ans:- The families living in Firozabad are engaged in glass bangles industry. Little children sit in dark huts. They weld and polish the bangles. Dust from bangles can harm their eyes. In industries they work near furnaces having very high temperature which is dangerous for health.

6. How is Mukesh's attitude to his situation different from that of his family?

Ans:- Mukesh's family is engaged in bangles making. They believe that they are destined to work as bangle makers. But Mukesh has a different outlook. He wants to be a motor mechanic.

Lesson 03

Deep water William Douglas

1. What is the "misadventure" that William Douglas speaks about?

Answer:- William Douglas is speaking about the incident at the Y.M.C.A. sixes swimming pool where he almost drowned. As a "misadventure", the author was 10 or 11 years old.

2. What were the series of emotions and fears that Douglas experienced when he was thrown into the pool? What plans did he make to come to surface?

Answer:- When Douglas was thrown into the water he got panicked. He felt his legs hung as paralysed and rigid. He lost his breath. His lungs ached.

He planned to allow himself to go down till his feet hit bottom. So that he could make big jump come to surface.

3. How did this experience affect him?

The experience revived his
Answer:- While drowning he almost experienced death. This had affected him badly. He was very much disturbed. He could not sleep properly for days. Because of this fear he avoided water sports.

4. Why was Douglas determined to get over his fears of water?

Answer:- Douglas had a bad experience of water in his childhood. The fears of water ruined his boating, swimming, fishing etc. He was deprived of the joy of boating. He tried every possible way to get rid of his fear. Finally he was able to overcome his fear with help of a swimming instructor.

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5 How did the instructor "build a swimmer" out of Douglas?

Answer:- The instructor build a swimmer out of Douglas piece by piece for three month. The instructor put a belt around him the other end held by the instructor. He asked Douglas to put his face under water and exhale and to rise his nose and inhale

6 How did Douglas make sure that he conquered the old terror?

Answer:- Douglas still felt terror. He did not want to be in doubts to make sure he went to lake went with to dive. Finally he was relaxed that this fear would not disturb him anymore. He had truly conquered his old terror.