

Chapter 17: Across the Wall

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Questions

Question 1

Is there any place to play near your house?

Solution

Answer: Yes, we have a playground and park near my house.

Question 2

What do people play there? Who plays there?

Solution

Answer: People play cricket, throw balls etc., on the ground. Usually, it's the children who play on the ground.

Question 3

Do the children of your age also get a chance to play there?

Solution

Answer: Yes, children of my age get turns to play there.

Question 4

What other things happen at this place?

Solution

Answer: Old age people go for a walk, people go for a jog etc., are the other things which happen there.

Tell

Question 1

Has anyone ever stopped you from playing some games? Which games?

Solution

Answer: Yes, I was stopped from playing throw ball.

Question 2

Who stopped you and why? What did you do then?

Solution

Answer: Some elderly person stopped me from playing throw ball, as he feared it might fall on my head. Then, I stopped playing it.

Question 3

Did anyone help you and encourage you to play?

Solution

Answer: Yes, little older people helped me and encouraged me to play throw ball.

Discuss

Question 1

Do girls and boys play different types of games in your school or neighbourhood? If yes, then which games do the boys play, and which do the girls play?

Solution

Answer: Almost all the games are played by both girls and boys. But few games are played by boys such as cricket, football, hockey, baseball etc., and girls play games such as table tennis, shuttle cock, basketball etc.

Question 2

Do you think that there is any difference between the games and the way they are played by boys and girls?

Solution

Answer: Yes, there is a difference between the way boys and girls play the game. Boys usually play very harshly, whereas girls prefer playing smoothly.

Question 3

Should the games for boys and girls be different? What do you think?

Solution

Answer: I think there should not be any differentiation between girls and boys. Since both are treated equally, anyone can play the game they like.

Write

Question 1

Have you ever played as part of a team in your class, school or neighbourhood? Whom did you play with? What game did you play?

Solution

Answer: Yes, I have played for my school team. I played along with my classmates as well as the seniors. We played throw ball.

Question 2

What is the difference between playing for yourself and for the team?

Solution

Answer: There's a huge difference between playing for myself and for the team. When we play for ourselves, there is no competition, nor there is any fun. But when we play with a team of members, we enjoy a lot, we learn how to play, and there is healthy competition.

Question 3

While playing in a team, would you like to play for yourself or for the team? Why?

Solution

Answer: While playing in a team, I would like to play for the team rather than for myself. When we play in a team, there will be a better understanding between the team members, and it will teach us unity is strength.

Question 4

Is your team like the team Afsana played with at Sholapur or like the Nagpada team? How?

Solution

Answer: Our team is more like the Nagpada team. There is good understanding among our team members, good cooperation, good energy, and encouragement of each other while playing. Since there is good unity among team members, similarly, we would also try to be perfect and successful. Hence, we can say that our team is also the same as the Nagpada team.

Discuss (2)

Question 1

Have you ever taken part in a game or competition from your school or area? How did you feel?

Solution

Answer: Yes, I have taken part in the game; I felt great when I took part in my school's competition.

Question 2

Did you go to some other place to play? What was that place like? How did you like going to that place?

Solution

Answer: Yes, we went to another school to play the game. The school looked nice, and I liked the school environment when I was there.

Question 3

Have you seen matches being played between India and other countries? Which ones?

Solution

Answer: Yes, I have seen matches being played between India and other countries. I liked India and Australia cricket match.

Question 4

We all know about the cricketers of India, and we all like them. Do people also know and like the Indian players who play some other games? (Yes or No). How do you feel about it? Do you know the players of the Indian football or kabaddi team?

Solution

Answer: Yes, the people know and like a few of the Indian players of other games. I feel happy that other games are becoming popular. No, I have no idea about Indian football or the kabaddi team.

Discuss (3)

Question 1

What would happen if girls were not allowed to play games, study or do some other work of their choice?

Solution

Answer: If girls were not allowed to play games or study, or do any other work of their choice, then it would badly affect them mentally and physically. If freedom is not given, they cannot showcase their talent either.

Question 2

How would you feel if you were not allowed to take part in some game or drama?

Solution

Answer: It would make me feel bad if I were not allowed to take part in some game or drama.

Question 3

Have you heard of any women players? Name them and the games they play.

Solution

Answer: Yes, I have heard women players, as mentioned below:

- PT Usha (Athletics)
 - Sania Mirza (Tennis)
 - Mary Kom (Boxing)
 - Saina Nehwal (Badminton)
 - PV Sindhu (Badminton)
 - Jwala Gutta (Badminton)
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Question 4

In which areas, other than sports, have you heard of women getting recognition?

Solution

Answer: There are areas where women get recognition other than sports, such as the following:

- Kalpana Chawla (Astronaut)
 - Pratibha Patil (First Lady President of India)
 - Kiran Bedi (Police Officer)
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- Indira Gandhi (First Lady Prime Minister of India)
 - Bachandri Pal (First Indian Lady to climb Mount Everest)
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Question 5

Are these women less known than men? Why?

Solution

Answer: No these women are not less known than the men. These women have brought huge pride and respect to the country in their respective fields.

Question 6

How would you find the world to be, if girls never got a chance to take part in games, drama or dance? How would you feel if such a thing happened to boys?

Solution

Answer: If girls never got a chance to take part in games, drama or dance then there would be no competitions or challenges among people and hence it would become uneven world. Similarly in case of boys when it is vice-versed.

Question 7

Do you know of any woman or girl who you would want to be like when you grow up? (Think of names other than a film actor or a model)

Solution

Answer: Yes I would want to become like Sunita Williams (Astronaut) when I grow up.

Think and write

Question 1

The newspaper report said, “Afsana has jumped over the wall. The gender wall that her mother had put up for her.” Think and write in your own words, what was this wall? What do you understand by ‘gender bias’?

Solution

Answer: The word wall here refers to gender bias. Usually, in rural parts of India, there still there exists differentiation between the genders. Girls are usually not allowed to study, work or do anything of their choice, and boys are given more attention than girls. Here, Afsana's mother is trying to tell Afsana to continue with the household work rather than to work outside. Firstly, this gender bias has to be removed from people's minds, and equal rights have to be given to both girls and boys.

What we have learnt?

Question 1

Should games for boys and girls be different? Think and write what you feel.

Solution

Answer: I feel there should be no different games for boys or girls. Games give relief to the mind, be it a boy or a girl. Physical activity is an important aspect of a child's life. Playing different games allows a child's mind to be active. So, there should not be any differentiation between boys and girls.

Question 2

If you are made the leader of a team, how will you prepare your team?

Solution

Answer: If I were made the leader of a team, I would prepare them as the Nagpada team by keeping in mind a few things, such as:

- Encouraging them to play enthusiastically.
- Respect each other in a team.
- Maintaining cooperation among the team.
- Never discourage anyone, and support each other in difficult times.
- Have a healthy competition.

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Q1. Tick the following:

Where do you like to play the most? (Park, Playground, House)

Is there any park nearby? (Yes, No)

Q2. Do you play in a team or only individual games?

Q3. If you are playing in a team, will you support the team?

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