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1

Reading is Fun

Ramesh was an intelligent student and was very active in all kinds of curricular activities. He studied in Ebenezar School. He also actively participated in extra-curricular activities and sports. But his weakness was that he did not like the library period. He always went to the library with a bad face. He used to avoid reading books. He only went through sports magazines.



Ramesh's parents did their best to bring into him the good habit of reading but they could not succeed. Anuj felt reading books was the most boring thing he had to do. He was not interested in reading books at all.

But a little later, something strange happened.

It was Anuj's birthday. His parents presented him a mid-sized aquarium with some wonderful and beautiful fishes. Anuj was very excited and happy. He always wished to have pets. At last, he got them. He sincerely promised his father and mother to look after the fishes properly.



Looking after these pets was a hard task frankly Ramesh lacked knowledge about it. To keep the fish healthy and safe, he required to know lots of things about them. He knew nothing about how to care for fishes or even the type of food to feed them. When he approached his mother to help him, she answered that she too did not know anything about fishes. She advised him that he should get some books from his library for necessary information. Next day in the school, in the library period, Anuj asked for necessary books on aquarium fish care. Very soon Anuj learnt the art of keeping the aquarium clean, feeding the fishes and changing the water. He even studied what food should be provide to fishes. Besides fishes he read a bit about other pets also and started to share his knowledge with his close friends. Now, reading became a fun and thrill for Anuj.

Let's Give a Thought

- Do you think reading is a good habit? Is it essential for us to read books?
- Books are our real friends.



Keep in Mind

- ◎ They ignite our mind in right direction.
- ◎ Books are real source of knowledge.
- ◎ We get all kinds of information from books.

Exercise

A. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

- Anuj was an student.
(a) bogus (b) intelligent
(c) ugly (d) boring
- Anuj's parents presented him on his birthday.
(a) aquarium (b) video game
(c) book (d) computer
- He shared his knowledge with
(a) siblings (b) teachers
(c) friends (d) relatives
- He always avoided his periods.
(a) library (b) classroom
(c) meeting (d) yoga



B. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False statements.

1. Ramesh got an aquarium on its birthday.
2. Anuj did not like to read books.
3. Anuj learnt to maintain aquarium.
4. He got some books on fish.
5. Books are known as our best friend.

C. Answer the following.

1. What lesson have you learnt from this story ?
2. What did Anuj realize very soon ?
3. What Anuj promised to his parents ?
4. What did Ramesh asked his mother ?

D. Fill in the blanks with correct words given in the box.

realized aquarium Ebenezar library

1. Anuj did not like period.
2. Anuj that it was not an easy task to look after these pets.
3. His parents gifted him an on his birthday.
4. Anuj studied in School.



Time To Do

A. Name three of your most favourite books. Also write something substantial about each book.

My most favourite book :

I learnt from it that

My second most favourite book :

I liked it because

My third most favourite book :

I liked the character because

B. Books are our true friends. Write few lines that how books help us in our life.

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Teacher's Note

Tell the students the importance of books in one's life. Books are man's best friend.



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Anger May Prove Fatal

In Rampur village long time ago, there lived a boy named Dinesh. He often used to lose his temper over little things.

Once his mother said to him affectionately, “Dinesh, you should not get angry often. We are poor people. If somebody says anything to you, you should take it lightly. You should leave this habit of getting angry.”



Dinesh promised his mother and said, “All right, mother, I’ll never be angry again.”

But he couldn’t stick to his words. He used to keep his promise for some time and then return to his usual habit.

The landlord Sukedar of his village was in search of a person who could feed his cattle and guard his fields. He was ready to pay one thousand rupees per month with every Sunday off.

Dinesh's mother requested the landlord to keep her son for this job. Landlord refused to keep him but later he agreed.

The mother told Dinesh, "Listen, son! This is a golden opportunity for you. Don't miss it. I have already spoken to the landlord. He will employ you. Work with dedication and don't lose your temper."

Dinesh had to go to the landlord's field on Monday. The work had to be started from 1st of the new month. When the landlord reached the field, he noticed Dinesh chasing a cow.

The landlord said, "What are you doing?"

"This cow didn't obey me and in turn insulted me," Dinesh said angrily, "I want to take revenge."

The landlord got annoyed and said, "I don't pay you for this! You can do it on Sunday."

Dinesh said, "All right sir. I'll see this cow on Sunday."

He soon pulled out a handkerchief from his pocket and tied a knot in it.

The next day, the landlord found Dinesh chasing a dog with a stick in his hand.

The landlord asked, "What are you doing now?"

Dinesh answered, "This silly dog was showing out its tongue at me. I want to take revenge."

"I don't pay you for this, do all this on Sunday," said the landlord scolding him.

Dinesh said, "All right. On Sunday, I will take my revenge."

He soon pulled out his handkerchief from his pocket and tied another knot in it.



On the third day the landlord again noticed Dinesh chasing a donkey with a stick in his hand. On being asked, Dinesh answered, “This donkey troubles me a lot.”

“Why, what’s the matter?”

“It doesn’t obey me. It does not respond even to my repeated calls.”

“Can’t you do this on Sunday?”

Once again he pulled out his handkerchief and tied the third knot in it.

It was Sunday. Dinesh knew he could do what he liked.

The first knot was to set the disobedient cow straight.



Dinesh didn’t waste a moment. He set out with a stick in his hand. He started beating the cow mercilessly. The cow suffered with pain and furiously hit him with its horns. The horn hurt Dinesh's arm. He then started chasing the dog. He hit the dog and it bit him on his left leg. He could not walk now. Then, he started hitting the donkey. It struck him on his right leg. Now, both his legs were injured. He limped his way to the village. The doctor bandaged both his legs and took him home.

Dinesh explained everything to his mother. Mother made him realise the result of loosing temper.

But Dinesh interrupted his mother and said, “Don’t explain my fault. Mother! I realized that I deserve punishment. As I have realised that anger is man’s greatest enemy.”

Dinesh learnt the lesson and realized that he should not loose temper frequently. He was a changed boy everafter.

Let's Give a Thought

- If a person is angry with you, don't react. Just respond with a smile.
- If you are loosing your temper, count ten, or drink a glass of water. It will calm you down.



Keep in Mind

- ⊙ Man's greatest enemy is 'Anger'. Avoid loosing your temper.
- ⊙ Anger can prove to be fatal. It is better to avoid anger than to regret when it's too late.
- ⊙ If a person is getting angry with you, don't react.

Exercise

A. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

1. Which animal did Dinesh met on the second day ?

(a) Cat

(b) Cow

(c) Rat

(d) Dog



2. Dinesh met animal on the third day ?

(a) Cat

(b) Rat

(c) Donkey

(d) Cow

3. Who realised that anger is man's greatest enemy ?

(a) Dinesh

(b) Landlord

(c) Mother

(d) None of these

4. Who is the poor in the story ?

(a) Dinesh

(b) Dinesh's mother

(c) both (a) and (b)

(d) landlord

5. How much amount the landlord was willing to pay a person for feeding his cattle and guarding his fields ?

(a) 1000 rupees per month

(b) 500 rupees per month

(c) 600 rupees per month

(d) 400 rupees per month

B. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False statements.

1. Dinesh worked with dedication.

2. Dinesh never lost his temper.

3. He wanted to take revenge when the cow insulted him.

4. Dinesh was a changed boy.

5. Dinesh was a quiet boy.

C. Answer the following.

1. What was the work for which the landlord was ready to pay ?

2. Did Dinesh disagree with his mother's advice ?

3. What did Dinesh's mother say to him affectionately ?

4. Why did Dinesh chase the cow, the dog and the donkey ?

D. Fill in the blanks with correct words given in the box.

dedication revenge temper cross opportunity lesson

1. Dinesh's mother told him, "This is a golden Don't miss it."
2. When the cow didn't obey, Dinesh wanted to take
3. Dinesh used to lose his over little things.
4. His mother told him to work with
5. Dinesh's anger would all limits.
6. Dinesh learnt the never to get angry frequently on others.



Time To Do

How losing temper can be hazardous for us? Explain in your words.

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Teacher's Note

Teach the students the harmful effect of being getting angry frequently on others. Anger is man's greatest enemy.

