# Bihar Board Class 7 English Book Solutions Chapter 16 Books – Our Best Friends

# Bihar Board Class 7 English Books – Our Best Friends Text Book Questions and Answers

#### A. Warmer

#### Question 1.

Discuss these questions before you read the lesson:

Do you like reading books? What do you like about books? What kind of books do you like? Answer:

Hike reading books very much. They carry magical world in between their covers. I like to study story books and of science fiction.

#### B. Let's Comprehend

#### B. 1. Think and Tell

#### Question 1.

What worlds of wonder are our books?

Answer:

New ideas and people fancies us through the books.

#### Question 2.

What are the books compared to?

Answer:

Books are compared to a magic box.

#### B. 2. Think and Write

#### B. 2. 1. True or False

#### Question 1.

Which of the following statements are true according to the poem? Write true or false in front of each statement in the space provided.

- 1. Reading books is boring
- 2. Books tell us nothing new
- 3. Books tell us about far away places
- 4. Books do not tell us anything about times gone by
- 5. Books help us imagine about the people we have never met......

#### Answer:

- 1. False
- 2. False
- 3. True
- 4. False
- 5. True.

# B. 2. 2. Tick ( $\checkmark$ ) the most appropriate answer to each of the following questions

#### Question 1.

The line 'The room we sit in melts away means that

- (a) There is ice in the room that starts melting
- (b) We forget that we are sitting in the room.
- (c) The room is broken down
- (d) The room we are sitting in is made of ice

#### Answer:

(b) We forget that we are sitting in the room.

#### Question 2.

The words'our chosen friend'refer to:

- (a) our best friend in school
- (b) a friend who we like playing with
- (c) a character whom we like in a story
- (d) the friend we choose" to study with

#### Answer:

(c) a character whom we like in a story

#### Question 3.

Here's our body in the chair

But our mind is out there.

The poet feels that when we are reading books we are sitting in chairs but our minds are:

- (a) at school
- (b) at home
- (c) at the places and times we are reading about.
- (d) in the playground

#### Answer:

(c) at the places and times we are reading about.

# B. 2. 3. Answer the following

#### Question 1.

For whom do books hold things?

#### Answer:

Books hold things for their lovers or to say the reader.

#### Question 2.

We unlock a room with the help of a key. How can a book be unlocked by a child?

#### Answer:

A book-Can be unlocked by a child by opening it covers.

# C. Word Study

C. 1. Opposites of the following words appear in the poem.

Find them and write them down.

#### Question 1.

(close – old- after – beginning – lock – inside – fall) Answer:

- 1. close = open
- 2. old = new
- 3. after = before
- 4. beginning = end
- 5. lock = open
- 6. inside = outside
- 7. fall = rise.

#### Question 2.

Use the following words in sentences of your own.

(body, open, page, mind, land)

#### Answer:

- 1. Body-We should keep our bod/ fit by doing exercise.
- 2. Open-open the book.
- 3. Page-See page 56 of this book.
- 4. Mind-A healthy mind lives in a healthy body.
- 5. Land-The aeroplane came to the land after a long time.

#### C. 2. Prefixes

#### Question 1.

The word 'unlock' is made by adding 'un' to the word 'lock', 'un' is a prefix to the word. Some words in the help box can be changed into new words by adding 'un'. Choose the appropriate words and make new ones,

example: do-undo.

#### Answer:

undo, unlike, unrip, unable, unavailable, unclean, unjust, unacceptable, unfriendly, unsatisfying, ungrateful, unimpressed, unhappy, unimaginative, unplanned, unpolished, unfit, unsaid.

# Help Box

do, happy, said, fit, able, available, beautiful, acceptable, clean, friendly, short, grateful, imaginative, dirty, impressed, dark, just, like, kind, cruel, planned, plug, polished, satisfying, bright

#### D. Rhyming Words

Say the following lines aloud. What worlds of wonder are our books! As one opens them and looks.

# Question 1.

The word 'books' and 'looks' rhyme with each other and are thus called rhyming words. Search for more rhyming words in the poem.

#### Answer:

- 1. rise eyes
- 2. away-play
- 3. end -friend
- 4. page age
- 5. chair there
- 6. box unlocks
- 7. covers lovers

# E. Composition

### Question 1.

What do you like to read?

Write in 50-60 words about a book or story that you like very much. The book need not be in English. Sunil has written down about his favourite story below

My favourite story is Vikram Betal. It is about a king and a ghost. I like it because the ghost is very smart. He tells lots of stories. He asks lots of questions.

#### Answer:

My favourite story is 'Alice in the wonderland'. The story is very interesting and thrilling. It leads us to a wonderful land. There are so many surprising scenes and situations that one remains enchanted. So, I like this wonderful story very much.

#### F. Translation

Translate into English

#### Question 1.

- 1. हमें प्रतिदिन विद्यालय जाना चाहिए।
- 2. क्या मैं रात में यहाँ ठहर सकता हूँ।
- 3. हम सबको अपने माता-पिता की आज्ञा माननी चाहिए।
- 4. मैं आपके बिना नहीं रह सकता हूँ।
- 5. एक बार मैं अपने भाई के साथ बाजार जा रहा था।

#### Answer:

- 1. We should go to school daily.
- 2. Can i stay here, at night?
- 3. AH of us should obey our parents.
- 4. I can not live without you.
- 5. Once I was going to a market along with my brother.

# G. Activity

#### Question 1.

How many types of books are there in your school library? Make a list of them (work in groups).

#### Answer:

Do yourself.

# **Books – Our Best Friends Summary in English**

The poet Eleanor Farjeon has presented a rice poem 'Book Our Best Friends'. Books are magical. They hold be-tween themselves all things for their lovers. They drive the readers to new world, new ideas and new people and fancies them. Books are our best friends.

# **Books – Our Best Friends Summary in Hindi**

कवि एलियनोर फारजीओन ने एक उत्तम कविता रची है जिसका नाम है 'बुक्स-आवर बेस्ट फ्रेन्ड्स' पुस्तकें जादुई होती हैं। वे अपने प्रेमी पाठकों के लिए संसार भर की आश्चर्यजनक चीजें समेटे रखती हैं। वे अपने पाठकों को सुदूर देशों, नवीन प्रदेशों, नवीन लोगों और नवीन विचारों के पास ले जाती हैं और उनमें सुखद परिवर्तन ला देती हैं। पुस्तकें हमारी परम मित्र हैं।

# **Books - Our Best Friends Hindi Translation of The Chapter**

कैसी आश्चर्यजनक दुनिया है हमारी पुस्तकें ! उन्हें कोई खोलता और देखता है, जैसे ही, वैसे ही, नये-नये विचार और लोग सामने आनेकर प्रकट होने लगते हैं। हमारी कल्पनाओं में और आँखों के समक्ष ।

जिस कमरे में हम बैठे होते हैं,वह पिघलने लगता है और हम स्वयं को खेलते पाते हैं। किसी अनजान के साथ, जो अन्त के पहले हमारा चुना गया मित्र बन जा सकता है। या हम पन्नों पर उड़ते हुए किसी दूसरे देश या युग में पहुँच जाते हैं, हमारा शरीर तो होता है कुर्सी में ही धंसा हुआ पर हमारा दिमाग कहीं बहुत ही दूर होता है। प्रत्येक पुस्तक है एक जादू की पिटारी जिन्हें कोई बच्चा खोलता है उनके ऊपर कवरों या आवरण को खोलकर अपने प्रेमियों के लिए पुस्तकें हर प्रकार की चीजें रखती हैं।

# **Books – Our Best Friends Glossary**

Wonder [वन्डर] = अद्भुत वस्तु, आश्चर्य | Fancies [फैंसीज] = कल्पना | Sail [सेल] = सहज तरीके से उड़ना | Magic [मैजिक] = जादू | Unlock [अनलॉक] = ताला खोलना, प्रकट करना | About [अबाउट] = के बारे में | Ideas [आइडियाज] = विचार | Like [लाइक] = पसन्द करना | World वर्ल्ड] = दुनिया | Rise [राइज] = उठना, प्रकट होना | Melt [मेल्ट] = पिघलना | Chosen [चोजेन] = चुना गया। Land [लैन्ड] = देश, भूमि, 'राष्ट्र | Age [एज] = युग | Touch [टच] = स्पर्श, छूना | Cover [कवर] आवरण | Kind [काइन्ड] = प्रकार | Lover [लवर] = प्रेमी।