

Class 06 English

Chapter-03

Poem - The Quarrel

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1. With your partner try to guess the meaning of the underlined phrases.

(i): And somehow we fell out.

Ans(i): started quarreling

(ii): The afternoon turned black.

Ans(ii): night came

2. Read these lines from the poem:

(i) One thing led to another

(ii) The start of it was slight

(iii) The end of it was strong

(iv) The afternoon turned black

(v) Thumped me on the back

Discuss with your partner what these lines mean.

Ans: (i) One reason led to another reason

(ii) The quarrel started with a small issue

(iii) The end of fight turned into harshness.

(iv) Afternoon passed and night came but their fight continued.

(v) Patted on her back and the quarrel came to an end.

Worksheet 01
The Quarrel

1. How long do quarrels last between siblings?
2. What was the quarrel about between the brother and his sister? Write your answer in the context of The Quarrel.
3. Why are we sometimes unable to say why we quarrelled? Answer in the context of The Quarrel.

4. **Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: (1×3=3)**

I quarrelled with my brother
I don't know what about,
One thing led another
And somehow we fell out.
The start of it was slight,
The end of it was strong,
He said he was right,
I knew he was wrong!

- i. Who quarrelled with his/her brother in the above lines?
- ii. What led to the fight?
- iii. Who said 'he was right' in the given lines?

5. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow by choosing the best option from among the given ones.**

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- i. The Passage has been taken from the poem
 - a. A House, A Home
 - b. The Kite
 - c. The Quarrel
 - d. Beauty
- ii. The author of the above poem is1
 - a. L.M. Halli
 - b. Harry Behn
 - c. Eleanor Farjeon
 - d. Y-Yeh-Shure
- iii. It seems that the brothers quarrelled on
 - a. a petty matter
 - b. some very important matter
 - c. money matter
 - d. property
- iv. Both the brothers felt that the other was
 - a. right
 - b. wrong
 - c. honest
 - d. dishonest
- v. The phrase 'fell out' means that the brothers
 - a. fell on the ground
 - b. fell from the roof
 - c. fell on the road
 - d. became unfriendly

6. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow by choosing the best option from among the given ones.

We hated one another.

The afternoon turned black.

Then suddenly my brother

Thumped me on the back,

And said, "Oh, come along!

We can't go on all night-

I was in the wrong. ”

So he was in the right.

- i. Those who hated one another were
 - a. friends
 - b. enemies
 - c. brothers
 - d. strangers
- ii. The afternoon turned black because the two of them
 - a. were angry
 - b. were disappointed
 - c. had lost the way
 - d. had quarrelled
- iii. The initiative to end the quarrel was taken by
 - a. the speaker
 - b. the speaker's brother
 - c. their mother
 - d. their father
- iv. The one in the wrong was
 - a. the speaker
 - b. the speaker's brother
 - c. neither of the brothers
 - d. a third person
- v. The word 'thumped' means the same as
 - a. hit hard
 - b. put hand on
 - c. turned
 - d. massaged

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Solution

1. Quarrels between siblings last for a very short time generally. After having a fight they began to hate each other but they couldn't go along like that for a long time.
2. It is common for brothers and sisters to quarrel. Many a time they don't know the point of dispute. But their quarrel does not last long. One day the narrator quarrelled with her brother for no authentic reason. Both stuck firmly to their claim of being right.
3. One thing leads to another and hot words are exchanged and after some time we quarrel to the utmost. When the quarrel starts it is slight but when it ends it is very violent and strong. We begin to hate each other without bothering about how we quarrelled. So we are not able to say why we quarrelled.
4.
 - i. The poet of the poem quarrelled with his/her brother in the above-mentioned lines. Although, the reason for the fight was quite silly.
 - ii. The poet could not remember the reason behind the fight. One argument led to the other and it became a fight. Though, the issue was minor only.
 - iii. The poet's brother said 'he was right' in the given lines.
5. i. (c), ii. (c), iii. (a), iv. (b), v. (d)
6. i. (c), ii. (d), iii. (b), iv. (c), v. (a)