



Working With the Text (Page 30)

Discuss the following questions in class. Then write your own answers.

1. When he felt the earthquake, do you think Ignacious immediately worried about a Tsunami? Give reasons for your answer. Which sentence in the text tells you that the Ignacious family did not have any time to discuss and plan their course of action after the tsunami struck?

Answer: No, Ignacious did not think about the tsunami. He thought that it was just an earthquake. So he took the television off the table and put it on the ground. His family did not have time to discuss and plan their course of action. The following sentence tells about the chaos and confusion. "...two of his children caught hold of the hands of their mother's father and mother's brother, and rushed in the opposite direction."

2. Which words in the list below describe Sanjeev, in your opinion?
cheerful ambitious brash brave careless
heroic selfless heartless humorous

Answer: brave, heroic, selfless

Use words from the list to complete the three sentences below.

(i) I don't know if Sanjeev was cheerful, or.....

(ii) I think that he was very brave, and.....

(iii) Sanjeev was not heartless, or.....

Answer: (i) ambitious or brash.

(ii) heroic and selfless.

(iii) careless or humorous.

3. How are Meghna and Almas's stories similar?

Answer: Meghna and Almas—both were lucky. Meghna was carried away with her parents and other people. But she alone survived. She was washed ashore by a wave. Almas climbed on to a log of wood. When she opened her eyes, she found herself in a hospital in Kamorta.

4. What are the different ways in which Tilly's parents could have reacted to her behaviour? What would you have done if you were in their place?

Answer: Tilly foresaw the danger of tsunami at once. She became hysterical. Her parents didn't ignore her. They were sure that something wrong must be going to happen. So they all left the beach and were saved. If I were in place of Tilly's parents, I might not have believed her. I might have scolded her for making a nonsense situation.

5. If Tilly's award was to be shared, who do you think she should share it with— her parents or her geography teacher?

Answer: It is very obvious. Tilly's award should be shared with her geography teacher. Her parents could not guess the tsunami was coming.

6. What are the two different ideas about why so few animals were killed in the tsunami? Which idea do you find more believable?

Answer: Very few animals were killed in the tsunami. Perhaps they

feel the tremor much before humans do. Secondly, the animals have sixth sense. They can guess the coming disaster and so run away to safer places/higher ground. The idea that the animals are gifted with the sixth sense is more believable. They move fast to get over the crisis.

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