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Read to understand

A. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

'Six months! Still nothing has grown! Everyone else had trees and tall plants, while Ling had nothing.'

1. Why did Ling not have any plant?

Ans: Ling did not have any plant because the seed was boiled one which would not grow.

2. How had everyone else managed to grow trees and plants?

Ans: They substituted another seed when they found that the seed would not grow.

3. What quality of Ling is reflected in this incident and how was it rewarded?

Ans: The courage and honesty of Ling's quality is reflected in this incident. It was rewarded the emperor's throne.

B. Answer these questions.

1. Why did Ling think he was a failure?

Ans: Ling thought that he was a failure because six months went by, still nothing has grown in his pot.

2. What advice did Ling's mother give him on the day of inspection?

Ans: Ling's mother advised him to go with his empty pot and to be honest about what was happened.

3. Why did Ling choose to stay behind everyone with his pot?

Ans: Ling chose to stay behind everyone with his pot because everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing.

4. Why was Ling terrified when the emperor called him to the front?

Ans: Ling was terrified when the emperor called him to the front because he thought that the emperor knows that he is a failure and may be he will have him killed.

5. Why was the emperor surprised to see the plants brought by the other youths?

Ans: The emperor was surprised to see the plants brought by the other youths because he gave everyone boiled seed which would not grow.

6. What qualities was the emperor looking for in his successor?

Ans: The emperor was looking for in his successor the qualities of truthfulness and honesty.

Discuss and write:

1. The emperor did not want to choose one of his children or assistants as his successor. What does this tell us about the emperor?

Ans: He wanted a courageous and honest to inherit his throne.

2. What was the difference between Ling and the other youths? Discuss with respect to their acts and their qualities.

Ans: Only Ling was honest and other youths were dishonest. The emperor had given to all boiled seeds which would not grow. But except Ling all have brought trees and plants and flowers. Other youths substituted another seed for the one that emperor gave them.

Time to refer:

A. Here are some idioms. Find their meanings.

1. breath easy- Relax or feel secure about something.
2. bundle of nerves- Someone who is very nervous, anxious, or uneasy.
3. on top of the world- Extremely happy and healthy.
4. butterflies in the stomach- Anxious and have a nervous feeling in your stomach.
5. shake like a leaf- Shakes a lot because of cold or frightened.
6. cold feet- Fearful to undertake or complete an action.

B. Now complete these sentences by using these idioms. Make changes where needed.

1. shaking like a leaf
2. cold feet
3. on top of the world
4. bundles of nerves
5. breath easy

Grammar:

Prepositions

A. Underline the prepositions in this passage.

Ans: across, of, in, on, during, off, to, up, against, along, after, from. (Underlined these words in your book).

B. Take turns to say a pair of sentences, and your partner will reply by combining them using prepositional phrases.

1. We went to the museum with our teachers.
2. The strike has been called off according to the news channel.
3. I was waiting for my friend at the school gate.
4. I painted the wall crystal green instead of sky blue.
5. I bought two Feluda novels next to a Professor Shonku novel.
6. We set out early the next morning after our discussions the night before.

C. Rewrite these proverbs using the determiners in the correct places.

Ans:

1. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
2. Cowards die many times before their death.
3. A leopard cannot change its spots.

4. Every cloud has a silver lining.
5. You can't judge a book by its cover.
6. More haste less speed.

Time to listen:

Based on the conversation you just heard, write P for positive feeling and N for negative feelings.

nervous- N. cheerful- P. worried- N. confident-P.

terrible- N. encouraging- P. angry-N. upset- N.

good- P. tense- N. relax- P. glad- P.

Time to write:

Dialogue Writing

Ans: Ling: I felt that I was a failure, Your Majesty.

Emperor: Do you believe that you would get this Emperor's throne?

Ling: Not at all, it's like a dream, Your Majesty.

Emperor: What do you want to say to the people who are gathering here?

Ling: I want to say that 'Honesty Is The Best Policy'.

Emperor: Well Ling, May God Bless You.

