

Chapter 9: The Book That Saved the Earth

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Textbook exercises

Question 1

Why was the twentieth century called the 'Era of the Book'?

Solution

Ans: The Era of the Book was a term used to describe the twentieth century. There were books about everything back then, from anteaters to Zulus. People learned how to when to, where to, and why to use books. They drew, educated, punctuated, and even embellished.

Question 2

Who tried to invade the earth in the twenty-first century?

Solution

Ans: In the twenty-first century, Martians attempted to attack the Earth.

Question 3

What guesses are made by Think-Tank about the books found on earth?

Solution

Ans: Think-Tank hypothesizes that the books discovered on Earth are sandwiches for communication, but then claims that they are for eye communication.

Question 4

Noodle avoids offending Think – Tank but at the same time, he corrects his mistakes. How does he manage to do that?

Solution

Ans: Noodle managed to avoid insulting Think-Tank while still correcting his errors.

When he had to say something that contradicted Think-assertions, Tank's he would offer his arguments by referring to them as unimportant. He could rectify Think-flaws Tank's in this manner without having him feel like he was being corrected.

Question 5

If you were in Noodle's place, how would you handle Think –Tank's mistakes?

Solution

Ans: Noodle manages the problem without being obnoxious and without demonstrating his cleverness. Because Think-Tank was the commander-in-chief and Noodle was simply an apprentice, if he had acted the other way around, the situation would have been uncomfortable. I would have handled Think-mistakes Tank's the same way Noodle did if I had been in Noodle's shoes.

Question 6

Do you think books are being replaced by electronic media? Can we do away with books altogether?

Solution

Ans: It is undeniable that books are being supplanted by electronic media. The days of going to the library to read books are long gone. Everything you need to know is now just a click away. Complete books are available as e-books on the internet. Books are in a similar situation to desktop computers and landline telephones. Desktop computers have been rapidly replaced by laptops and palmtops, and landlines have been supplanted by cell phones and tablets.

In the not-too-distant future, books will be considered antiques and valued by a select few. Yes, I believe we can fully eliminate the books. It's a solid step toward preventing environmental destruction.

Question 7

Why are books referred to as a man's best companion? Which is your favourite book and why? Write a paragraph about that book.

Solution

Ans: Man's finest companion is said to be a book. They can form a mental and friendly relationship with humans. They can utilize them to learn as well as pass the time.

Reading has always been one of my favourite pastimes. The autobiography of our former President, Dr Abdul Kalam, "The Wings of Fire," is one of the many books I've read throughout my life. It inspires us and demonstrates how a simple boy ascended to become India's President. There hasn't been a single detail of his life left out.
