

Oral Comprehension Check (Page 5)

Q1. What did Lencho hope for?

लैन्चो को क्या आशा थी?

Ans. Lencho hoped for rain because his fields needed rain.

Q2. Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like 'new coins'?

लैन्चो ने वर्षा की बूँदों को 'नये सिक्के' के समान क्यों कहा?

Ans. Lencho said it because of two reasons:

1. The raindrops had brightness like new coins.
2. A good rain always promises a good harvest.

Q3. How did the rain change? What happened to Lencho's fields?

वर्षा किसमें बदल गई? लैन्चो के खेतों का क्या हुआ?

Ans. The rain changed into hailstones. Lencho's whole crop was completely destroyed.

Q4. What were Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped?

जब ओले गिरने बंद हो गए तो लैन्चो की भावनाएँ क्या थीं?

Ans. Lencho became very sad due to the hailstorm.

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Q1. Who or what did Lencho have faith in? What did he do?

लैन्चो को किसमें विश्वास था? उसने क्या किया?

Ans. Lencho had a deep faith in God. So, he wrote a letter to God asking for 100 pesos.

Q2. Who read the letter?

पत्र किसने पढ़ा?

Ans. The postman saw the letter and he took it to the postmaster. The postmaster read the letter and was impressed to see Lencho's faith in God.

Q3. What did the postmaster do then?

डाकघर अधिकारी ने फिर क्या किया?

Ans. The postmaster collected money from his employees and gave a part of his salary and sent the money to Lencho.

Oral Comprehension Check (Page 7)

Q1. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it?

क्या लैन्चो अपने लिए पत्र और उसमें रुपये पाकर आश्चर्यचकित था?

Ans. No, Lencho was not surprised. He had such firm in God.

Q2. What made him angry?

उसे क्रोध क्यों आया?

Ans. The less number of pesos made him angry. He thought that the post office employees had cheated him.

Thinking About the Text (Page 7)

Q1. Who does Lencho have complete faith in? Which sentences in the story tell you this?

लैन्चो को किसमें पूर्ण विश्वास है? कहानी में कौन से वाक्य इन्हें इंगित करते हैं?

Ans. Lencho has complete faith in God. The following sentences in the story tell us about this:

1. Lencho thought only one hope—the help of God.
2. He wrote, "God", if you don't help, my family and I will go hungry this year."
3. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money.

Q2. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?

डाकघर अधिकारी लैन्चो को रुपये क्यों भेजता है? वह पत्र पर "भगवान" के नाम से हस्ताक्षर क्यों करता है?

Ans. The postmaster is a kind man. He is much impressed to see Lencho's faith in God. He doesn't want to shake his faith. So he collects money and sends to Lencho. He signs the letter "God" because he wants to show him that this money has been sent to him by God.

Q3. Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? Why/Why not?

क्या लैन्चो ने यह जानने का प्रयास किया कि उसे रुपये किसने भेजे हैं? क्यों/क्यों नहीं?

Ans. Lencho did not try to find out who had sent the money to him. The reason was very clear. He had firm faith in God. He had no doubt about it.

Q4. Who does Lencho think has taken the rest of the money? What is the irony in the situation? (Remember that the irony of a situation is an unexpected aspect of it. An ironic

situation is strange or amusing because it is the opposite of what is expected.)

लैन्चो के विचार से शेष रुपये कौन ले लेता है? इस स्थिति में क्या हास्यास्पद है? (याद रखें कि एक स्थिति का हास्य उसका बिना सोचा हुआ हिस्सा है। एक हास्यास्पद स्थिति विचित्र और आनंददायक होती है क्योंकि यह आशातीत बिन्दु के विपरीत होती है।)

Ans. Lencho thinks that the post office employees have taken the rest of the money. According to him, God cannot send him less money. He cannot do mistakes in counting.

The irony in this situation is that the post office employees collect money and send to him. Even Lencho called them "bunch of crooks".

Q5. 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.

क्या लैन्चो जैसे व्यक्ति वास्तविक संसार में हैं? आप उसे किस प्रकार का व्यक्ति कहेंगे? आप प्रश्न के उत्तर के लिए बॉक्स से उचित शब्दों का चयन कर सकते हैं।

Ans. Yes, we may find such persons like Lencho in the real world.

He had an unquestioning faith in God. He was not greedy. He was very naive. Lencho was not selfish. In the reading of the story, he created a comical situation for the readers.

Q6. There are two kinds of conflict in the story: between humans and nature, and between humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated?

कहानी में दो प्रकार के विरोधाभास हैं: मनुष्यों और प्रकृति के बीच में और स्वयं मनुष्यों के बीच में। इन विरोधाभासों को किस प्रकार वर्णित किया गया है?

Ans. After reading the story, we can easily say that there are two kinds of conflict in the story.

1. Between humans and nature —
When hailstorm destroys Lencho's crops completely.

2. Between humans themselves —
When post office employees send

money to Lencho and he does not believe and calls them "bunch of crooks".

Thinking About Language (Page 8)

I. Look at the following sentence from the story:

कहानी से लिए गए निम्न वाक्य को देखें:

Suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall.

अचानक तेज हवा चलने लगी और वर्षा के साथ बड़े-बड़े ओले गिरने शुरू हो गये।

'Hailstones' are small balls of ice that fall like rain. A storm in which hailstones fall is a 'hailstorm'. You know that a storm is bad weather with strong winds, rain, thunder and lightning.

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 for help.

'ओले' बर्फ के छोटे-छोटे गोले होते हैं जो वर्षा की तरह गिरते हैं। एक ऐसा तूफान जिसमें ओले गिरते हैं, 'ओलावृष्टि' कहा जाता है। आप जानते हैं कि तूफान एक खराब मौसम होता है जो तेज हवाओं, वर्षा, बादलों की गड़गड़ाहट और प्रकाश के साथ आता है।

संसार के भिन्न-भिन्न हिस्सों में तूफानों की उनकी प्रकृति के आधार पर अलग-अलग नाम होते हैं। क्या आप बॉक्स में दिये गये नामों का मिलान उनके नीचे दिये गये वर्णनों के साथ कर सकते हैं? आप अपनी सहायता के लिए शब्दकोश का प्रयोग कर सकते हैं।

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 _ _ _ .

Q7. Write a character-sketch of the postmaster. Or

How do you like the character of the postmaster in the lesson 'A Letter to God'? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. The postmaster was a fat, kind and amiable man. He was very fun-loving person. He decided that he would help Lencho. His decision shows that he was very kind-hearted and God-loving. He praised the writer's faith in God because he himself wanted to maintain such faith in God. He did not want to shake the writer's faith in God, so he collected amount from his employees, friends and gave a part of his salary.

When Lencho received money, he felt contented.

In this way, we find many good and praising qualities in his character.

Q6. What did the postmaster do to Lencho's letter to God? Why did he do so? Or

How did the post office employees help Lencho? Or

Why did Lencho call the post office employees a 'bunch of crooks'?

Ans. To get help from God of one hundred pesos, Lencho wrote a letter to God. The postmaster received the letter through the postman. He was very surprised to see such an innocent faith. He opened the letter and read it. After reading it, he came to know that he required money instead of ink, paper and goodwill. Now the postmaster collected money from his employees, friends and he himself gave a part of his salary. Thus he could be able to send Lencho only seventy pesos. When Lencho received this amount, he was not surprised at all but he got angry. He thought that the post-office employees have cheated him. That is why he called the post office employees a bunch of crooks.

Q5. Lencho was a very innocent person. It was clear by his letters that he wrote to God. Discuss it in the light of his second letter.

Ans. Lencho was a very simple and innocent person. He had keen faith in God. When the hailstones destroyed his corn-fields thoroughly, he was very unhappy but was not disappointed. He had the faith that God does not let any one die of hunger. Although for some time he thought if God did not help him, his family would go hungry. In his heart there was a single hope and that hope was the help of God. He wrote a letter to God to send him one hundred pesos that would be enough to sow his field again and to feed his family till the next crop. His letter was seen by the postman and the postmaster. He sent money to Lencho to keep continue his faith in God. But he could not send one hundred pesos, he sent only seventy pesos. After getting the letter, Lencho counted the money and got annoyed. He wrote at once another letter to God. In his second letter, he called the post office employees "a bunch of crooks". He thought that they stole his thirty pesos that were sent to him by God.