



HOLY FAITH PRESENTATION SCHOOL

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Chapter no: 01 (UNIT-I)

English Class-9th

(Packing) Prose

Q1:- How many characters are there in the narrative? Name them. (Don't forget the dog).

Ans. There are four characters in the narrative. They are the narrator (Jerome K. Jerome), and his two friends George and Harris and their dog (Montmorency).

Q2:- Why did the narrator (Jerome) volunteer to do the packing?

Ans. The narrator volunteered to do the packing because he thought that he knew more about packing than any other person.

Q3:- How did George and Harris react to this? Did Jerome like their reaction?

Ans. Both George and Harris agreed to the narrators suggestions that he would do the complete packing by himself.

No, Jerome did not like their reaction because he had only wanted to superintend the job and keep on directing them about how to do it. But they took it otherwise and the author had to do the packing himself.

Q4:- What was the Jerome's real intervention when he offered to pack?

Ans. Jerome's real intention was to supervise the job. He never wanted to do the packing himself. He wanted that he would keep directing George and Harris about how to do it.

Q5:- What did Harris say after the bag was shut and strapped? Why do you think he waited till then to ask?

Ans. Harris said the narrator if he didn't want to put the boats in. He waited till then because he wanted to show that the narrator was no good at packing.

Q6:- What "horrible idea" occurred to Jerome a little later?

Ans. The horrible idea occurred to Jerome a little later was whether he had packed his tooth brush or not.

Q7:- Why did the Jerome have to reopen the packed bag?

Ans. Jerome has to reopen the bag because he had packed his tobacco pouch in it. He had to reopen the bag to have the pouch. He wanted to keep it out.

Q8:- What does Jerome say was Montmorency's ambition in life? What do you think of Montmorency and why?

Ans. Montmorency's ambition in life was to get in the way and to be cursed. He was often present at a time when he was particularly not wanted. He made people mad and have things thrown at his head, only then he felt satisfaction.

Montmorency was an unusual dog. He was always in a playful mood. It never occurred to him that his actions irritated others.

Q9:- Of the three , Jerome, George and Harris, who do you think is the best or worst packer? Support your answer with details from the text.

Ans. Of the three, Jerome, George and Harris, I think Harris is the worst packer. He made a heap of plates, cups, bottles, jars, stoves., pies, cakes, tomatoes etc. With the result a cup was broken as soon as the work of packing was started. He put strawberry jam on a tomato and squashed it and it was to be picked out with a tea spoon. Later he sat on the butter lying on the chair. The butter struck to him. They began to look for it here and there and a lot of time was wasted.



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Q10:- How did Montmorency 'Contribute' to the packing?

Ans. Montmorency, the dog contributed to the packing in a very humorous way. When the narrator and his friends were busy in packing he came and sat on things whenever Harris and George reached out their hands for anything it was the dog's cold nose that they touched. He put his leg in to the jam and shook the tea spoons with his teeth. He pretended the lemons were rats. So he got into hamper and spoiled three of them. He created a lot of confusion.

Q11:- Do you find this story funny? What are the humorous elements in it? (Pick out at least three; think about what happens, as well as how it is described).

Ans. Yes, the story is very funny. The humorous elements in it are:-

- i. When narrator asked his friends to depend upon him for fine packing, George put on a pipe and spread himself over the easy chair, and Harris cocked his legs on the table and lit a cigar. Actually had to do the packing himself.
- ii. George stepped on the butter unknowingly and butter stuck to his slipper. Got the butter of his slippers and put it on the chair. The butter stuck to his back and they went looking for it all over the room.
- iii. The dog pretended lemons were rats. So he got into the hamper and spoiled three to them.

Language Work

I. Match the words/phrases in column A with their meanings in column B
Do yourself

II. Use the following phrases in your sentences.
Do yourself

Writing Work:-

1. Can you give some tips for packing by using words like then, Next, Now, Remember, Don't forget , At last / finally etc.

Ans. First pack all the heavy items, especially the ones you don't need right way. Then put the lighter material Next put in carefully such things like tooth brush and your reading material. Remember to put butter in a pot and check that you have packed all the things that you need during the journey. Don't forget your shaving material and your identity card. And lastly, be sure you have your packet money in a safe and secret place.

2. Have you ever seen a humorous movie? Sketch your favorite character.
Left for students' attempt

Poem-1

(No Men Are Foreign)

(James kirkup)

Q1: What does the poet mean by "uniforms" in the poem?

Ans: by "Uniforms" the poet means the different dresses that the people wear in different parts of the world.

Q2: What according to the poet makes all the people alike on the earth?

Ans. All people have the same kind of body. They breathe the same air. They sleep and wake up in the same way. They also eat in the same way.



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Q3: What outrages the innocence and beauty of this earth?

Ans. The fire of hatred outrages the innocence and beauty of this earth.

Q4: What message do you get from the poem?

Ans. Love and brotherhood is the message that we get from the poem.

Learning about the literary device

Q1: Do you find any rhyme scheme in the poem?

Ans. There is no fixed rhymes scheme in the poem. It has been written in free verse.

Q2: What is the style used by the poet in the poem?

Ans. The poet has used the technique of plain logic to bring home his point.

Summary of the Poem

The Poem “No men are foreign” is written by James Kirkup. This is an anti-war poem that teaches the basic oneness of mankind and folly of going to war. The poet says that no men are strange and no countries are foreign. Under all kinds of different dresses, all men have the same kind of body. All men move on the same earth. And after death all men lie under the same earth. Everywhere it is the same sun, air and water that people enjoy. And everywhere they have to starve when there is a long winter of war. Everywhere men have the same kind of hands. They do the same kind of labour. They have the same kind of eyes that wake and sleep. They have the same kind of strength that can be won by love.

Therefore, the poet says that we shouldn't heed those who tell us to hate others. We should remember that by hating others, it is only ourselves that we rob, deceive and criticize. By taking up arms against others, we only pollute this earth that belongs to all of us. So, the poet asks us to remember that no men are foreign and no countries are strange.

“Central Idea of the poem”

All men are the same. They have the same kind of body. They breathe in the same way. Thus no men are strange or foreign. We should never hate others. They are all our brothers. By hating others we lose their love. Thus the poet gives the message of love and brotherhood.

Story-1

The Adventures Of Toto

Q1: How did Toto come to grandfather's private Zoo?

Ans. Toto was a monkey who was kept by a tonga driver. The tonga driver used to keep monkey tied at a feeding –trough. The monkey looked out of place there. Grand father decided to add it to his private Zoo. So he purchased Toto from the Tonga –driver for the sum of five rupees.

Q2: “Toto was pretty monkey”. IN what sense is Toto Pretty?

Ans. Toto is pretty in the sense that it has bright eyes, in them lies a sparkle of mischief. It has pearly white teeth which often show a smile. It has a tail that add to his good looks.

Q3: Why does grandfather take Toto Saharanpur and how?

Ans. Toto does not let the other pets sleep at night. So, grandfather takes him to Saharanpur. He carried him in a big black canvass Kit-bag.



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Q4: Why does ticket collector insist on calling Toto a dog?

Ans. It is because that there was no separate rule for monkeys.

Q5: How does Toto take a bath? Where has he learnt to do this?

Ans. Toto first tests the temperature of water in the bowl. Then he gradually steps into it. He goes neck deep into the water. Then he rubs himself with soap. He has learnt all this by watching the author.

Q6: How does Toto almost boil himself alive?

Ans. One day, Toto got into a large kettle. He found the water quite warm for a bath. Soon the water began to boil. Toto raised himself a little. He found it was cold outside. He sat down again. He continued hopping up and down for some time. By chance grandmother came there. She at once pulled Toto out of the kettle. He was half-boiled.

Q7: Which activity of Toto annoyed grandmother?

Ans. Toto picked up a dish of Pullao and went out through a window. He stayed in the branches of the Jack fruit tree all afternoon. He ate slowly all the grains of rice in the dish. Then he threw the dish down from the tree. When the dish broke into pieces, he chattered with delight. All this annoyed grandmother.

Q8: Why does the author say, "Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long"?

Ans. Toto was in the habit of spoiling things. He would break dishes and spoil clothes. He would tear curtains and wall paper. When any of the author's aunt came near him, he would try to tear her dress. So the author thought Toto could not be kept for long.

Language Work : Do yourself

Writing Work:

1: Have you ever seen a monkey Wallah show? Describe it in your own words?

Ans. Last year I got an opportunity to visit my uncle's house in a village. On one afternoon I saw that the children were coming out of their houses and running towards a square. I came to know that a monkey wallah was going to present his show there. I also rushed out and reached the spot. I saw that little children has gathered around him. The monkey wallah had a pair of monkeys. The male one named Ramu and the female chameli. To began his show he asked both the Monkeys to greet the on lookers. Both the monkeys greeted the people raising their hands. The children clapped at this, soon after he put a children cycle and the male sat on its seat and began to drive it. The female jumped on the males back monkeys presented a disco dance. At last they displayed a show how a bride groom take his bride home.

When the show had ended he took a little basket and moved around to collect some coins. The children and other people gave him some money and he closed the show.

Q2: Describe in 300 words any naughty episode of your childhood?

Ans. I remember that in my childhood. I was a very naughty boy. I used to do many naughty activities in my childhood. I have the memory of many such episodes. But I would like to mention here to most naughty episode of my childhood. Once the students of our class visited the Delhi Zoo. We bought our tickets and entered the gate. The zoo authorities had started a bus for the convenience of the visitors. Moreover it protected them from the dangerous animal like lions and tigers. Its window had steel nets so that these animal may not cause any harm to them. We got the bus tickets and took our seats. It was sitting quite near to the window with a student of 4th standard. In the beginning we could see come peacocks only. My companion was pointing towards them. All other students were busy looking here and there. Soon a naughty idea came into my mind. I moved the bolt of the window downward. When the bus jumped into a ditch the



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window opened and my companion fell out. To our surprise , we saw that a lion had seen him from a distance and was quickly proceeding towards him. The guard soon jumped out at the risk of his life and brought him in and locked the bolt before the animal could attack them. I was trembling with fear. But no one could know how bolt had been moved. I thank God that the boy had been saved.