



## Chapter - 2 The Thief's Story

### Find Out

Q-1 → Who does 'I' refer to in this story?

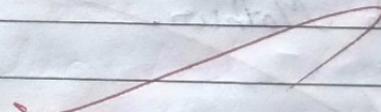
Ans → 'I' in this story refers to Hari Singh.

Q-2 → What is he 'a fairly successful hand'?

Ans → He is a fairly successful hand at stealing.

Q-3 → What does he get from Anil in return for his work?

Ans → He is promised to get food in return for his work.



Q-1 → How does the thief think Anil will react to the theft?

Ans → He thinks Anil would show only a touch of sadness but not for the loss of money but not for the loss of money but for the loss of trust.

Q-2 → What does he say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed?

Ans → According to him a greedy man shows fear, a rich man shows anger and a poor man shows acceptance.



3) Does Anil realise that he has been robbed?  
Ans → Of course, Anil realises that he has been robbed after finding the notes wet.

### Think About It

Q-1) Why does not Anil hand the thief over to the police? Do you think most people would have done so? In what ways is Anil different from such employers?

Ans → Anil is in fact a very good person. He knows that Hari Singh has stolen money still he does not hand him to the police. He understands Hari Singh's feelings. He wants to give him a chance to ~~reform~~ reform himself. No doubt, forgiveness is the biggest punishment. It makes a guilty person realise his guilt and ultimately reforms him.

I think, it is not an easy job to forgive the other. Most people would have handed the thief over to the police if they were placed in the place of Anil. Anil is completely different from Hari Singh's former employers. None of them have ever done anything that may touch Hari Singh's heart. Rather they have complained against him to the police. So, Hari Singh has to change his name frequently.

## Talk About It

Q-1 → Do you think people like Anil and Hari Singh are found only in fiction, or are there such people in real life?

Ans → Of course, we find the people like Anil and Hari Singh in real life. Although such people are scarce in today's material world yet they are real human beings. People like Anil are very courageous who are ~~so~~ ready to forgive the wrong doers. It is very easy to punish the guilty but it is so difficult to forgive them and give them a chance to be reformed. Hari Singh is also a true human being. His inner self does not allow to deceive an innocent person like Anil. Moreover he also wants to learn writing full sentences.

Q-2 → Do you think it a significant detail ~~not~~ in the story that Anil is a struggling writer? Does this explain his behaviour in any way?

Ans → Anil is a writer. He writes for magazines. But ~~is~~ he is a struggling writer. We come to this conclusion as the narrator says that Anil earns by fits and starts. He borrows one week, lends the next week. He keeps worrying about his next cheque. He has become an extravagant. As soon as he gets money, he goes out and spends on his friends. He is also very careless.

Q-3. Have you met anyone like Hari Singh? can you think and imagine the circumstance that can turn a fifteen year old boy into ~~a~~ a thief?

Ans. No, I have not met anyone like Hari Singh. But I can understand that no one is born thief. The circumstances make a person thief. If the parents of a child are not careful and they do not give full attendance towards the child. Certainly the child will grow up into a thief. Besides it can an orphan child has more chances to become a thief. The child does not get proper love & attention and become so.

Dust of Snow

(Robert Frost)

Thinking About The Poem

Q-1 → What is 'dust of snow'? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet's mood changed?

Ans → The 'dust of snow' is the dust which has been created by a crow when it ~~had~~ shook on an ice laden ~~tree~~ with snow. It has changed poet's mood. He become happy for the rest of the day.

Q-2 → How does Frost present nature in this poem? The following questions may help you to think of an answer.

(i) What are the birds that are usually named in poems? Do you think a crow is often mentioned in poems? What images come to your mind when you think of a crow?

Ans → Birds usually mentioned in the poems are - nightingale, cuckoo, mynah, sparrow etc. Crow is rarely mentioned in poems. It reminds us of its harsh voice and black colour.

(ii) Again, what is 'a hemlock tree'? Why doesn't the poet write about a more 'beautiful' tree such as a maple, or an oak, or a pine?

Ans → A hemlock tree is a poisonous tree. It is not very beautiful. But the poet does not mention any more beautiful tree. He believes that every

aspect of nature is beautiful.

(iii) What do the 'crow' and 'hemlock' represent joy or sorrow? What does the dust of snow that the crow shakes off a hemlock tree stand for?

Ans → Here crow and himlock represent joy. The dust of snow represent jaw that nature showers.