

Chapter 3: Stone Soup

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Answer the following question:

Where does the story take place?

SOLUTION

The story takes place in a village.

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Answer the following question:

List the characters in the play and write one or two lines about each.

SOLUTION

- i. **Motiram:** He is a farmer. He has had a good produce that year. He doesn't like others to know how well his crops have grown, because he doesn't like to entertain unwanted guests. He is very direct and rude with unwanted guests.
- ii. **Sonabai:** She is a farmer's wife. Her husband's farm has had a good product that year. She too doesn't like uninvited guests. She is clever at making excuses.
- iii. **Hirabai:** Hirabai too is a farmer's wife. She doesn't like to waste good food and money on others. She is also good at making excuses.
- iv. **Rupabai:** She is a simple lady. She is not as well to do as her neighbours. She is not as clever in making excuses as her neighbours. She usually speaks the truth.
- v. **Traveller:** He is poor and footsore and hungry. But he is very clever. He manages to get the villagers to contribute something or the other to the soup he makes.

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Answer the following question:

How do the following avoid giving anything to the traveller ?

- Motiram
- Sonabai
- Hirabai
- Rupabai

SOLUTION

- **Motiram** avoids giving anything to the traveller in a very direct and rude way. He just tells him that dinner is over and nothing is left. He tells the traveller to try elsewhere and bangs the door shut
- **Sonabai** pretends to be hard of hearing. She pretends to hear the word 'wood' instead of 'food'.
- **Hirabai** pretends not to understand the traveller's language.
- **Rupabai** says that her larder is empty and that she herself is hungry.

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Find what Hirabai tells the traveller by reading her words from right to left.

SOLUTION

- i. Go away. No food and no rest for anyone here.
- ii. Good. I do not want you to. Go elsewhere

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Apart from the stone, how many things go into the soup?

SOLUTION

Apart from the stone, the following things go into the soup:
peeled potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, beans, onions, ginger, salt, and pepper.

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Does the traveller really have a magic stone?

SOLUTION

No, the traveller does not have a magic stone. The 'magic' is the feeling of wanting to share in the hearts of people.

Exercise | Q 2 | Page 63

On any one page, note against the speech of every character, what feelings it should show to bring out the meaning best.

For example, joy, fear, anger, nervousness, friendliness, dislike, surprise, wonder, excitement, politeness, rudeness, cunning, curiosity.

SOLUTION

- i. **Hirabai:** Guests can be a nuisance. (dislike)
- ii. **Motiram:** Dinner is over. There is nothing left. Try elsewhere. (rudeness)
- iii. **Sonabai:** Hello, hello, maybe I can be of some help. (cunning, curiosity)
- iv. **Rupabai:** A magic stone that makes soup? I can hardly believe this. (surprise)

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Read aloud/Enact the play.

SOLUTION

Students do it by yourself.

Exercise | Q 4 | Page 63

Write a recipe for the stone soup.

SOLUTION

- **Ingredients:** a pot of water. a stone, peeled potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, beans, onions, a piece of ginger, salt, pepper, and some kindness in the hearts of the people who make it.
- **How to make it:** Drop a stone into the pot of water. Boil the water. Add a few peeled potatoes and stir. Add tomatoes and plenty of carrots and stir again. Add beans, onions, ginger, and stir. Add salt, pepper, and serve hot.

Exercise | Q 5 | Page 63

Form pairs. Write at least one short dialogue for each of the following expressions.

- I agree.
- True!
- You are right.
- Why not? (To mean that something can be done.)
- Thank you.

SOLUTION

Me:	We should all ask the teacher to change the topic for the essay.
You:	I agree
Me:	If it rains, there will be waterlogging on this part of the road.
You:	True
Me:	I don't think Jay will be able to carry that load. Someone will have to help him.
You:	You are right
Me:	Shall we ask the teacher to take us to a greenhouse?
You:	Why not?

Me:	Here is a box of pencils for your little brother.
You:	Thank you.

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Find the meaning of 'Charity begins at home'. Find other sayings which have a similar meaning.

SOLUTION

Meaning: A person's first responsibility is to see to the needs of his/her own family and friends before helping other people.

Exercise | Q 7 | Page 63

List five questions from the play which can be answered with 'yes' or 'no'.

SOLUTION

- i. A magic stone that makes soup?
- ii. Ummm, one or two, you said?
- iii. Carrots and tomatoes would give it a tempting colour, wouldn't they?
- iv. Does it melt away?
- v. Have you guessed the secret of the stone soup?

Exercise | Q 8 | Page 63

'Smart Answers': Form a large group. Each person asks the next one a question to get him to say 'yes' or 'no'. He/She can use appropriate statements, requests, or even other questions as a response. But if he/she says 'yes' or 'no', he/she is out. Otherwise, he/she continues the game. Questions cannot be repeated.

SOLUTION

Students do it by yourself.

Exercise | Q 9 | Page 63

Visit a library:

Find stories about hosts and guests. Share them with the class. Classify the stories into funny and serious stories.

SOLUTION

Students do it by yourself.