

Unit 3: Taro's Reward

NCERT · Class 6 · English

Working with the text (

Question 1

Answer the following questions.

Question 1:

Why did Taro run in the direction of the stream? (5)

Solution

Taro ran in the direction of the stream because he was very thirsty. He had never seen a rushing stream or heard the sound of falling water in that part of the forest.

Question 2

How did Taro's father show his happiness after drinking saké? (7)

Solution

Taro's father was so delighted with the saké that when he swallowed a sip of the liquid, he stopped shivering and became energetic and did a little dance in the middle of the floor.

Question 3

Why did the waterfall give Taro saké and others water? (12)

Solution

The waterfall gave Taro saké and others water because Taro was a very thoughtful and dutiful son to his parents. He used to serve his parents with dedication and sincerity. The saké from the waterfall was a reward for his goodness. On the other hand, the people of his village got plain water because they were greedy.

Question 4

Why did the villagers want to drown Taro? (10, 11)

Solution

When the villagers went to the waterfall with big pitchers and vessels to collect saké, they simply got plain water from the waterfall. They thought that Taro had fooled and tricked them. Hence, they decided to punish him by drowning him in the same waterfall.

Question 5

Why did the Emperor reward Taro? (13)

Solution

Taro was a very dutiful son to his parents and served them with devotion. The Emperor rewarded him with twenty pieces of gold for being so good and kind to his parents. He also named the fountain after Taro. Through this reward, the Emperor declared Taro a role model for all children and wanted to encourage all of them to love, honour and obey their parents.

1. Mark the right item.

1. Taro earned very little money because

- (i) he didn't work hard enough.
- (ii) the villagers didn't need wood.
- (iii) the price of wood was very low.

2. Taro decided to earn extra money

- (i) to live a more comfortable life.
- (ii) to buy his old father some saké.
- (iii) to repair the cracks in the hut.

3. The neighbour left Taro's hut in a hurry because

- (i) she was delighted with the drink.
- (ii) she was astonished to hear Taro's story.

(iii) she wanted to tell the whole village about the waterfall.

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Dictation (· Textbook page 38)

Question 1

Your teacher will speak the words given below. Write against each two new words that rhyme with it.

1. bed _____

2. wax _____

3. fast _____

4. chop _____

5. young _____

Solution

1. bed **red, shed**

2. wax **axe, tax**

3. fast **last, cast**

4. chop **hop, shop**

5. young **tongue, unsung**
