

Class — X

Sub — English .

Lesson — 5

## Our Runaway Kite (Lucy Maud Montgomery)

Unit — I

### \* Key points :

- Once the narrator lived with her father and brother Claude, on the Big Half Moon island.
- On account of the kite, at present the narrator ~~now~~ lives with her father, brother, aunt Esther, Mimi and Dick.
- Earlier, during the winter season, the narrator, her father and her brother went to the mainland.
- In the mainland, the narrator and Claude did not feel as lonely as they did when they lived on the Big Half Moon island.
- The narrator's father was the keeper of the Big Half Moon lighthouse. So they lived most of the time of the year on the island.
- The narrator wished she had ~~some~~ some relatives to live with them on the island.
- The narrator's father sadly said that it was his fault that they did not live with their relatives there.

### \* Word - notes :

- of course → certainly. (অবশ্যই)
- on account of → because. (কারণে)
- harbour → a shelter for ships. (বন্দর)
- sail → to travel in water. (জলদ্বারা ভ্রমণ)
- funny → amusing. (মজাদার)
- pitied → expressed sorrow. (ব্যথানা ব্যয়)
- lonesome → alone. (নির্জন / নিঃসঙ্গ)
- pirate ~~carve~~ carves → a type of game. (এক প্রকার খেলা)
- jolly → cheerful (মজাদার)
- sorrowful → unhappy (দুঃখী)
- fault → defect (দুর্ভাগ্য)

## Comprehension Exercises

### 1. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

- (a) The keeper of the Big Half Moon Lighthouse is  
(i) Aunt Esther (ii) Father  
(iii) Claude (iv) Dick
- (b) The family moved over to the mainland in  
(i) summer (ii) spring  
(iii) monsoon (iv) winter
- (c) When asked about relations, Father looked  
(i) happy (ii) angry  
(iii) sorrowful (iv) irritated

### 2. Fill in the chart with information from the text:

- (a) name of the island .....
- (b) age of Claude .....
- (c) the game played by Claude  
and the narrator .....

### 3. State whether the following statements are True or False. Provide sentences/ phrases/ words in support of your answer:

- (i) People felt that Claude and the narrator were lonesome in the island. [ ]  
Supporting statement: \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) Claude and the narrator quarrelled. [ ]  
Supporting statement : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) Nobody on the mainland had relations. [ ]  
Supporting statement : \_\_\_\_\_

## EXERCISES

1] Choose the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences : [5×1]

[a] On the Big Half Moon the narrator used to play with her

- (i) father
- (ii) brother
- (iii) sister
- (iv) friends

[b] The narrator had her relations in the mainland of

- (i) England
- (ii) Canada
- (iii) India
- (iv) the USA

[c] During spring the narrator used to live in the

- (i) mainland
- (ii) island
- (iii) towns
- (iv) lighthouse

[d] The narrator felt unhappy because she had no

- (i) parents
- (ii) sisters
- (iii) relatives
- (iv) teachers

[e] The narrator would have been happier to live with

- (i) friends
- (ii) foes
- (iii) relatives
- (iv) no relatives

2] Fill in the chart with information from the text : [3×1]

Cause	Effect
[i]	The narrator had to make the most of each other.
[ii] During winter the harbour became frozen.	
[iii]	The father was unhappy.

[2×1]

3] Answer the following :

[a] Why did the people pity the narrator and her company when they returned to the island ? \_\_\_\_\_

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