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LESSON 1 (PROSE)

Who did Patrick's Homework?

This is a story of a boy whose name is Patrick. He is a boy of your age just like you but he did not like to do his homework.

One day, he saw his cat playing with a doll. Patrick took the doll away. To his surprise ,he found out that the doll was an elf(a tiny man). The elf said he would grant him a wish if Patrick saves him from the cat who was continuously disturbing him. Patrick was happy as he got what he wanted. Patrick told the elf that he would have to write his homework for the whole semester. The elf agreed. But the elf did not know any subject. For any English word, he started asking Patrick to speak the word letter by letter; for maths , he started asking for help every time in every subject. Patrick was annoyed but he was happy that he was not doing homework.

Throughout the whole semester ,Patrick was busy guiding the elf. When the semester ended, he got A's in his homework. By this time the little elf was able to flee from there. Patrick's friends were surprised and his teacher praised him for working hard. He went home satisfied and then started living happily and cheerfully. This time he was solving the homework by his own, cleaned his room and did all that could make his parents proud. But he still felt that the elf did all his homework.

After reading this-Whom do you think has done the homework?

Students kindly read thoroughly the given notes.

Kindly note down the following word -meanings and question -answers in your English copy.

Word meanings

1. **Boring**-- dull, tiresome
2. **Nintendo**—a video game
3. **Instead**—a substitute or replacement
4. **Ignoramus**—an ignorant person, who lacks education
5. **Hated**—to dislike intensely
6. **Grabbed**--- to seize suddenly
7. **Surprise**--- discover suddenly
8. **Tiniest**—very small
9. **Witch**—A woman who practices black magic
10. **Yelled**--- to speak with a strong , **loud** clear sound.

Question and answers

Q1.What did Patrick think his cat was playing with? What was it really?

Ans- Patrick thought his cat was playing with a doll but it was really a man of tiniest size.

Q2. Why did the little man grant Patrick a wish?

Ans- The little man granted Patrick a wish because he wanted to escape from the cat.

Q3. What was Patrick's wish?

Ans- Patrick wanted the elf to do all his homework till the end of the semester: i.e for thirty five days.

Q4. In what subject did the little man need help , to do Patrick's homework?

Ans- The little man needed help in English, maths and human history to do Patrick's homework.

Q5. How did Patrick help him?

Ans- Patrick helped him by working harder than ever. He even stayed up at night to help him.

Q6. Who do you think did Patrick's homework—the little man or Patrick himself? Give reason for your answer.

Ans-It was not the little elf but Patrick did his homework as the little elf did not know anything in English maths and human history. Patrick had to consult dictionary, guide him with maths and help him to read too. He stayed up at night and worked hard. Therefore , it was Patrick who did his homework.

Lesson-1 (poem)

A House, A Home

What is a house?

It's brick and stone

And wood that's hard.

Some window glass

And perhaps a yard.

It's eaves and chimneys

and tile floors

and stucco and roof

and lots of doors.

What is a home?

It's loving and family

And doing for others.

It's brothers and sisters

And father and mothers

It's unselfish acts

And kindly sharing

And showing your loved ones

You're always caring

LORRAINE M.HALLI

In this poem the poet has explained the difference between a house and a home . He elaborates on the role that family members play in a home.

Short summary

The poet has tried to define and differentiate between a house and a home. He says that a house is made of bricks , stone and hardwood . It also has fine paints , chimneys, window glass ,doors corridors, roof and tile floor. A home is another name for loving family members who take care of each other and work selflessly for one another. Brother-sisters, father and mother together makes a home . It is their unselfish acts of kindness and sharing towards one another that makes a house a home.

Stanza 1 (explanation)

In this stanza , the poet is explaining the ingredients or materials used to make a house. The poet says that bricks, stone and woods are used to make a house. It also has window glass and corridors or open space in front and back of the house for gardening. Tiles of the floor, fine paints, roof, elevations of the roof and many doors that give it a perfect look of a house .Thus, a house is a completely non-living thing.

Stanza 2 (explanation)

Here the poet has explained the nature of a home and what makes a home. It is the family members- brothers- sisters, mother -father who together make a home. Their act without any selfish interest, their concern for each other, their wish to work for each others' happiness and well-being. Their wish to show love and care towards each other is what makes a house – a home.

Questions and answers

1. Do you agree with what the poet says?

Talk to your partner and complete these sentences.

1. A house is made of _____
2. It has _____
3. A Home is made by _____
4. It has _____

Answers

1. Bricks, woods and stones
2. Window glass, a yard, roof, chimney, floor and doors with fine paints.
3. Caring and loving members, brothers- sisters, father and mother
4. Loving and caring people.

