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5. Are there people like Lencho in the real world? What kind of a person would you say he is? You may select appropriate words from the box to answer the question.

Greedy Naïve stupid ungrateful
selfish comical unquestioning

Answer:

I don't think there can be any such people in the real world. Lencho is literate and yet he doesn't know how his letter will reach God without any address.

He probably would be naïve and unquestioning.

6. There are two kinds of conflict in the story: between humans and nature, and between humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated?

Answer:

The conflict between humans and nature is shown by the destruction of Lencho's crops by the hailstorm. As the crops failed by hail, Lencho started feeling sad and gloomy after the storm appropriately projects the conflict of the nature and the man. The Story also shown another conflict, between humans themselves. The postmaster, along with the help of the other post office employees, sent Lencho the money that they could manage to collect. They were not related to Lencho in any manner. It was an act of kindness and selflessness on their part. Even though they did a good deed, Lencho blamed them for taking away some amount of money. This shows that man does not have faith in his fellow humans, thereby giving rise to this conflict.

Thinking about the Language

1. There are different names in different parts of the world for storms, depending on their nature. Can you match the names in the box with their descriptions below, and fill in the blanks? You may use a dictionary to help you.

gale, whirlwind, cyclone,
hurricane, tornado, typhoon

1. A violent tropical storm in which strong winds move in a circle:

__ __ __ c __ __ __ __ __

2. An extremely strong wind: __ a __ __

3. A violent tropical storm with very strong winds: __ __ __ p __ __

__ __ __

4. A violent storm whose centre is a cloud in the shape of a funnel:

__ __ __ __ n __ __ __

5. A violent storm with very strong winds, especially in the western Atlantic ocean: __ __ __ r __ __ __ __ __

6. A very strong wind that moves very fast in a spinning movement and causes a lot of damage: __ __ __ __ __ l __ __ __ __

Answer:

1. Cyclone

2. Gale

3. Typhoon

4. Tornado

5. Hurricane
6. Whirlwind

2. Match the sentences in Column A with the meanings of 'hope' in Column B.

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2.	<i>I hope</i> you don't mind my saying this, but I don't like the way you are arguing.	b	thinking that this would happen (It may or may not have happened).
3.	This discovery will give new <i>hope</i> to HIV/AIDS sufferers.	c	stopped believing that this good thing would happen
4.	We were <i>hoping against hope</i> that the judges would not notice our mistakes.	d	wanting something to happen (and thinking it quite possible)
5.	I called early <i>in the hope</i> of speaking to her before she went to school.	e	showing concern that what you say should not offend or disturb the other person: a way of being polite
6.	Just when everybody had <i>given up hope</i> , the fishermen came back, seven days after the cyclone.	f	wishing for something to happen, although this is very unlikely

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