**The last Leaf**

Q1. What was Johnsy’s illness? What could cure her, the medicine or the willingness to live?

A1. Johnsy was suffering from pneumonia. Only the willingness to live, could cure her. She

had made up her mind that she was not going to get well. The doctor said that if she did not

want to live, then medicines would not help her.

Q2. Behrman had a dream. What was it? Did it come true?

A2. Behrman was a sixty year old painter. He has a dream of creating a masterpiece. It did

come true when he painted a leaf such that it looked extremely natural. He painted the last leaf on a creeper that helped save Johnsy's life.

Q3. What was Behrman’s masterpiece? What makes Sue say so?

A3. Berhman’s masterpiece is the last leaf on the ivy creeper. Sue calls it a masterpiece

because this painting rekindled the willingness to live in Johnsy’s heart and she was able to

recover from her illness. Johnsy had eventually developed a fear that she would die when

the last leaf fell from the ivy creeper. But Berhman spent an entire night, in a heavy storm, to paint a fresh green leaf. Berhman suffered from pneumonia because of getting drenched while painting and eventually died. However, next morning on seeing that leaf, Johnsy

thought it was real and got a feeling of self-belief. She realized she could get well if she

wanted to and came out of her illness.