

Unit 3 sectionA

The Ballad of rum

A answer these questions with reference to the context

1 who is he in these lines

Ans In these lines the word he is used for the burglar that had come to the writers house at night

2 why did he depart the yard

Ans when the burglar came to the writer's house. Rum saw him although, he wanted to be friendly with the burglar but looking at the dog the burglar was terrified and at once ran towards the fence and jumped out of it.

3 Do you think he was right to be afraid?

Ans yes the burglar was right to be afraid because, Rum was moving towards him and as explained before police the dog Rum was a ferocious dog.

B Answer these questions.

1 How did the family came to have a dog?

Ans One day the writer's family found a dog in their compound , which was old and friendly dog. it did not look like a stray so the family felt pity over him and accepted as their family member.

2 what shows that the Rum was not a stray dog?

Ans To the writer and his family the dog rum did not look like stray dog because it was friendly and wanted shelter in their house.

3 what did Rum want to do all the day?

Ans All through the day the dog Rum wanted to play. he barked at those animals which were not concern for writers family for example toad, horse, cattle etc instead, he was friendly towards yard labourers for titbits from their lunch.

4 How did people respond to rum?

Ans The people around the writers house were friendly towards the dog run. the yard labourers used to feed him with the scraps and titbits from their lunch box. After the confession of the burglar everyone believe rum to be a vicious and careful .

5 What prove that Ram was not a guard dog?

Ans From the poem it is clear that the dog Rum was not a guard dog, because he used to be active in day and take rest at night, he was ready to accept any eatables from unknown persons. Also when rum saw a burglar in the compound he thought as the man to be a good company for night.

6 How was the wallet useful to the police?

Ans While clearing the fence, the wallet from the burglar's pocket fell down, which was grabbed by the dog. later in the morning when it was presented before the police it made much easier for the police to catch the thief.

Discuss and write

1 Give examples from the poem which support these feelings.

a, Dis appointment --but not much of a guard dog I am sorry to say.

b, Excitement -- flew through the yard his new friend to greet.

c, Kindness-- brushed him and feed him.

d, Surprise-- how a big vicious guard dog had knocked the thief down.

2 which lines in the poem help you to imagine the funniest picture or scenes?

Ans He barked at the cats and he barked at Toad, he barked at the cattle outside on the road.

Read to appreciate

Use the following similes in the sentences of your own

1 like a lamb --without realising the danger-- the employee went to the boss like a lamb with an application for leave.

2 As deaf as a post-- having a bad hearing-- even after ear surgery the old man was unable to hear a word he was as deaf as a post.

3 As cold As Ice --very cold- the young man is so expressionless that even looking at his friends he was as cold as Ice.

4 As good as gold -- very well behaved -- our school children are well cultured they are as good as gold.

5 As dry as a bone-- very dry-- After being kept in the long sunny day the wood was as dry as bone.

6 As cool as a cucumber-- untroubled by exertion --after running 1 kilometre the young athlete was as cool as cucumber.

7 like gold -- very difficult to get -- due to poor harvest mangoes are like gold dust these days.

8 like lightning -- very quickly-- the cat sprang over the mouse like lightning speed

9 As cunning as a fox-- exceptionally clever-- the young banker did many frauds but was never doubted as he worked as cunning as a fox.