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THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT (PAGE 10)

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I. Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each.

QUESTION 1. How old are Margie and Tommy?

ANSWER: Margie is eleven and Tommy is thirteen years old.

QUESTION 2. What did Margie write in her diary?

ANSWER: Margie wrote in her diary. "Today, 17 May, 2157, Tommy found a real book."

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QUESTION 3. Had Margie ever seen a book before?

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ANSWER: No, Margie had never seen a book before.

QUESTION 4. What things about the book did she find strange?

ANSWER: The book had yellow and wrinkled pages. The words of the book were still. They did not move as the words move on the computer screen.

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QUESTION 5. What do you think a tele book is?

ANSWER: A tele book is displayed on the television screen and the text of a tele book is similar to a book.

QUESTION 6. Where was Margie's school? Did she have any classmates?

ANSWER: Margie's school was near her own bedroom. She did not have any classmate.

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QUESTION 7. What subjects did Margie and Tommy learn?

ANSWER: Margie learnt Geography and Mathematics. Tommy learnt History and Mathematics.



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II. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING WITH REFERENCE TO THE STORY.

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Question 1. **“I WOULDN’T THROW IT AWAY.”**

- (i) Who says these words?
- (ii) What does ‘it’ refer to?
- (iii) What is it being compared with by the speaker?

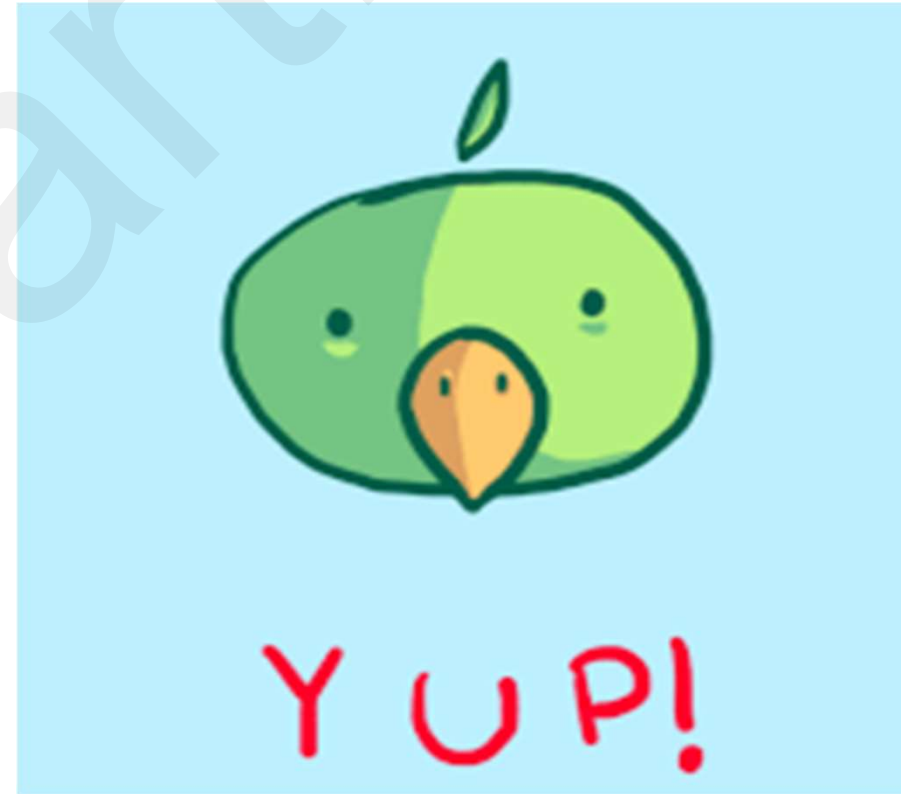


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ANSWER:

- (i) tommy says these words.
- (ii) It refers to that real book that Tommy found.
- (iii) The speaker compares it with a tele book.

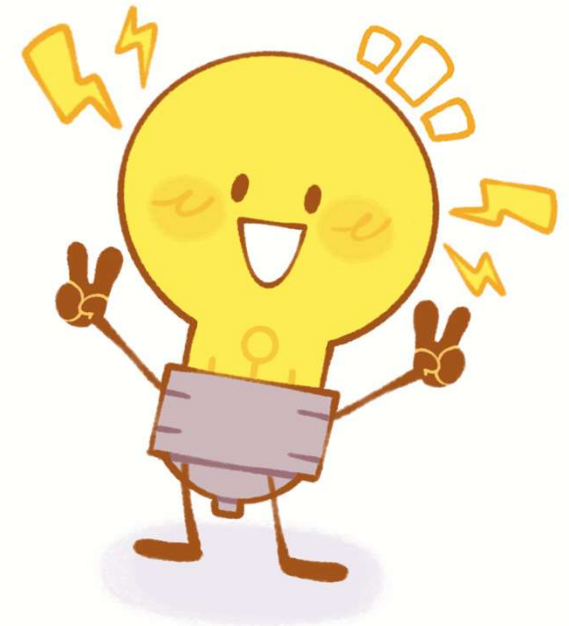


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QUESTION 2. “ SURE, THEY HAD A TEACHER, BUT IT WASN'T A REGULAR TEACHER. IT WAS A MAN.”

- (i) Who does 'they' refer to?
- (ii) What does 'regular' mean here?
- (iii) What is it contrasted with?



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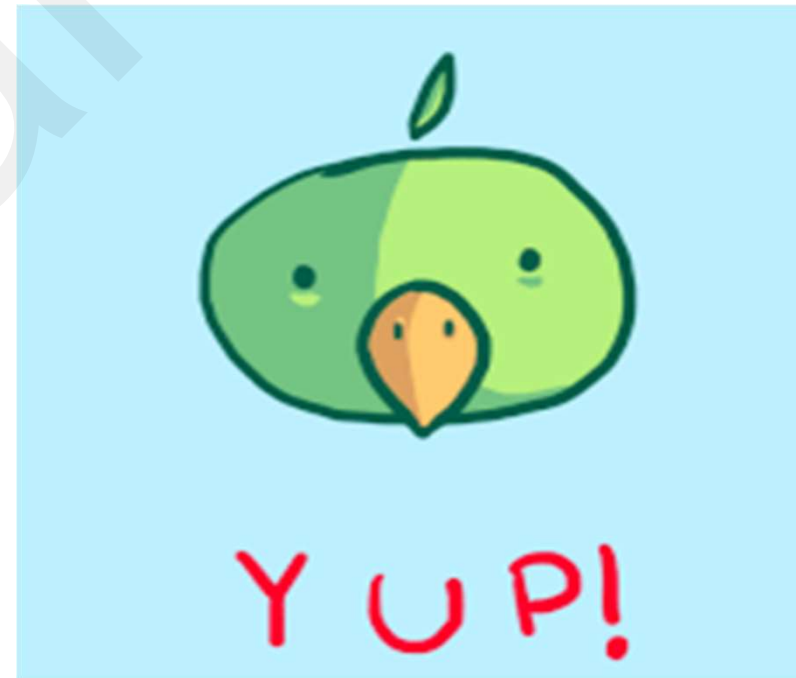
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ANSWER:

(i) 'They' refer to the people of the old times.

(ii) Here, regular refers to the mechanical teacher then they had.

(iii) It is contrasted with a normal teacher of earlier times, who was a living human being.



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III. Answer each of these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words).

QUESTION 1. What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?

ANSWER: Margie and Tommy had mechanical teachers. They were taught on computers and television screens. They didn't have a living person as a teacher who would teach the pupils in a classroom.



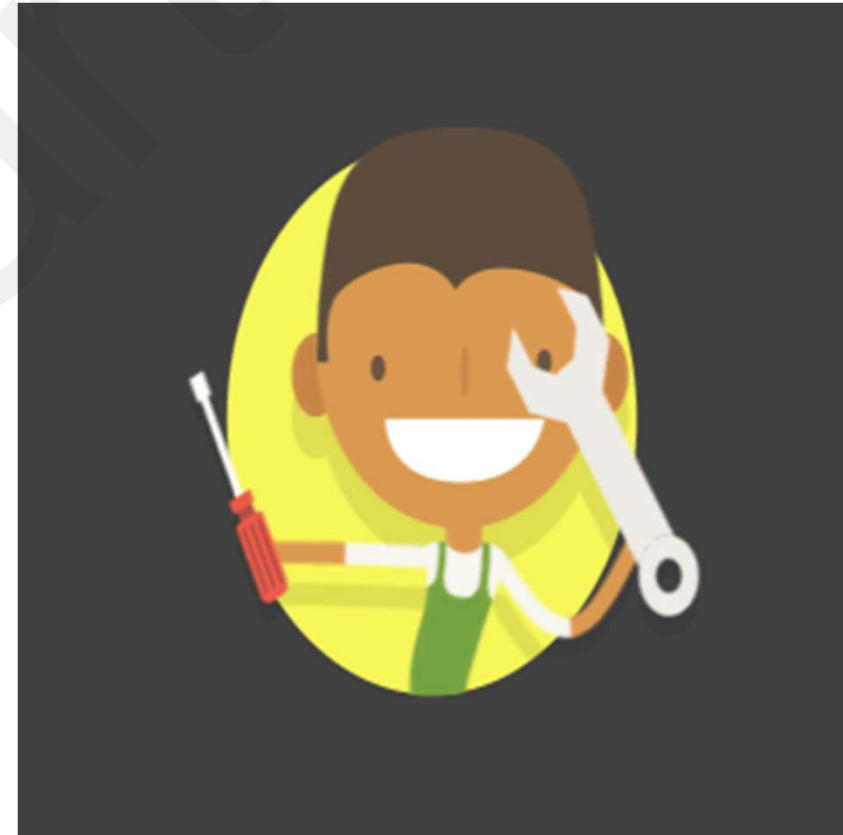
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QUESTION 2. Why did Margie's mother send for the County Inspector?

ANSWER: The mechanical teacher was not functioning efficiently. It had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse.



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QUESTION 3. What did he do?

ANSWER: He slowed down the mechanical teacher's speed up to an average ten-year level. The mechanical teacher's speed was controlled and adjusted according to the IQ level of Margie.



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QUESTION 4. What had once happened to Tommy's teacher?

ANSWER: Tommy's teacher was taken away for nearly a month because the history sector had blanked out completely. So, Tommy had nothing to do during that period. He only relaxed and enjoyed.

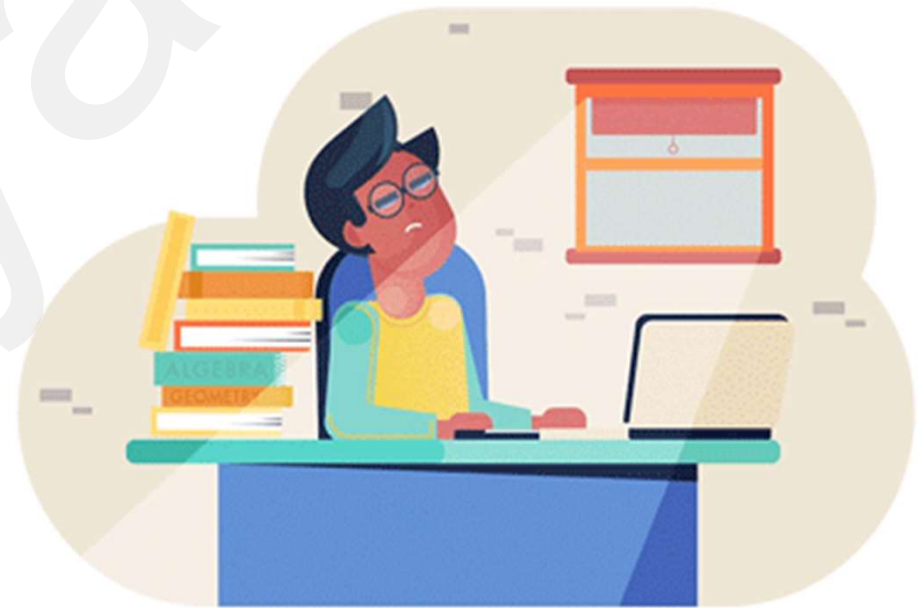


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QUESTION 6. Did Margie have regular days and hours for school? If so, why?

ANSWER: Yes, Margie had regular days and hours for school because her mother said little girls learned better if they learned at regular hours.



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QUESTION 7. How does Tommy describe the old kind of school?

ANSWER: They had a special building and all the kids went there to study. They laughed and shouted in the schoolyard. They enjoyed time together and learned lessons together in a classroom.



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THINKING ABOUT LANGUAGE (PAGE 11)

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I. ADVERBS

QUESTION 1. Find the sentences in the lesson which match adverbs given in the box below,

awfully	sorrowfully	completely
loftily	carefully	differently
quickly	nonchalantly	

1. The report must be read so that performance can be improved.

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2. At the interview, Sameer answered our questions, shrugging his shoulders.

3. We all behave when we are tired or hungry.

4. The teacher shook her head
..... when Ravi lied to her.

5. I forgot about it.

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6. When I complimented Revathi on her success, she just smiled and turned away.

7. The President of the Company is busy and will not be able to meet you.

8. I finished my work so that I could go out to play.

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ANSWER:

1. carefully,
2. loftily,
3. differently,
4. sorrowfully,
5. completely,
6. nonchalantly,
7. awfully,
8. quickly

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QUESTION 3. Make adverbs from these adjectives.

1. angry
2. happy
3. merry
4. sleepy
5. easy
6. noisy
7. tidy
8. gloomy

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ANSWERS:

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1. angry — angrily
2. happy — happily
3. merry — merrily
4. sleepy — sleepily
5. easy — easily
6. noisy — noisily
7. tidy — tidily
8. gloomy — gloomily