

Class 12 English: Flamingo

"THE LAST LESSON"

- Questions to be ponder:

1. Why was the beautiful get-up of M. Hamel seemed strange to Franz?
2. "Language, it is as if they had the key to their prison" Why did M. Hamel say so?
3. Why did little Franz think, "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?"
4. Why do you think was little Franz afraid of being scolded?
5. "It was all much more tempting than the rule for participles." What did Franz find 'much more tempting'? How did he finally react?
6. "What can be the matter now?" says Franz. Why, do you think, did he make this comment?
7. Who was Wachter? What did he ask Franz and why? How did Franz react?
8. What was the usual scene when Franz's school began in the morning?
9. How had Franz hoped to get to his desk? What had he to do and why?
10. What are the three things in school that surprised Franz most that day?
11. Why had the villagers come to school that day? How did they look?
12. "What a thunderclap these words were to me!" Which were the words that shocked and surprised the narrator?
13. How did Franz react to the declaration: "This is your last French lesson"?
14. What tempted Franz to stay away from school?
15. Whom did M. Hamel blame for the negligence of learning on the part of boys like Franz?
16. What did M. Hamel tell them about French language? What did he ask them to do and why?
17. Why were the elders of the village sitting in the classroom?
18. How and why did Franz and his classmates enjoy their last lesson?
19. How did M. Hamel feel and behave during the last lesson?
20. "He had the courage to hear every lesson to the very last." What led Franz to make this remark?
21. "Ah, how well I remember it, that last lesson!" says the narrator. Which scene does he remember more vividly than the others?
22. How did M. Hamel behave as the last lesson came to an end?
23. Why was Franz scared that day? What did he see on his way to school and how did he get to his desk?
24. What orders had been received from Berlin that day? What effects did it have on the usual environment of school?
25. What impression do you get from the characters of M. Hamel in the story 'The Last Lesson'?