

63 She was not Amused

- Geoffrey Hampden has a large circle of friends and is very popular at parties. Everybody admires him for his fine sense of humour—everybody, that is, except his
- 5 six-year-old daughter, Jenny. Recently, one of Geoffrey's closest friends asked him to make a speech at a wedding reception. This is the sort of thing that Geoffrey loves. He prepared the speech carefully
- 10 and went to the wedding with Jenny. He had included a large number of funny stories in the speech and, of course, it was a great success. As soon as he had finished, Jenny told him she wanted to go home.
- 15 Geoffrey was a little disappointed by this but he did as his daughter asked. On the way home, he asked Jenny if she had enjoyed the speech. To his surprise, she said she hadn't. Geoffrey asked her why this was so and she told him that she did not like to see so many people laughing at him!



Comprehension and Précis

Answer these questions *in not more than 80 words*.

1. Is Geoffrey Hampden greatly admired for his fine sense of humour or not? What was he invited to do? Did he immediately agree to do so or not? (*When Geoffrey . . . who is . . .*)
2. Did the speech contain a lot of funny stories or not? Was it a great success or not? (*Since*)
3. What did his six-year-old daughter, Jenny, want to do after his speech? Was Geoffrey disappointed or not? (*When*)
4. Why had she not enjoyed it? (*because*)

Composition

Write two or three sentences using the ideas given below:

Geoffrey was amused by Jenny's answer—he explained why everybody laughed—there was another reception some time later—Geoffrey made a speech—not very funny—Jenny asked why no one laughed.

Letter-writing

Learn the following opening phrases by heart:

You must be very annoyed with me for . . .

I have just heard that . . .

Exercise

Write two short paragraphs (of not more than two sentences each) completing the above phrases.

Key Structures

He said that . . . He told me . . . He asked . . . (KS 41, 99)

Study these sentences carefully:

'Open the door for me please,' she said to me.

What did she ask me to do?

She asked me to open the door for her.

'Don't make so much noise,' she said to the children.
 What did she tell the children?
 She told them not to make so much noise.
 'Stay to lunch,' he insisted.
 What did he do?
 He insisted that I should stay to lunch.
 'Come with me,' he suggested.
 What did he suggest?
 He suggested that I should go with him.

Exercises

A. This is the conversation which took place between Jenny and her father. Supply speech marks, commas and question marks where necessary: (SD 74)

1. I want to go home Jenny told him.
2. Did you enjoy the speech Jenny? Geoffrey asked.
3. No she said.
4. Why didn't you enjoy it Geoffrey asked.
5. I do not like to see so many people laughing at you she told him.

B. Now answer these questions. Do not refer to the passage until you finish the exercise:

1. What did Jenny tell him?
2. What did Geoffrey ask Jenny?
3. What did she answer?
4. What did Geoffrey ask her?
5. What did she tell him?

C. Answer these questions:

1. 'Keep quiet!' he said.
 What did he tell me to do?
2. 'Send him a telegram,' he suggested.
 What did he suggest?
3. 'Don't worry about it,' he told me.
 What did he tell me?
4. 'Ask him about it,' he insisted.
 What did he do?

D. Study these examples:

Will it rain tomorrow?

I wonder if it will rain tomorrow.

Why didn't he mention this to me?

I wonder why he didn't mention this to me.

Write the following sentences again beginning each one with 'I wonder'.

1. Can he wait a few minutes longer? I wonder if . . .
2. When will he arrive? I wonder when . . .
3. Has he passed his examination?
4. Where is he?
5. Why didn't she telephone?
6. When shall we see him again?
7. Did she catch the wrong bus?
8. Could you spare me a moment?