



MORE QUESTIONS SOLVED

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

Q1. What does Sophie dream of doing after she passes out of school? Why do you call it a 'dream' and not a 'plan'?

Ans: Sophie dreams to have a boutique of her own. It will be the most amazing shop the city has ever seen. She says that she will buy a boutique if ever she comes into money. She does not mind becoming an actress to run a boutique as a side business. Since she has no money or experience, it is called a 'dream' and not a 'plan'.

Q2. What are the other dreams of Sophie in addition to having a boutique?

Ans: The greatest dream of Sophie is to have a boutique. She wants to be a bit sophisticated and rise above her lower-middle class status. Her other dream is of being an actress as "there's real money in that". Moreover, actresses don't work full time. She can look after her first love i.e. boutique as a side business. She has another option. She can be a fashion designer, and do something sophisticated.

Q3. Why does Jansie say : "Soaf, you really should be sensible" ?

Ans: Jansie knows Sophie's family background and financial position. She knows that both of them are earmarked for that biscuit factory. Sophie dreams of big and beautiful things like having a boutique or becoming an actress or a fashion designer. All these things need a lot of money and experience. Sophie has neither of them. So Jansie being down-to-earth advises her to be sensible and stop having wild dreams.

Q4. Compare and contrast Sophie and Jansie?

OR

Jansie is Sophie's classmate and friend but doesn't entertain any 'wild dreams' like her. Why?

Ans: Sophie and Jansie are classmates and friends, but the similarity ends here. They are poles apart in thinking and temperament. Sophie is an incurable dreamer and escapist. She dreams of big and beautiful things, which are beyond her reach. On the other hand, Jansie is realistic and practical. She knows that they are poor and will have to work in the biscuit factory after leaving school. She is well aware that big things require big money and experience, which they don't have. It is better to live in reality and think accordingly.

Q5. What job is Geoff engaged in? How does he differ from his sister, Sophie?

Ans: Geoff is a grown up boy. He left school three years ago. Now he is an apprentice mechanic. He has to travel to his work each day to the far side of the city. He speaks little but listens to his sister's 'wild stories'. But he is not a day dreamer like her. He knows the financial limitations of his family. He cautions Sophie against entertaining dreams for a celebrity like Danny Casey.

Q6. Why was Sophie jealous of Geoff's silence?

Ans: Geoff was almost grown up now. He spoke little. Words had to be extracted out of him like stones out of the ground. Sophie was

jealous of his silence. She knew that when he was not speaking, he was away somewhere. He was out in the surrounding country—in those places she had never been. She wanted to share her brother's affection.

Q7. What does Sophie tell Geoff about her meeting with Danny Gasey? How does Geoff react to it?

Ans: Sophie tells Geoff that she met Danny Casey. Geoff is surprised. He looks round abruptly and asks 'where?' Sophie replies that she met him in the arcade. Geoff can't believe her. He says, "It's never true." He asks her, "What does he look like?" She replies that he has green eyes and is not very tall. Geoff is still not convinced.

Q8. How does Sophie's father react when Geoff tells him about her meeting with Danny Casey?

Ans: Geoff informs his father that Sophie had a meeting with Danny Casey. He turns his head on his thick neck to look at her in disbelief. His expression is one of disdain. He ignores the news and goes on to talk about Tom Finney. He hopes that Danny will be like Tom Finney one day. When Sophie says that Casey is going to buy a shop, he reacts sharply. "This is another of your wild stories."

Q9. "He don't believe you—though he'd like to." Who says so, about whom and in what context?

Ans: Geoff says so to Sophie about their father. He reacted sharply to her account of meeting Danny Casey. Geoff said that she had met him in the arcade and then told him how it had been. Their father said aggressively that she was going to talk herself into a load of trouble. Sophie asked Geoff to confirm that it was true. It was then that Geoff uttered these remarks. *-

Q10. Why do you think, does Geoff tell Sophie the following?

(i) "Casey must have strings of girls."

(ii) "As if he'd ever show up."

Ans: Geoff knows that Sophie is still very young and immature. She is crazy after Danny Casey, the Irish wonder-boy. He tries to convince Sophie that a celebrity like Casey must have a large number of girls running after him. She says that he doesn't have any. He will give her autograph next week if she cares to meet him next week. Geoff is not convinced. He doubts if he would ever show up.

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