

Class 6 Subject English

Chapter-03 Taro's Reward

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A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Taro run in the direction of the stream?

Ans: Taro ran in the direction of the stream for the first time he heard such a sound in the forest. At the same time he was thirsty.

2. How did Taro's father show his happiness after drinking sake?

Ans: Taro's father was really delighted to after drinking the saké for the first time in his life. His shivering stopped after one sip of the sake. He showed his happiness by doing a little dance in the middle of the floor.

3. Why did the waterfall give Taro saké and others water?

Ans: The waterfall gave Taro saké because Taro was a thoughtful son who honoured and obeyed his parents. He always and worked very hard to give them everything they needed. It gave others only water because they were greedy ,jealous and selfish type of people.

4. Why did the villagers want to drown Taro?

Ans: n the greed to get the sake themselves, the villagers reached the waterfall before Taro. But the water tated just plain water nothing else. So the got angry and thought that he had tricked them by telling that stream gives saké. That's why they wanted to drown Taro.

5. Why did the Emperor reward Taro?

Ans: The emperor heard the story of Taro and his villagers and realised how dedicated son Taro was. So he rewarded Taro for as he honoured and obeyed his parents. This was done to encourage all the children to honor and obey their parents.

B. Mark the right item.

1. Taro earned very little money because

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- (i) he didn't work hard enough.
 - (ii) the villagers didn't need wood.
 - (iii) the price of wood was very low.

Ans: (iii) the price of wood was very low.

2. Taro decided to earn extra money

- (i) to live a more comfortable life.
- (ii) to buy his old father some saké.
- (iii) to repair the cracks in the hut.

Ans: (ii) to buy his old father some saké.

3. The neighbour left Taro's hut in a hurry because

- (i) she was delighted with the drink.
- (ii) she was astonished to hear Taro's story.
- (iii) she wanted to tell the whole village about the waterfall.

Ans: (iii) she wanted to tell the whole village about the waterfall.

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A. Strike off the words in the box below that are not suitable.

Taro wanted to give his old parents everything they needed.

This shows that he was ...

thoughtful, hardworking, loving, honest, considerate, trustworthy, efficient, kind

Ans:

thoughtful, ~~hardworking~~, loving, ~~honest~~, considerate, ~~trustworthy~~, ~~efficient~~, kind

B. 1. "This made Taro sadder than ever."

'This' refers to

- (i) a strong wind that began to blow.
- (ii) Taro's father's old age.
- (iii) Taro's inability to buy expensive saké for his father.

Ans: (iii) Taro's inability to buy expensive saké for his father.

2. "This, said the emperor, was to encourage all children to honour and obey their parents."

'This' refers to

- (i) the most beautiful fountain in the city.
- (ii) rewarding Taro with gold and giving the fountain his name.
- (iii) sending for Taro to hear his story.

Ans: (ii) rewarding Taro with gold and giving the fountain his name.

C. Arrange the words below in pairs that rhyme.

Example: young – lung

money – sunny

young, sad, money, chop, lung, last, wax, could, bad, sound, axe, wood, way, stop, sunny, fast, round, day
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Ans: Young – Lung

Sad – Bad

Money – Sunny

Chop – Stop

Last – Fast

Wax – Axe

Could – Wood

Sound – Round

Way – Day

D. 1. Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

lonely, little, hard, young thoughtful, delicious, beautiful

A _____ woodcutter lived on a _____ hillside. He was a _____ son who worked _____ but earned _____ money. One day he saw a _____ waterfall hidden behind a rock. He tasted the water and found it _____.

Ans: A **young** wood cutter lived on a **lonely** hillside. He was a **thoughtful** son who worked hard but earned little money. One day he saw a **beautiful** waterfall hidden behind a rock. He tasted the water and found it **delicious**.

2. Find these sentences in the story and fill in the blanks.

(i) This made Taro _____ than ever.

Ans: sadder

(ii) He decided to work _____ than before.

Ans: harder

(iii) Next morning, Taro jumped out of bed _____ than usual.

Ans: earlier

(iv) He began to chop even _____.

Ans. faster

(v) Next morning, Taro started for work even _____ than the morning before.

Ans: earlier

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1. Your teacher will speak the words given below. Write against each two new words that rhyme with it.

1. bed

Ans: fed, red

2. wax

Ans: tax, axe

3. fast

Ans: last, vast

4. chop

Ans: crop, drop

5. young

Ans: hung, lung

Page No: 40 Working with Poem

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

(i) And somehow we fell out.

Ans. started quarreling

(ii) The afternoon turned black.

Ans. 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 was started on small issue

(iii) The end turned into a big fight

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

(v) The quarrel came to an end.

Worksheet 01
Taros Reward

1. What impression do you form about Taro's neighbours from the story?
2. How did the Emperor of Japan reward Taro?
3. What was the demand made by Taro's father?
4. Who was Taro? Where did he live?
5. Who informed Taro's neighbours about the magic sake? Why did the neighbours want to kill Taro?
6. Who was Taro? Do you think he loved his parents? Give reasons.
7. Why did the waterfall give Taro sake and others water?
8. **Read the given extract and answer the following questions:**

Taro could not remember ever seeing or hearing a rushing stream in that part of the forest. He was thirsty. The axe dropped out of his hands and he ran in the direction of the sound.

 - i. What did Taro hear in the forest?
 - ii. What made Taro thirsty?
 - iii. Which weapon did Taro have?
 - iv. What happened to Taro's mouth and face?
 - v. What reminds Taro of his father?

Worksheet 01
Taros Reward

Solution

1. The story tells us that Taro's neighbours were very selfish and short-tempered. They were ready to drown Taro into the stream when they thought that they had been tricked.
2. The Emperor rewarded Taro with 20 pieces of gold for his goodness. He also named the most beautiful fountain of the city after Taro.
3. Taro's father wanted a cup of sake - a popular Japanese drink. It could have provided him warmth and benefit his heart.
4. Taro was a young woodcutter. He lived with his mother and father on a lonely hillside.
5. A lady came to Taro's house and his father offered her a cup of sake. She drank it greedily and thanked the old man. Taro told her the story of the magic waterfall. She spread the story throughout the village. The neighbours visited the waterfall in the forest to get the sake. They carried pitchers, jars and buckets to fill the sake in them. But they could not get the magic sake. They got only cold water and this made them angry. The neighbours said they have been cheated by Taro and wanted to drown him in the waterfall.
6. Taro was a young woodcutter and lived with his mother and father on a lonely hillside. All day long he chopped wood in the forest. Though he worked very hard, he earned very little money. Yes, Taro loved his parents because he took care of them. He was very worried about getting the sake for his father as it could have provided him warmth and was good for his heart. He decided to work harder than before for getting the sake which was expensive. He chopped and cut more woods to earn more.
7. The waterfall gave Taro sake because Taro was a thoughtful son who honoured and obeyed his parents. He always worked very hard to give them everything they needed. It gave others only water because they were greedy, jealous and selfish type

of people.

8.
 - i. Taro heard the sound of rushing water in the forest.
 - ii. Taro was chopping the wood continuously which made him thirsty.
 - iii. Taro had an axe.
 - iv. Taro's mouth was dry and his face was wet with sweat.
 - v. When Taro was filled with warmth in the forest he remembered his father.