

CHAPTER – 01

Who Did Patrick's Homework?

❖ WORKING WITH THE TEXT

Q. 1

What did Patrick think his cat was playing with? What was it really? (2)

Answer:

Patrick thought his cat was playing with a little doll. His assumption was wrong. The cat was actually playing with the man of the tiniest size. The dress of the man was much alike to a witch's.

Q. 2

Why did the little man grant Patrick a wish? (2)

Answer:

The tiny man was in the clutch of a cat. It would have probably eaten him up. Patrick saved him from the monster cat, so he granted Patrick a wish.

Q. 3

What was Patrick's wish? (3)

Answer:

Patrick knew that elf was in trouble and this could be his blessings. He asked the elf to stay with him for 35 days, that is until the end of his school semester. He had plans to make elf do his homework in his place as he hated doing his homework himself.

Q. 4

In what subjects did the little man need help to do Patrick's homework? (5, 6)

Answer:

The little man needed Patrick's help in solving mathematics questions as he didn't know anything about times table. He had no idea about addition, multiplication, division and subtraction. With English, Elf had a problem that he could not read words. So, he needed Patrick to read each word aloud from the dictionary with the sound of letters for him. Human history was a sought of mystery for Elf so he needed Patrick's guidance in the same too.

Q. 5

How did Patrick help him? (7)

Answer:

Patrick, in order to help the elf, do his homework, worked really hard on his studies himself. He stayed awake till late at nights studying the subjects in which elf needed his guidance. Elf demanded more and more books from school library which Patrick brought and read out loud himself to Elf. Patrick was working tirelessly, day and night, to help Elf score him A grade in his semester.

Q. 6

Who do you think did Patrick's homework - the little man, or Patrick himself? Give reasons for your answer. (9, 10)

Answer:

Patrick himself did his homework. The Elf was as if the God's medium to teach him a lesson. Though unknowingly, Patrick worked very hard, day and night, in order to guide and assist the Elf in subjects like English, mathematics and human history. In the process, he developed the practice of working hard for himself and his studies.

❖ WORKING WITH LANGUAGE

Q. 1

Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the words or phrases from the box. (You may not know the meaning of all the words. Look such words up in a dictionary or ask your teacher.)

out of luck	mystery	true to his word	chores
semester	between you and me	look up	

1. Some people find household ___chores_____ a bore, but I like to help at home.
2. Who stole the diamond is still a __mystery_____.
3. This ___semester_____ we are going to have a class exhibition.
4. _____True to his words __, the elf began to help Patrick.
5. Can you ___look up_____ this word in the dictionary?
6. I started early to be on time, but I was __out of luck_____. There was a traffic jam!
7. She says she's got a lot of books, but __between you and me_____, I think most of them are borrowed.

Answer:

1. Chores
2. Mystery

3. Semester
4. True to his words
5. Look up
6. Out of luck
7. Between you and me

❖ SPEAKING

Q. 1

In the story, Patrick does difficult things he hates to do, because the elf pretends he needs help. Have you ever done something difficult or frightening, by pretending about it in some way? Tell your classmates about it.

OR

Say what you feel about homework (The words and phrases in the boxes may help you.) Do you think it is useful, even though you may not like it? Form pairs, and speak to each other.

For example:

You may say, "I am not fond of homework."

Your partner may reply, "But my sister helps me with my lessons at home, and that gives a boost to my marks".

(not) be fond of (not) take to (not) develop a liking for
(not) appeal to (not) be keen on (not) have a taste for

support assist with the aid of
help be a boon give a boost to

Answer:

I have also done house hold chores many times though I hate doing them. I have done them because in this way I could help my mother who does many. By doing some of the difficult house hold chores, I help my mother in taking little breaks from work and let her body and mind relax for a while. And I also get to learn the ways of doing work perfectly and on time. This makes me independent.

OR

1) You may say, “I have not developed a liking for homework even after years of school life”.

Your partner may reply, “But it helps in fetching good marks as well”.

2) You may say, “The very idea of completing homework daily is not appealing to me at all”.

Your friend may reply, “Homework is actually a boon for students who are willing to work hard.”

3) You may say, “Not all the students have taste for burdensome homework”.

Your friend may reply, “When you have someone to assist, homework is not at all burdensome”.

4) You may say, “Teachers should not be keen on homework completion all the time as a base for judging student’s caliber.”

Your friend may reply, “But students should at least try to complete it. They may take the aid of teachers and elders too”.

5) You may say, “Students who do not finish their homework on time are not taken to of teachers usually.”

Your friend may reply, “Homework not only support timeliness in students but also inculcate the habit of self-studies too.”

❖ WRITING

Q. 1

This story has a lot of rhyming words, as a poem does. Can you write out some parts of it like a poem, so that the rhymes come at the end of separate lines?

For Example:

Patrick never did homework. “Too boring,” he said.
He played baseball and hockey and Nintendo instead.

Answer:

1. To his surprise it wasn't a doll at all
2. He had a little wool shirt with old-fashioned britches and a high tall hat much like a witch's
3. Don't give me back to that cat. I'll grant you a wish, I promise you that.
4. “Only if you do all my homework until the end of the semester, that's 35 days.

If you do a good enough job, I could even get A's.

5. He kicked his legs and doubled his fists and he grimaced and scowled and pursed his lips, “Oh, am I cursed! But I'll do it.”
6. “Help me! Help me!” he'd say. And Patrick would have to help — in whatever way.
7. No, what's even better, look up the word and sound it out by each letter.”
8. Here, sit down beside me, you simply must guide me.”
 1. Elves know nothing of human history, to them, it's a mystery
 2. So, the little elf, already a shouter, just got louder

11. As a matter of fact, every day in every-the way that little elf was a nag! Patrick was working harder than ever and was it a drag!

12. He was staying up nights, had never felt so weary, was going to school with his eyes puffed and bleary

13. As for homework, there was no more, so he quietly and slyly slipped out the back door

14. Cleaned his room, did his chores, was cheerful, never rude, like he had developed a whole new attitude

Q. 2

Look at these sentences.

1. “Too boring”, he said.

2. Cleaned his room, did his chores.

When we speak, we often leave out words that can easily be guessed. We do not do this when we write unless we are trying to write as we speak (as in the story).

So, if we were to write carefully, we would say:

- “Homework is too boring,” he said.
- He cleaned his room and did his chores.

Answer:

The student must do it yourself.

Q. 3

Rewrite the following incomplete sentences carefully, so that the reader does not have to guess what is left out.

1. more and more books
2. too difficult
3. got up late, missed the bus
4. solved the mystery

Answer:

1. I need more and more books to read.
2. This work is too difficult to be finished on time.
3. Since I got up late in the morning, I missed the bus.
4. My sister helped me and we solved the mystery.

Q. 4

Look at this cartoon by R.K. Laxman. Read the sentences given below the cartoon. Discuss the following questions with your partner.

- What is it about?
- Do you find it funny? If so, why?
- Do you think a cartoon is a serious drawing? Why or why not?



Get on with your homework — the sums,
the composition, history, geography,
chemistry, physics — and stop reading
The Laws Against Child Labour !

Answer:

- The picture is about a child who is reading extra books other than his school text books. Parents want and direct child to finish his homework and stick to bookish knowledge.
- The picture is funny. In real life, at home level, every child is treated as labor at some point in time. A child is not allowed to read according to his wishes. They have to comply with parents' wishes and school's burdensome homework.
- Cartoon is not a serious drawing but the messages at the time they convey are of serious nature.

Cartoons characters are drawn with simplicity so that they may form a connection with the kids. Cartoons basic nature is to bring in joy and smile on the face of readers. But they usually have moral to teach to adults and kids both.

❖ A House, A Home - Working with the poem

Q. 1

Do you agree with what the poet says? Talk to your partner and complete these sentences

- (i) A house is made of _____
- (ii) It has _____
- (iii) A home is made by _____
- (iv) It has _____

Answer:

- (i) A house is made up of stone, bricks and hard woods.
- (ii) It has windows with glasses and lots of doors. There could be yard, eaves, chimneys, tile floors, stucco and roofs. Number of decorative items could be there which may enhance the beauty of any house.

(iii) A home is where the heart is. It is made up by family who resides in it. A family who loves and cares for each other

(iv) It has brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers who act selflessly for each other. They are kind and helping toward one another. Each one has caring and sharing attitude among family. The love for each other is evident in every action of family members.

Q. 2

Now complete these sentences about your house and home.

(i) My house is _____.

(ii) The best thing about my home is _____.

Answer:

(i) My house is made up of doors, lots of windows, beautiful floors of marble, exclusive decoration items which glorify the beauty. It has a big veranda in front and backyard too. Small garden in front of the house adds to the scenic beauty.

(ii) The best thing about my home is the world`s best family who resides in it. Each one of us loves to talk and share with each other all the joys and sorrow. We eat, sleep and grow together there, learning from each other and teaching each other the lessons of life.