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THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT (PAGE 89)

I. Discuss in pairs and answer each question below in a short paragraph. (30-40 words)

QUESTION 1. How many characters are there in the narrative? Name them. (Don't forget the dog!).

ANSWER: There are four characters in the narrative including the dog. They are the narrator, George, Harris and the fourth is the dog named Montmorency.

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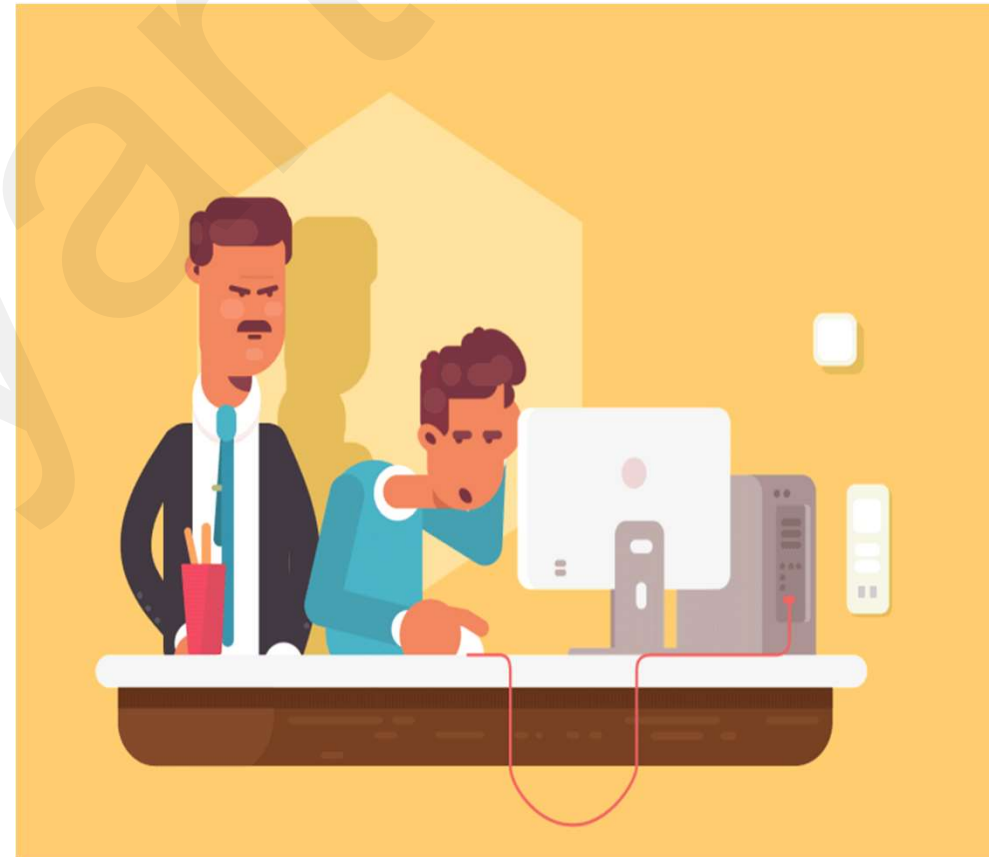


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QUESTION 2. Why did the narrator (Jerome) volunteer to do the packing?

ANSWER: The narrator felt that he knew more about packing than any other person living. Moreover, he would get an opportunity to boss the job and George and Harris would do the job under his directions.

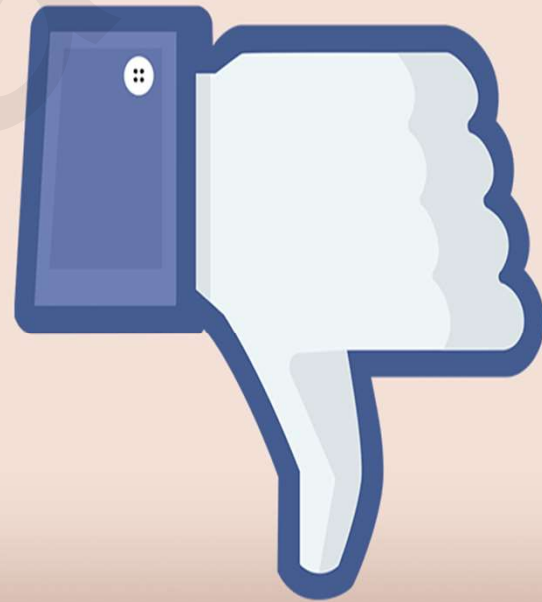


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QUESTION 3. How did George and Harris react to this? Did Jerome like their reaction?

ANSWER: George and Harris accepted the narrator's suggestion readily. But Jerome did not like it.

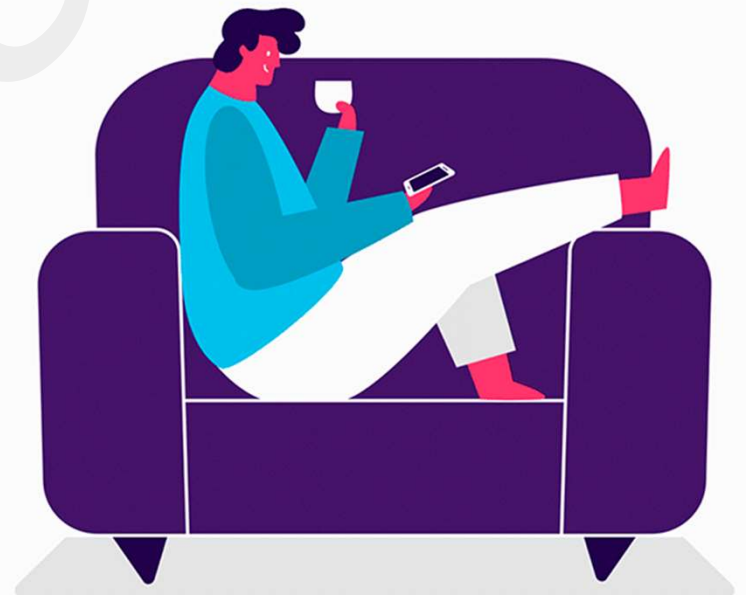


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QUESTION 4. What was Jerome's real intention when he offered to pack?

ANSWER: Jerome's real intention was to boss the job. He wanted that Harris and George should work under his guidance and instructions. But they accepted the proposal and sat idle on the chairs comfortably.



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QUESTION 5. What did Harris say after the bag was shut and strapped? Why do you think he waited till them to ask?

ANSWER: Harris asked the narrator to put the boots in the bag after strapping the bag. He did it with an intention to irritate the narrator.



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QUESTION 6. What 'horrible idea' occurred to Jerome a little later?

ANSWER: Jerome was going to close the bag after putting the boots in it. He suddenly thought of his toothbrush. While travelling, he must needed the toothbrush which he packed in the bag. Now he had to search for it in the bag.

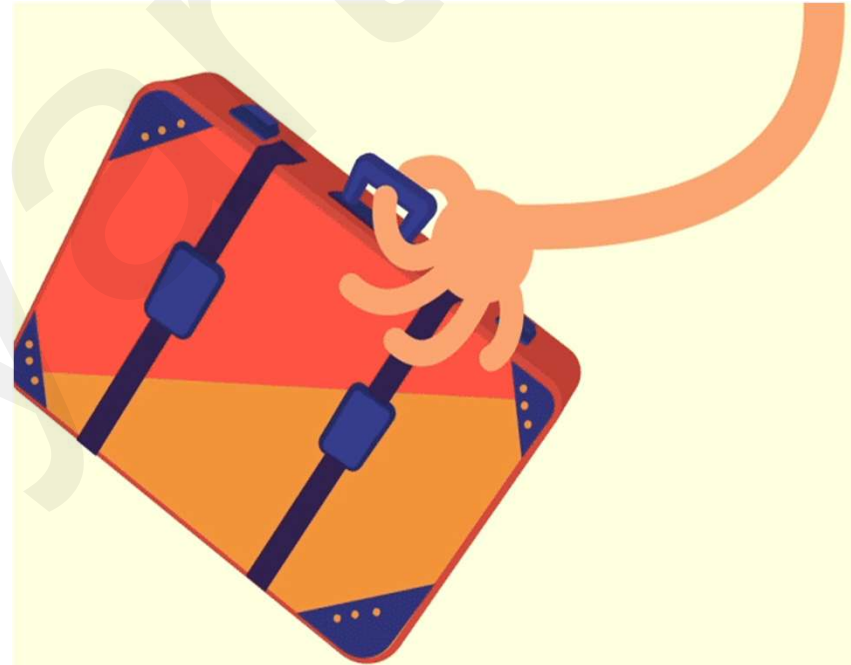


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QUESTION 7. Where did Jerome finally find the toothbrush?

ANSWER: Jerome tried his best to find the toothbrush. He unpacked the bag but could not find it. He put the things back one by one, and held everything up and shook it. At last, he found it inside a boot.



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QUESTION 8. Why did Jerome have to reopen the packed bag?

ANSWER: Jerome packed his spectacles in the bag. So he had to reopen the packed bag.



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QUESTION 9. What did George and Harris offer to pack and why?

ANSWER: George and Harris offered to pack hamper because they wanted Jerome to take some rest. They decided to pack the rest of things themselves and wanted him to show that how packing is done.



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QUESTION 10. While packing the hamper, George and Harris do a number of foolish and funny things. Tick the statements that are true.

1 They started with breaking a cup.

2 They also broke a plate.

3 They squashed a tomato.

4 They trod on the butter.

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5 They stepped on a banana.

6 They stepped on things

7 They packed the pictures at the bottom and put heavy things on top.

8 They upset almost everything.

9 They were very good at packing.

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ANSWER: The true statements are as follows:

(i), (iii), (iv), (vi), (vii), (ix)

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II. **QUESTION 1.** What does Jerome say was Montmorency's ambition in life? What do you think of Montmorency and why?

ANSWER: Montmorency's ambition in life is to interfere with others and be abused. He wants to be a perfect nuisance and make people mad. If things are thrown at his head,

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To get somebody to stumble over him, and curse him steadily for an hour is his highest aim and object. He came and sat on things, just when they were going to be packed. He put his leg into the jam and worried the teaspoons and pretended that lemons were rats and got into the hamper and killed three of them.

It is the natural, original sin that is born in him that makes him do things like that.