

Question 1:

Given below are some emotions that Kezia felt. Match the emotions in the Column A with the items in Column B.

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1.	fear or terror	(i)	father comes into her room to give her a goodbye kiss
2.	glad sense of relief	(ii)	noise of the carriage grows fainter
3.	a "funny" feeling, perhaps of understanding	(iii)	father comes home
		(iv)	speaking to father
		(v)	going to bed when alone at home
		(vi)	father comforts her and falls asleep
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Question 2:

Answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

1. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
2. Who were the people in Kezia's family?
3. What was Kezia's father's routine
 - (i) before going to his office?
 - (ii) after coming back from his office?
 - (iii) on Sundays?
4. In what ways did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?

Answer:

- 1.** Kezia was afraid of her father because she always looked at him as someone who scolded her and told her to do things properly and in a certain manner.
- 2.** Kezia's family consisted of her mother, father, and grandmother.
- 3. (i)** Before going to his office, Kezia's father usually went into her room to give her a casual kiss.
(ii) After coming back from his office, he asked his mother in a loud voice to bring him tea, newspaper, and his slippers.
(iii) On Sunday afternoons, Kezia found her father sleeping soundly while being stretched out on the sofa, with a handkerchief covering his face.
- 4.** On Sundays, Kezia's grandmother sent her to the drawing room to have a talk with her parents. The grandmother also encourages Kezia to make a gift for her father's birthday.

Question 3:

Discuss these questions in class with your teacher and then write down your answers in two or three paragraphs each.

1. Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much. How did this happen?

2. Kezia decides that there are "different kinds of fathers". What kind of father was Mr. Macdonald, and how was he different from Kezia's father?

3. How does Kezia begin to see her father as a human being who needs her sympathy?

Answer:

1. Kezia often tried too hard to please her father. While talking to him, she tried so hard to say the words properly that she stuttered a lot. She was so afraid of him that she never answered him properly and he ended up scolding her.

Once, Kezia's grandmother told her that her father's birthday was nearing. She also suggested that Kezia should make a pin-cushion as a gift for her father's birthday. She started making the cushion and had stitched three sides when she wondered what she should fill it with. She wandered into her mother's bedroom to look for scraps and found many sheets of fine paper on the bed table. She gathered the sheets, tore them into tiny pieces, and stuffed the cushion.

Unfortunately, the sheets she had torn were her father's speech for the Port Authority. Her father was extremely angry with her when he gets to know about it. Hence, Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much.

2. She decided that there were different sorts of fathers when she saw the Macdonalds, who lived next door.

When she looked through a gap in the fence in the evening, she saw the Macdonalds playing 'tag' together. The father had the little baby on his shoulders, while his two little girls were hanging on to his coat pockets. They ran round and round the flower-beds and were shaking with laughter. This was when she decided that there were different sorts of fathers.

Unlike Mr. Macdonald, her father never played or laughed with her. He only scolded her and told her to do things in a proper manner. She was often too afraid to go near him. In this way, Mr. Macdonald was quite a contrast to Kezia's father.

3. When her grandmother and mother were in the hospital, she was left alone at home with the cook, Alice. At night when she was in her bed, she wondered what she would do in case she had a nightmare. Her grandmother tucked her in her own bed whenever Kezia had a nightmare.

However, she had the same nightmare that night and cried out her grandmother's name. When she woke up, she saw her father beside her bed. He took her to his room, tidied up the bed and carefully tucked her up next to him. Half asleep, she crept close to him, snuggled her head under his arm, and held tightly to his shirt. Her father asked her to rub her feet against his legs so that she could make them warm. He was so tired that he slept before she did.

It was then that she saw her father in a new light. She realized that there was no one to look after him. She understood that he had to work every day and was too tired to be like Mr. Macdonald. She felt bad that she had torn up his speech. She expressed her new feelings for her father by saying that he had a big heart.

Question 1:

Glad, happy, pleased, delighted, thrilled and *overjoyed* are synonyms (words or expressions that have the same or nearly the same meaning.) However, they express happiness in certain ways.

1. Use an appropriate word from the synonyms given above in the following sentences. Clues are given in brackets.

- (i) She was _____ by the news of her brother's wedding. (very pleased)
- (ii) I was _____ to be invited to the party. (extremely pleased and excited about)
- (iii) She was _____ at the birth of her granddaughter. (extremely happy)
- (iv) The coach was _____ with his performance. (satisfied about)
- (v) She was very _____ with her results. (happy about something that has happened)

2. Study the use of the word *big* in the following sentence.

He was so *big* – his hands and his neck, especially his mouth...

Here, *big* means *large in size*.

Now, consult a dictionary and find out the meaning of *big* in the following sentences.

The first one has been done for you.

- (i) You are a big girl now. Older
- (ii) Today you are going to take the *biggest* decision of your career. _____
- (iii) Their project is full of big ideas. _____
- (iv) Cricket is a big game in our country. _____
- (v) I am a big fan of Lata Mangeskar. _____
- (vi) You have to cook a bit more as my friend is a big eater. _____
- (vii) What a big heart you've got, Father dear. _____

Answer:

- 1. (i)** She was delighted by the news of her brother's wedding.
- (ii)** I was thrilled to be invited to the party.
- (iii)** She was overjoyed at the birth of her granddaughter.
- (iv)** The coach was pleased with his performance.

(v) She was very happy with her results.

2. (i) Older

(ii) Most important

(iii) Excellent ideas

(iv) Huge in popularity

(v) Greatest

(vi) Eats a lot (in quantity)

(vii) A good and kind heart

Question 2:

1. Underline the verbs of reporting in the following sentences.

(i) He says he will enjoy the ride.

(ii) Father mentioned that he was going on a holiday.

(iii) No one told us that the shop was closed.

(iv) He answered that the price would go up.

(v) I wondered why he was screaming.

(vi) Ben told her to wake him up.

(vii) Ratan apologised for coming late to the party.

2. Some verbs of reporting are given in the box. Choose the appropriate verbs and fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

Were complaining	Shouted	Replied
Remarked	Ordered	Suggested

(i) "I am not afraid," _____ the woman.

(ii) "Leave me alone," my mother _____.

(iii) The children _____ that the roads were crowded and noisy.

(iv) "Perhaps he isn't a bad sort of a chap after all," _____ the master.

(v) "Let's go and look at the school ground," _____ the sports teacher.

(vi) The traffic police _____ all the passers-by to keep off the road.

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2. (i) "I am not afraid," replied the woman.

(ii) "Leave me alone," my mother shouted.

(iii) The children were complaining that the roads were crowded and noisy.

(iv) "Perhaps he isn't a bad sort of a chap after all," remarked the man.

(v) "Let's go and look at the school ground," suggested the sports teacher.

(vi) The traffic police ordered all the passers-by to keep off the road.