

Chapter 2 A Gift of Chappals

WORKING WITH THE TEXT

Answer the following questions.

1. Complete the following sentences:

- i) derailing of a train of melody.
- ii) tipped a few chillies over himself.
- iii) stumbled behind him on her violin, which looked helpless and unhappy in her hands.
- iv) were very generous and because of this, he had been able to keep his body and soul together for a whole week.
- v) she had seen his chappals.

2. Describe the music teacher, as seen from the window.

- A. The music teacher sat in front of Lalli with most of his back to the window. He was a bony figure. He had a bald head with a fringe of oiled black hair falling around his ears and an old-fashioned tuft. A gold-chain gleamed around his thick neck. He had a diamond ring glittering in on his hand.

3. i) What makes Mridu conclude that the beggar has no money to buy chappals?

- A. The beggar shows the children large, pink, peeling blisters on the soles of his bare feet. So Mridu- concludes his wretched condition that he has no money to buy chappals.

ii) What does she suggest to show her concern?

- A. She suggests that an old pair of chappals should be given to the beggar.

4. “Have you children” she began, and then, seeing they were curiously quiet, went on more slowly. “Seen any one lurking around the verandah?

i) What do you think Rukku Manni really wanted to ask?

- A. I think Rukku Manni really wanted to ask about the music-teacher's chappals.

ii) Why did she change her question?

- A. She changed her question because she was sure that the children had done something wrong with the music- master's chappals.

iii) What did she think had happened?

- A. She thought that either the children had done something wrong with them or the chappals had been stolen.
- 5. On getting Gopu Mama's chappals, the music teacher tried not to look too happy why?**
- A. On getting Gopu Mama's chappals, the music teacher tried not to look too happy because he did not like to show his greed or anger.
- 6. On getting a gift of chappals, the beggar vanished in a minute. Why was he in such a hurry to leave?**
- A. The beggar was in hurry to leave because he was afraid that the mistress or the elders of the house might see the chappals and thought that they could take them back. So, he vanished in a minute.
- 7. Walking towards the kitchen with Mridu and Meena, Rukku Manni began to laugh. What made her laugh?**
- A. Rukku Manni was surprised by the wonderful act of the children. This made her laugh and she got very happy that her children were so generous.