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SUPPLEMENTARY

The Fun They Had



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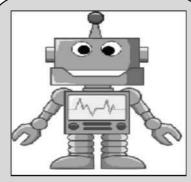
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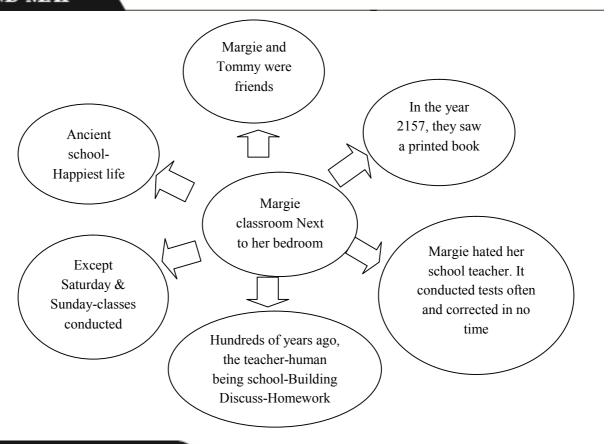
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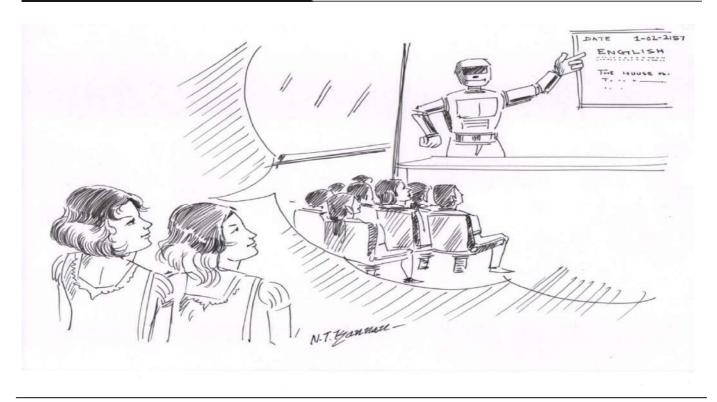
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Margie was eleven. Tommy was thirteen. They were friends. In the year 2157, they happened to see a printed book. It was about school. Margie hated school. In her school, she had a mechanical teacher. It used to conduct tests often. When she could not study Geography well, the Country Inspector was called to check. She wished that there was no more mechanical teacher. But it was brought back. Margie hated the slot where she had to put homework and test papers. It was corrected by her teacher in no time. Tommy began to say about the school in the past. Hundreds of years ago, the teacher was a human being. The school was a big building, where the students went and studied. It was funny for Margie to read about that. Next, she was called by her mother to the school room. It was next to her bedroom. Margie entered. The mechanical teacher began to teach arithmetic. Margie was reminded of the school in the past. At that time, the students could have enjoyed together in the ground. They might have discussed their homework and helped each other. It might have been a great fun.

TEXT TRANSLATION

SUPPLEMENTARY ENGLISH EXPLANATION	துணைப்பாடம் தமிழ் விரிவாக்கம்
Now, share your views about the changesthat you and yourclassmates expectin your school and classroom in about 20-50 years.	இப்பொழுது, உங்கள் வகுப்பு தோழர்களும் நீங்களும் இன்னும் 20-50 ஆண்டுகளில் வகுப்பறையில் நிகழும் என எதிர்பார்க்கும் மாற்றங்களைப் பற்றிய உங்கள் கருத்துக்கள் பகிர்ந்து கொள்ளுங்கள்.
Read the story to find out how a studentlike Margie studies in the year 2157.	2157 ஆம் ஆண்டில் மார்கி போன்ற ஒரு மாணவர் எவ்வாறு கற்றுக்கொள்கிறார் என்பதை அறிய இந்தக்கதையை படியுங்கள்.
Margie even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17 May 2157, she wrote, "Today Tommy found a real book!"	அன்றிரவே மார்கி அதைப்பற்றி தனது டைரியில் எழுதினாள். 2157, மே-17 என்ற பக்கத்தில் 'டாமி ஒரு உண்மையான புத்தகத்தை இன்று கண்டுபிடித்தான்' என்று எழுதினாள்.
It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper.	அது ஒரு மிக பழமையான புத்தகம். மார்கியின் தாத்தா ஒரு நாள் அவளிடம் தனது சிறுவயதில் அனைத்து கதைகளும் தாள்களிலே அச்சிடப்பட்டே இருக்கும் என்று கூறினார்.
They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to - on a screen, you know. And then when turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had when they read it the first time.	திரையில் நகர்ந்து கொண்டே இருக்கும் எழுத்துக்களை பார்த்த அவர்களுக்கு, தாங்கள் தொட்டுத் திருப்பிய மஞ்சளான அந்த கசங்கிய காகிதங்களில் உள்ள எழுத்துக்கள் நகராமல் இருப்பதை வாசிப்பதை வேடிக்கையாக இருந்தது. படித்து முடித்த பக்கத்தை மறுபடியும் பார்க்கும் பொழுது அதே வார்த்தைகள் முதலில் வாசித்தது அப்படியே இருந்தது
"Gee!", said Tommy, "What a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away."	"ஜீ' - என்ன ஒரு வீண். இந்த புத்தகத்தைப் படித்து முடித்ததும் தூக்கி எறிந்து விடத்தான் வேண்டும் என கருதுகிறேன். ஆனால் நமது தொலைக்காட்சிப் பெட்டியில் மில்லியன் கணக்கான புத்தகங்கள் ஏராளமாக இருக்கின்றது. அவைகளை தூக்கி எறியத் தேவையில்லை.
"Same with mine," said Margie. She was eleven	'எனக்கும் அப்படியே தோன்றுகிறது' என்று கூறினாள் மார்கி.

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and hadn't seen as many telebooks as Tommy had. He was thirteen.	அவளுக்கு பதினொரு வயது, அவள் டாமி பார்த்த அளவுக்கு மின்னூல்கள் மார்கி பார்த்தது இல்லை. டாமி -க்கு வயது பதிமூன்று.
She said, "Where did you find it?"	"இதை எங்கே கண்டுபிடித்தாய்?" என்று கேட்டாள்.
"In my house". He pointed without looking,	அவன் வாசிப்பதில் கவனம் செலுத்தியதால், நிமிர்ந்து
because he was busy reading. "In the attic."	பாராமலே சைகை செய்து காட்டினான், "எனது வீட்டில்" "பரண் மேல்".
"What's it about?"	எதைப் பற்றியது இது?
"School."	'பள்ளிக் கூடம்'.
Margie was scornful. "School? What's there to write about school? I hate school."	மார்கி வெறுப்புடன் 'ஸ்கூல்' என்று முகம் சுளித்தாள். பள்ளியை பற்றி எழுத என்ன இருக்கிறது. நான் பள்ளிக்கூடத்தை வெறுக்கிறேன்.
Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the country inspector. He was a round little man with a red face and a whole box of tools with dials and wire. He smiled at Margie and gave her an apple, then took the teacher apart. Margie had hoped he wouldn't know how to put it together again, but he knew how all right, and, after an hour or so, there it was again, large and black and ugly, with a big screen on which all the lessons were shown and the questions were asked. That wasn't so bad. The part Margie hated most was the slot where she had to put homework and test papers. She always had to write them out in a punch code they made her learn when she was six years old, and the mechanical teacher	மார்கி எப்பொழுதும் பள்ளியை வெறுப்பாள். ஆனால் இப்பொழுது அதிகமாக வெறுக்கிறாள். அவளது இயந்திர ஆசிரியர் அவளுக்கு நிலவியல் பாடத்தில் அடிக்கடி பரீட்சை வைத்துக் கொண்டிருந்தாள். அவளது அம்மாவே சோகமாக பரீட்சை வேண்டாம் என்று சொல்லும் வரை கொடுமைப்படுத்தியது. பின்னர், அம்மா அந்த ஊரின் மேற்பார்வையாளரை அழைத்தாள். அவருக்கு சிவந்த உருண்மையான முகம். அவருடைய பெட்டியில் கருவிகளும், கம்பிகளும் இருந்தன. அவர் மார்க்கியைப் பார்த்து, புன்னகைத்து, ஒரு ஆப்பிளைக் கொடுத்து, அந்த இயந்திர ஆசிரியரை அழைத்தார். மார்க்கியின் விருப்பம்,அவருக்கு அதை சரிபார்த்து மீண்டும் கொடுக்க தெரியக்கூடாது என்பதுதான். ஆனால், ஒரு மணி நேரத்திற்குள், அதை சரி செய்து, எல்லா பாடங்களும், கேள்விகளும் வரும்படி காட்டினார். அது மோசமாக தெரியவில்லை. மார்கிவெறுக்கும் ஒன்று என்னவென்றால், வீட்டுப்பாடங்களும், பரீட்சை எழுதுவதும் ஆகும். அதை ஒரு துளையிடும் கருவியில் எழுத வேண்டும். இதை, அவளது ஆறாம் வயதிலே கற்றுக்கொண்டாள். இயந்திர ஆசிரியர் இதை ஒரு சில நிமிடங்களில் திருத்திவிடுவாள்.
calculated the marks in no time. The inspector had smiled ofter he was finished and patted Margie's head. He said to her mother, "It's not the little girl's fault, Mrs. Jones. I think the geography sector was geared a little too quickly. Those things happen sometimes. I've slowed it up to an average ten year level. Actually, the overall pattern of her progress is quite satisfactory." And he patted Margie's head again. Margie was disappointed. She had been hoping they would take the teacher away altogether. They had once taken Tommy's teacher away for nearly a month because the history sector had blanked out completely.	இயந்திர மேற்பார்வையாளர், தனது வேலை முடிந்தவுடன் மார்கியின் தலையை தட்டினார். "திருமதி.ஜோன்ஸ், இது சிறுமியின் தவறு அல்ல. இதில் உள்ள புவியில் பகுதி வேகமாக உள்ளது. இது சில நேரம் நடக்கும். நான் அதை பார்த்து வயது குழந்தைக்கேற்ப மாற்றி உள்ளேன். அவளது முன்னேற்றம் திருப்திகரமாக உள்ளது. மறுபடியும், மார்கியின் தலையை தட்டினார். மார்கி ஏமாற்றம் அடைந்தாள். அவள், இயந்திர ஆசிரியரை தூக்கிக் கொண்டு போய்விடுவார்கள் என்று நினைத்தாள். இதற்கு முன்னர், டாமியின் ஆசிரியரை வரலாறு பகுதி காலியானதால், ஒரு மாதம் கொண்டு சென்றனர். அதனால், அவள் டாமியிடம், "பள்ளியைப் பற்றியெல்லாம் ஏன்

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So she said to Tommy, "Why would anyone write about school?" டாமி, அவளை கர்வத்துடன் பார்த்தான். "முட்டாள், இது நாம் Tommy looked at her with very superior eyes. "Because it's not our kind of school, stupid. This is படிக்கின்ற பள்ளிக்கூடம் கிடையாது. வருடங்களுக்கு முன் உள்ள பள்ளி ஆகும்" அவன் மறுபடியும், the old kind of school that they had hundreds and "நூற்றாண்டுகளுக்கு முன்" என்றான். hundreds vears ago." மார்கியின் மனது காயம் அடைந்தது. "எனக்கு அவர்களின் loftilypronouncing the word carefully, "Centuries பள்ளிக்கூடம் எப்படி இருந்தது என்று தெரியாது". தனது ago." தோள் மேல் இருந்த புத்தகத்தைப் பார்த்து, "எது எப்படியோ, Margie was hurt. "Well I don't know what kind of அவர்களுக்கும் ஆசிரியர் இருந்தார்." school they had all that time ago." She read the ஆமாம் அவர்களுக்கும் ஆசிரியர் இருந்தார். ஆனால், நமது book over his shoulder for a while, then said, ஆசிரியரைப் போல அல்ல. அவர்கள் மனிதர்கள்". "Anyway, they had a teacher." "மனிதனா? எவ்வாறு ஒரு மனிதன் ஆசிரியராக "Sure they had a teacher, but it was not a regular முடியும்?" teacher. It was a human." "ஆம். அவர்களும் மாணவ மாணவியர்களுக்கு வீட்டுப்பாடம் "A human? How could a human be a teacher?" கொடுத்து, பரீட்சையும் வைத்தார்கள்." "Well, she told boys and girls things and gave them homework and asked them questions." "A human isn't smart enough." 'ஒரு மனிதனால் இப்படி புத்திசாலியாக இருக்க முடியுமா," "Sure one is." "ஆம்" மார்கி, இதைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்க தயாராக இல்லை. "உனக்கு, Margie wasn't prepared to dispute that, She said, இதை பற்றி அதிகமாக தெரியாது. ஆசிரியர்கள் வீட்டில் "I wouldn't want a stranger in my house to teach வாழவில்லை. me." அவர்களுக்கென்று தனி கட்டிடம் இருந்தது. குழந்தைகள் Tommy screamed with laughter. "You don't know அங்கே சென்று படித்தனர்." much, Margie. The teachers didn't live in the எல்லா குழந்தைகளும் ஒரே பாடத்தை படித்தார்களா?" house. They had a special building and all the kids ஒரே "ஆமாம். ஒரே வயகு மாணவர்கள் பாடக்கை went there." படித்தார்கள்"? "And all the kids learned the same thing?" "ஆனால் எனது அம்மா ஒரு ஆசிரியர் ஒவ்வொரு மாணவ "Sure, if they were the same age." மாணவியா்களுக்கு ஏற்ப சொல்லிக் கொடுக்க வேண்டும் "But my mother says a teacher has to be adjusted to என்று சொல்லுகிறாள்." fit the mind of each boy and girl it teaches and that அந்த முறையை பின்பற்ற வேண்டும். உனக்கு each kid has to be taught differently." புத்தகத்தை படிக்க பிடிக்கவில்லையென்றால், படிக்காதே." "Just the same they didn't do it that way then. If

"I didn't say I didn't like it, "Margie said quickly. She wanted to read about those funny schools. They weren't even half finished when Margie's mother called, "Margie! School!"

you don't like it, you don't have to read the book."

Margie looked up. "No yet, Mamma."

"Now!" said Mrs. Jones, "And it's probably time for Tommy, too." Margie said to Tommy, "Can I read the book some more with you after school?"

"Maybe," he said nonchalantly. He walked away whistling, the dusty old book tucked beneath his

அந்த முறையை பின்பற்ற வேண்டும். உனக்கு இந்த புத்தகத்தை படிக்க பிடிக்கவில்லையென்றால், படிக்காதே." "எனக்கு பிடிக்கவில்லை என்று நான் சொல்லவில்லை" என்றாள் மார்கி அவளுக்கு அந்த வேடிக்கையான பள்ளியைப் பற்றி படிக்க ஆர்வம் இருந்தது.

அவர்கள் பாதிப் புத்தகத்தைக் கூட படித்து முடிக்கவில்லை. அதற்குள், அவளது அம்மா, "மார்கி! பள்ளிக்கூடம் !" என்று கூப்பிட்டாள்.

மார்கி, "இன்னும் நேரம் ஆகவில்லை அம்மா" என்றாள்.

திருமதி ஜோன்ஸ்," இது டாமிக்கும் பள்ளி செல்லும் நேரம்" என்றாள்.

மார்கி, டாமியிடம், "பள்ளி நேரம் முடிந்தவுடன் நான் இந்த புத்தகத்தை படிக்கலாமா?" என்றாள்.

"படிக்கலாம்" என்று இயல்பாக கூறினான். அந்த பழைய புத்தகத்தை கையில் வைத்துக் கொண்டு, விசில் அடித்தபடியே

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arm.

Margie went into the schoolroom. It was right next to her bedroom, and the mechanical teacher was on and waiting for her. It was always on at the same time every day except Saturday and Sunday, because her mother said little girls learned better if they learned at regular hours.

In October 2017, the robot became a Saudi Arabian citizen, the first robot to receive citizenship of any country. In November 2017, Sophia was named the United Nations Development Programme's first ever Innovation Champion, and the first non-human to be given any United Nations title.

The screen was lit up, and it said: "Today's arithmetic lesson is on the addition of proper fractions. Please insert Yesterday's homework in the proper slot."

Margie did so with a sigh, She was thinking about the old schools they had when her grandfather's grandfather was a little boy. All the kids from the whole neighborhood came, laughing and shouting in the schoolyard, sitting together in the schoolroom, going home together at the end of the day. They learned the same things, so they could help one another with the home work and talk about it.

And the teachers were people...

The mechanical teacher was flashing on the screen: "When we add fractions 1/2 and 1/4...

Margie was thinking about how the kids must have loved it in the old days. She was thinking about the fun they had.

சென்றான்.

மார்கி பள்ளி அறைக்கு சென்றாள். அந்த அறை, அவளது படுக்கும் அறைக்கு அருகில் இருக்கிறது. அவளது இயந்திர ஆசிரியர் காத்திருக்கிறார். அந்த இயந்திரத்தை, சனிக்கிழமை மற்றும் ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை தவிர தயாராக வைத்திருப்பர். ஏனென்றால், அவளது அம்மா, சிறுமிகள் குறித்த நேரத்தில் தினமும் பாடம் படிக்க வேண்டும் என்று கூறுவாள்.

திரையில் பாடம் தெரிய ஆரம்பித்தது. இன்றைய எண்கணித பாடத்தில் பின்னங்களை கூட்டுதல் பற்றி படிக்கப் போகிறோம். தயவு செய்து, நேற்றைய வீட்டுப்பாடங்களை அதற்குரிய அச்சில் வைக்கவும்".

மார்கி ஒரு பெருமூச்சுடன் செய்தாள். அவள், தனது தாத்தாவின் தாத்தா படித்த பள்ளிக்கூடத்தை நினைத்தாள். பக்கத்தில் உள்ள அனைத்து குழந்தைகளும் ஒரே இடத்திற்கு வருவார்கள். சிரித்து, மகிழ்ந்து விளையாடி, அனைவரும் சேர்ந்து வீட்டுக்கு செல்லலாம். அவர்கள் அனைவரும் ஒரே விஷயத்தை படிப்பார்கள். அதனால், அனைவரும் சேர்ந்து வீட்டுப்பாடம் செய்யலாம்.

மேலும், ஆசிரியர்கள் மனிதர்கள்...

இயந்திர ஆசிரியர் திரையில், "நாம் 1/2 மற்றும் 1/4 என்னும் பின்னங்களை கூட்டும்பொழுது…" என்று மின்னியது.

பழைய காலங்களில், குழந்தைகள் எவ்வாறு அனுபவித்து படித்தார்கள் என்று மார்கி நினைத்தாள். அவர்கள் மிகவும் சந்தோஷமாக இருந்திருப்பார்கள் என்று எண்ணிக் கொண்டாள்.



Word	Meaning	Word	Meaning
crinkly (adj.)	- with many folds or lines	awfully(adv.)	- very, extremely
attic (n.)	- a place just below the roof used	scornful(adj.)	- feeling or expressing contempt
	as a store room		
loftily (adv.)	- something done in a proud or	nonchalantly(adv.)	- in a casually calm and relaxed
	haughty manner		manner

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READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper. They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to-on a screen, you know. And then when turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had when they read it the first time. "Gee!," said Tommy, "What a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away."

Questions	Answers
1. What did Margie's grandfather tell?	1. Margie's grandfather told that he had read the stories in a
	paper book.
2. How were the stories printed in his	2. The stories were printed in paper.
childhood time?	
3. How was the book?	3. The book was old and it was yellow and crinkly.
4. How was the book in 2157?	4. In 2157, the book was moving in screens in television.
5. How many books did the television screen	5. The television book contained a million of books.
contain?	

2. Margie wasn't prepared to dispute that. She said, "I wouldn't want a stranger inmy house to teach me."

Tommy screamed with laughter. "You don't know much, Margie. The teachers didn't live in the house. They had a special building and all the kids went there."

Adjusted to fit the mind of each boy and girl it teaches and that each kid has to betaught differently."

Questions	Answers	
1. Who screamed in laughter?	1. Tommy screamed in laughter.	
2. Who had special building for schooling?	2. The olden days students had special building for	
	schooling.	
3. How did the kids learn?	3. The kids learned same lesson.	
4. What did her mother tell?	4. Her mother told that the teacher would adjust to fit the	
	mind of each students.	
5. Why the teacher has to teach differently?	5. The teacher know the mentality of the students so he/she	
	has to teach differently.	

3. Margie was disappointed. She had been hoping they would take the teacher away altogether. They had once taken Tommy's teacher away for nearly a month because thehistory sector had blanked out completely. So she said to Tommy, "Why would anyone write about school?"

Tommy looked at her with very superior eyes. "Because it's not our kind of school, stupid. This is the old kind of school that they had hundreds and hundreds of years ago." He added loftily pronouncing the word carefully, "Centuries ago."

[&]quot;And all the kids learned the same thing?"

[&]quot;Sure, if they were the same age."

[&]quot;But my mother says a teacher has to be

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Questions	Answers	
1. Why was Margie disappointed?	1. Margie was disappointed at her school.	
2. Why did she hope that they would take the	2. She didn't like her teacher.	
teacher away?		
3. For how many days the history sector had	3. The history sector had been blocked out for nearly one	
been blocked out?	month.	
4. What is not their kind of school?	4. The school of olden days was not their kind of school.	
5. What phrase did he pronounce carefully?	5. "Centuries ago" was the phrase pronounced carefully by	
	Tommy.	

4. They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to – on a screen, you know. And then when turned back to the pages before, it had the same words on it that t had when they read it the first time.

"Gee!" said Tommy, "What a waste. When you are through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away".

"Same with mine" said Margie. She was eleven and hadn't seen as many telebooks as Tommy had. He was thirteen. She said, "Where did you find it?"

"In my house". He pointed without looking because he was busy reading. "In the attic".

Questions	Answers
1. How were the pages in the book?	1. The pages in the book were yellow and crinkly
2. What was not changing in the book?	2. The words were not changing in the book.
3. Which has million books on it?	3. The television screen has million books on it.
4. How old are Margie and Tommy?	4. Margie was 11 years old and Tommy was 13 years old.
5. Where did Tommy find the book?	5. Tommy found the book in the attic.

5. Margie always hated the school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the country inspector. He was a round little man with a red face and a whole box of tools with dials and wires. He smiled at Margie and gave her an apple, then took the teacher apart. Margie had hoped that he wouldn't know how to put it again, but he knew how all right and after an hour or so, there it was again, large black and ugly, with a big screen on which all the lessons were shown and the questions were asked. That wasn't so bad. The part Margie hated most was the slot where she had to put the homework and test papers. She always had to write them out in a punch code they made her learn when she was six years old, and the mechanical teacher calculated the marks in no time.

Questions	Answers
1. What did Margie hate?	1. Margie hated the school.
2. What was the test given by the mechanical	2. The Geography test given by the mechanical teacher.
teacher?	
3. Describe the country inspector.	3. The country inspector was a round little man with a red
	face.
4. What is slot?	4. The slot is a part where the homeworks and testpapers had
	to be put.
5. How did the mechanical teacher calculate	5. The mechanical teacher calculated the marks in no time.
the mark?	

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6. "A human? How could a human be a teacher?"

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- "Well, she told boys and girls things and gave them homework and asked them questions."
- "A human isn't smart enough" "Sure one is"

Margie wasn't prepared to dispute that. She said "I wouldn't want a stranger in my house to teach me".

Tommy screamed with laughter. "You don't know much, Margie. The teachers didn't live in the house. They had a special building and all the kids went there".

"And all the kids learned the same thing?" "Sure, if they were the same age".

Questions	Answers
1. Who was the teacher in the olden days?	1. The human being was the teacher in the olden days.
2. What was the job of the teacher?	2. The job of the teacher was to teach, give the homework
	and ask the questions.
3. How was the teacher?	3. The teacher was smart.
4. Where was the teacher?	4. The teacher was in a special building.
5. Did the kids learn the same thing?	5. Yes, the kids learnt the same thing if they were of the
	same age.

7. Margie went into the schoolroom. It was right next to her bedroom, and the mechanical teacher was on and waiting for her. It was always on at the same time, every day except Saturday and Sunday, because her mother said little girls learned better if they learned at regular hours. The screen was lit up, and it said: "Today's arithmetic lesson is on the addition of proper fractions. Please insert yesterday's homework in the proper slot".

Questions	Answers
1. Where is the schoolroom?	1. The schoolroom is right next to the bedroom.
2. When is the school on?	2. The school is on everyday except Saturday and Sunday.
3. What did the mother say?	3. The mother said that little girls learned better if they
	learned at regular hours.
4. What is today's lesson?	4. Today's lesson is arithmetic.
5. Where does yesterday's homework to be	5. The yesterday's homework is to be inserted in the proper
inserted?	slot.

Characters and their Hints

1	Margie	- 11 years old
		- Hated school
2	Tommy	- 13 years old
		- Found a real book
3	Mechanical Teacher	- Gives tests in Geography
		-slot
		-punch code as homework
		-screen
4	Country Inspector	- Round little man
		-Red face

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E-1.Describe Margie's mechanical Teacher and her Classroom in your own words.

In the year 2157, Margie has mechanical teacher. Her book is a big screen. She can see millions of books in the screen. The mechanical teacher conducts tests often and corrects in no time. When she could not study geography, country inspector comes to check it. Its speed is lessened. Her classroom is in the house itself. It is next to her bedroom. Except on Saturday and Sunday, she has classes.

2. Why did Margie hate her school? What was she thinking about at the end of the story?

Margie hated her school because the mechanical teacher conducts tests often and corrects in no time. When she could not study Geography, country inspector comes to check it. She thought that the mechanical teacher would never come back. But, it came back. Its speed is lessened. Moreover, there is no classmate. The homework has to be done by her alone. But in the past, school is a building where students went together. They discussed their homework and helped each other. At the end of the story, she longed for the ancient school system.

3. What was strange about he book"? why did Margie find it strange?

The "book' was strange because it was about the school in the past. The teachers were human beings. They taught a group of students. The school is a building where students went together. They discussed their homework and helped each other. They didn't learn inside the house. They had a lot of fun. They wer happy. So, it was strange to Margie.



AVERAGE STUDENTS

Story : The Fun They Had

Author : Issac Asimov

Theme : Advancement in Science

Moral : Old is Gold

The short story, 'The Fun They Had' written by Isaac Asimov deals with a boy and a girl. In 2157, Tommy finds a real book from the attic of Margie. It is a cranky, old printed paper book. The book is about centuries old schools. Those days they had real teachers. Students and teachers met in a place for education. It is called as schools. But in 2157 they have mechanical teachers and schools are at home. Margie hates her school and Geography teacher. Her Geography teacher is too fast so she fails often. The story about the old school impresses her. So she wants to read it. It is her school time so she goes to her school room with the thought of the book.

fun - வேடிக்கை; attic - பரண்; centuries old schools - நூற்றாண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பிருந்த பள்ளிக்கூடங்கள்; real - உண்மையான; impresses - ஈர்க்கப்பட்டு; mechanical - teacher - இயந்திர ஆசிரியர்

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SLOW LEARNERS

Story : The Fun They Had

Author : Issac Asimov

Theme : Advancement in Science

Moral : Old is Gold

➤ 'The Fun They Had' is written by Isaac Asimov deals with a boy and a girl in the year 2157.

- Tommy finds a real book from Margie's house.
- ➤ It is about old schools.
- The human teachers and students gathered in a place called schools.
- Margie hates her school and geography teacher.
- > Because a room in the home is school and teacher is a machine.
- There is no fun at all

TEXTUAL EXERCISES

B. Fill in the blanks with the clues given below to complete the paragraph.

millions of books
yellow and crinkly
learning and spending
gerography
test papers
attic
time

real book
same thing
person
person
schools
words
house

Tommy and Margie found something about the (i) **schools** of the past. Tommy found a (ii) **real book** which has been printed on paper. The book was old and the pages were (iii) **yellow and crinkly**. At present, the (iv) **words** were moving on a television screen. The television had over (v) **million of books**. He had found the old book in the (vi) **attic** of his house. While reading Tommy found that it was about the old schools. Margie hated school because she was having problems withlearning (vii) **Geography**. The mechanical teacher was black and large with a screen. Margie hated the slot

where she had to insert her homework or (viii) <u>test</u> <u>papers.</u> Margie did not understand how a (ix) <u>person</u> could be a teacher and how the students were taught the (x) <u>same thing</u>. Then it was (xi) <u>time</u> school for Margie and Tommy. Margie went to the school room in her (xii) <u>house</u>, where the mechanical teacher stood. She was thinking about the old school and how much fun the children had, (xiii) <u>learning and spending</u> time together.

C. Bring out the difference between your school and Margie's school in the given tabular column. An example is done for you.

Margie's school	Your school
Teacher is a machine.	Teacher is a human
	being.
Books are in digital form	Books are in printed
	form.
School is at home.	school is at separate
	place.
There is no playground.	There is playground.

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- D. Complete the following statements based on your reading.
- 1. The old book was found by **Tommy**
- 2. Margie was surprised to see the old book because **she hadn't seen any printed book**
- 3. The mechanical teacher was giving Margie **homework and tests.**

- 4. Margie had to study always at the same time every day, because her mother said little girls <u>learned</u> <u>better if they learned at regular hours.</u>
- 5. The geography sector in mechanical teacher was **geared a little too quickly.**