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LISTENING

FRITZ

SATYAJIT RAY

Satyajit Ray

The short story 'Fritz' written by Satyajit Ray was published in his book 'Collected Short Stories'. He is the first Indian to receive an Honorary Oscars in the year 1992.



Listen to the audio:

Fritz by Satyajit Ray

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Activity- 1

Fill in the blanks with appropriate answers:

Jayanto and Shankar are childhood friends. They are on a trip to 1. ----- . The choice of 2. ----- as the destination puzzles Shankar 3. ----- a bit. Joyonto visited the town 4. ----- years ago with his parents and had then planned to visit it again. The old memories of the place start coming back to him. He is suddenly reminded of a 5. ----- tree. He also recalls the doll his uncle got for him from Switzerland. It was a 6. --- inch figure of an old man called 7. ----- . Joyanto had many toys but Fritz was his favourite. He used to spend hours and hours talking to him.

He even took it to Bundi with him. From here, the story goes into 8. ----- mode. We get more details about the doll. A couple of stray dogs played a tug-of-war with Fritz one afternoon and his face was 9. ----- . Fritz stopped existing for Joyonto then on. Later, he buried the doll 10. ----- the deodar tree. From here, the story switches back to the present. At night, Shankar is woken up by a slight noise. He sees Joyonto sitting up on his bed looking 11. ----- . Joyonto tells him that he felt something walking over his 12. ----- . They search the room but find nothing. The next morning they 13. ----- on a sightseeing trip to the fort. On the way back, Joyonto seems slightly excited. He believes that Fritz came into their room the previous night. Shankar thinks that Joyanto is 14. ----- .

Answers

Activity 1

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| 1. Rajasthan | 8. flashback |
| 2. Bundi | 9. ruined |
| 3. Quite | 10. beneath |
| 4. 31 | 11. anxious |
| 5. Deodar | 12. chest |
| 6. 12 | 13. embark |
| 7. Fritz | 14. delusional |

Activity-2

1. Replace the word 'puzzles' in the sentence, 'The choice of Bundi as a destination puzzles Shankar quite a bit.'
2. When are the words 'ago' and 'since' used in a regular sentence?
3. Deodar tree is used for making which products?
4. What is a 'tug of war'? Recall your childhood days where they used to conduct competitions on tug-of-war.
5. The meaning of 'stray' in 'stray dog' means what?

6. Replace the word 'embark' with a simpler word.
7. 'All three of them GAPE at the ground in horror.' Replace the word 'gape' with a four-letter word.
8. Note down all the words from the story which is made by combining two or more words.
9. What is the genre of the story?
10. Which two words in the story describe Joyonto's state of mind?

Answers

Activity 2

1. confused
2. 'ago' is used to describe some time in the past and 'since' is usually used to describe the beginning of the specified period of time.
3. The wood from deodar trees are used in making pencils, constructing bridges and many more.
7. gaze
8. sightseeing, flashback, tug of war
9. horror
10. anxious, delusional

Thank you!