

English

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(Honeysuckle)(Poem)(Chapter – 5) (Where Do All the Teachers Go?)

(Class – VI)

Working with the Poem

Question 1:

Answer these questions.

- (i) Why does the poet want to know where the teachers go at four o'clock?
- (ii) What are the things normal people do that the poet talks about?
- (iii) What does he imagine about
 - (a) where teachers live?
 - (b) what they do at home?
 - (c) the people with whom they live?
 - (d) their activities when they were children in school?
- (iv) Why does the poet wonder if teachers also do things that other people do?
- (v) How does the poet plan to find out? What will he do once he finds out?



Answer 1:

- (i) The poet always think that his teachers are special person. They were super human for the poet. So, he was keen to know that where they go and what they do after the school time.
- (ii) Normal people return to their home after finishing their work. They change their clothes, wash their face and become fresh. They also have some dishes and rest for a while. Some of them go for shopping or help their children in their studies.
- (iii)
 - (a) The poet imagines that teachers live in a joint families.
 - (b) The wash their socks, change into pyjamas and then watch TV.
 - (c) They live with their parents.
 - (d) When they were at school going age, they too spent the words incorrectly, have chocolates in the class and were punished.
- (iv) The poet regards his teachers as special person. They are his ideals and perfect in all aspect. So, he wonders if they also do things that other people do.
- (v) The poet plans to follow one of his teachers and find out what he/she does. Then he will record his findings in a poem for benefit of other children.

Question 2:

What do you think these phrases from the poem mean?

- (i) punished in the corner
- (ii) leave their greens



Answer 2:

- (i) The teacher keeps an eye on all the students. Whenever he notices a student eating chocolates in classroom or making mistakes in study, he asks the student to stand in the corner as punishment.
- (ii) Some of the children don't eat their lunch in full. They leave cooked green vegetables here and there or throw them in the dustbin.



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