

**EDUCATING MOTHER**

**NOTES**

**CONCEPT MAP**:

New words

and

Meanings

Value:   Respect

Adverbs

Competence: Communication

Comprehension

Question and Answer

1. Give meanings for the words below -

1.macbre

2.indulgent

3.air of hostility

4.simpering

5.daft

6.protogonist

1. Make sentences using the phrases below –
2. To inherit the property
3. Encroach on forestland
4. Watching me carefully

**III.Reference to Context:**

1. ‘The names parents come up with,’ muttered Ambu. ‘Thank God you didn’t choose to call me long Nose or Saucer Eyes.’

a. Who was Ambu?

b. Which name was she referring to?

c. What does Ambu’s reaction tell us about her personality?

 a. Ambu was a twelve-year-old girl. She was the author or narrator’s daughter.

 b. She was referring to Goldilocks.

 c. It tells us that she had an independent and curious mind.

2. The little ones were drinking in her words with awe. Clearly, her version excited them more than mine did.

a. Whose words are being referred to here?

b. Whose version excited whom?

c. What does ‘drinking in her words with awe’ mean?

 a. The words of Ambu are being referred here.

 b. The Goldilocks story or version of Ambu excited them more than that     of the mother.

 c. It means that the children were listening to her with keen interest. She was narrating the story in such a way that she held the interest of the children with her storytelling.

**IV.Answer the following Questions:**

1. Why did the mother feel that ‘an air of hostility was gathering’ against her?

The mother felt that ‘an air of hostility was gathering’ because firstly she was not able to entertain the children with her stories and then when she narrated the story of Cindrella, her younger one questioned her that grandmas don’t look like wolves. Her mother watching her carefully over this statement and she felt that she was losing the interest of her audience.

2. How did Ambu change the story of Goldilocks?

Ambu thought that the story of Goldilocks was more of a murder mystery. She thought that Goldilocks was an heiress and that the house in the forest belonged to the person who stood to inherit the property if she died. Seeing her go into the forest, he must have put a bowl of poisoned porridge in the cottage. She must have drunk the porridge and died. She thought that the bears were the invention of the storyteller.

3.What are the stories with ‘gender bias’? Why did Ambu say that the stories had a gender bias?

Stories that reflect or show the woman protagonist as helpless, with no choice, silly and stupid are considered to be stories with ‘gender bias’. Ambu said that the stories her mother told had daft girls.

4. Why did the author give up trying to tell the children stories?

The author gave up on trying to tell the children stories because the children were quick to reason the rationale behind those stories, question the norms and come up with their own version of the stories.

5. How according to Ambu, could Cinderella have saved herself? (REFER THE TEXT AND ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS )