

✓ UNIT 1 – THE FUN THEY HAD

Detailed Explanation in Simple Words

This story is about a future world where computers and machines do all the teaching. Children do not go to real schools. They study alone at home using screens and machines called mechanical teachers. Margie and Tommy are two children living in this future world.

One day, Tommy finds an old paper book in the attic of his house. He is excited because he has never seen such a thing. He shows it to Margie, who is surprised to learn that long ago, children used books to learn and went to school in buildings with real teachers and classmates.

Tommy explains that children from the neighborhood used to go to school together, share lunch, play, and help each other with studies. Margie feels it sounds strange and old-fashioned. She always hated studying because her mechanical teacher constantly gives tests. Her mother even called an inspector to fix the problem.

As the story goes on, Tommy and Margie learn more about how schools used to be fun, unlike their boring study life.

✓ Important Points

1. Schools of the past were full of friends and laughter.
2. Books were printed on paper, not on screens.
3. Learning was not lonely.
4. Technology cannot replace human interaction.
5. Children learn better when they work together.