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Chapter-02 A Gift of Chappals

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Comprehension Check

- Ans1:** Meena shared the secret of having a kitten in the backyard inside a torn football lined with sacking and filled with sand. They found him outside the gate in the morning.
- Ans2:** For getting milk for the kitten, Ravi told Paati that he is hungry when she saw him with glass of milk. Paati got suspicious so Ravi had to drink most of the milk and told Paati that he will wash the tumbler by himself. After that, Ravi ran and pour the milk into coconut shell and then ran back to wash the tumbler before Paati got really suspicious.
- Ans3:** He said the kitten's ancestors was the Mahabalipuram Rishi-Cat, which was the emblem of the Pallava dynasty and the Mahabalipuram Rishi-Cat was descendants of the cat-goddess of Egypt. No, I don't believe him.
- Ans4:** I agree to these statements.
(ii) his knowledge of history is sound.
(iii) he has a rich imagination.
- Ans5:** The sound of kreeching startled Mridu and frightened Mahendran. It was the sound of Violin that Lalli was learning to play.

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- ns1:** "The music-master's notes seemed to float up and settle perfectly into the invisible tracks of the melody. It was like the wheels of a train fitting smoothly into the rails and whizzing along"
This sentence in the text that expresses the idea that the music master is making lovely music.
- Ans2:** No, the beggar had not come to Rukku Manni's house for the first time because Paati said to Tapi that he had been coming in their house every day for the past week, and it's time to found him another house to beg from!
- Ans3:** V-shaped eyebrow is formed only when people are in anger. This suggest that Rukku Manni was very angry in mood when she came to know about the missing chappals of the music teacher.

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Working with the Text

- Ans1:**
(i) Ravi compares Lalli's playing the violin to derailing of the train going completely off track.
(ii) Trying to hide beneath the tray of chillies, Mahendran tipped a few chillies over himself.
(iii) The teacher played a few notes on his violin, and Lalli stumbled behind him on her violin, which looked quite helpless and unhappy in her hands.
(iv) The beggar said that the kind ladies of the household kept his body and soul together on their generosity for a whole week. He couldn't believe that they would turn him away.
(v) After the lesson was over, the music teacher asked Lalli if she had seen his chappals.
- Ans2:** As seen from the window, music teacher had the bony figure. He had a mostly bald head with a fringe of oiled black hair falling around his ears and an old-fashioned tuft. A gold chain gleamed
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around his leathery neck, and a diamond ring glittered on his hand as it glided up and down the stem of the violin. A large foot stuck out from beneath his gold-bordered veshti edge, and he was beating time on the floor with the scrawny big toe.

Ans3:

- (i) Mridu conclude that the beggar had no money to buy chappals because his feet were blistered.
- (ii) She suggested Mridu and Ravi about the pair of old slippers so that they could give it to the beggar.

Ans4:

- (i) Rukku Manni actually wanted to ask the children if they had seen the music master's slippers.
- (ii) She changed her question because children were curiously quiet and she suspected that children must have done something with chappals.
- (iii) She thought that the children have given the music-master's chappals to that old beggar.

Ans5: The music teacher tried not to look happy because he did not wanted to reveal his happiness of getting new chappals of Gopu Mama to others. He wanted to show that his own chappals were more expensive and branded one. Actually, he was very happy after getting Gopu Mama's chappals.

Ans6: On getting a gift of chappals, the beggar vanished in a minute because he did not wanted to lose the gift of those chappals. His feet were blistered and he couldn't have got anything better from that house.

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Ans7: Gopu Mama always in such a hurry to throw off his shoes and socks and get into his chappals as soon as he comes home. Rukku Manni began to laugh while thinking about the reaction of her husband after hearing this incident and when he came to know about that they had given his new chappals to the music teacher.

Working with Language

Ans1:

- (i) If you tire yourself now, you won't be able to work in the evening.
- (ii) If you study regularly, you'll do well in the examination.
- (iii) If you work hard, you'll pass the examination in the first division.
- (iv) If you are polite to people, they'll also be polite to you.
- (v) If you tease the dog, it'll bite you.

Ans2: Today is Sunday. I'm wondering whether I should stay at home or go out. If I go out, I will miss the lovely Sunday lunch at home. If I stay for lunch, I will miss the Sunday film showing at Archana Theatre. I think I'll go out and see the film, only to avoid getting too fat.

Ans3:

- (i) Don't go to the theatre if you don't want to.
 - (ii) He'll post your letter if you want him to.
 - (iii) Please use my pen if you want to.
 - (iv) He'll lend you his umbrella if you want him to.
 - (v) My neighbour, Ramesh, will take you to the doctor if you want him to.
 - (vi) Don't eat it if you don't want to.
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