

St.Mar's Co-Ed School, Harda

Class - IX



Sub - English (Moments)

Chapter 2 - The Adventures of Toto

Think About It

1. How does Toto come to grandfather's private zoo?

Ans: Toto was in the captivity of a tonga owner. The grandfather gets sympathetic with the monkey and thinks that his private zoo would be a better place for Toto. So he purchased Toto from the tongawallah for five rupees.

2. "Toto was a pretty monkey". In what sense is Toto pretty ?

Ans. Grandfather finds Toto bodily pretty. Toto has bright sparkling eyes. There is mischief beneath his deep-set eyes. He shows his pearly white teeth in a smile. The Anglo- Indian ladies are afraid of his smile. He has quick fingers. His tail serves as a third hand.

3. Why does Grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur and how ? Why does the ticket collector insist on calling Toto a dog ?

Ans. Toto does not allow other animals to sleep. So Grandfather took him to Saharanpur. The ticket collector classifies Toto as a dog. He does so because Toto is a four-legged animal.

4. How does Toto take a bath? Where has he learnt to do this? How does Toto almost boil himself alive?

Ans. Toto takes bath in a tub of warm water. It puts its legs in the water one by one and applies soap as well. As monkeys are good at aping others, so Toto has learnt proper steps of bathing while watching the narrator doing same.

Toto is fond of bathing with warm water. So once having tested the warmth of water in the kettle Toto sits in the kettle. Probably he is not intelligent enough to understand the risk of boiling water so he pops his head up and down in the kettle.

5. Why does the author say, "Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long"?

Ans. Toto's nuisance was increasing by days. It was destroying everything it could lay hands on. For a family of a middle class status buying dishes every day can be a costly affair. Or for that matter it can be an unnecessary harassment for people from any economic background. So keeping a naughty monkey like Toto can never be a pleasant experience for anybody.