

Std-4 English Literature Assignment

Making a Difference

(Continue your work after the word meanings in your English Literature notebook)

Reference to context

3. *When they passed the ice candy man, Mahendra did not run to him even though he had the money he earned from washing his father's scooter. Their bags seemed heavier today; the road home seemed longer.*

a. Where were Miti and Mahendra going?

Ans: Miti and Mahendra were on their way back home.

b. Which word in the lines above is an antonym of 'spent'?

Ans: The word 'earned' is an antonym of 'spent'.

c. Why do you think their bags seemed heavier and the road seemed longer?

Ans: Their bags seemed heavier and the road seemed longer because they were feeling sad and depressed.

4. *One morning a man was walking down a beach. The beach was covered with dying starfish.*

a. Why was the beach covered with dying starfish?

Ans: The beach was covered with dying starfish because they were washed up by a strong tide the previous night.

b. What did the man see the boy doing? Why did he tell him to stop?

Ans: The man saw the boy throwing the starfish back into the ocean. He told the boy to stop because he thought that his effort could hardly make a difference.

c. Who had told Mother this story?

Ans: Miti and Mahendra's grandfather had told their mother this story.

5. Why were Miti and Mahendra unhappy as they returned from school?

Ans: Miti and Mahendra were unhappy as they returned from school because they learnt that people were polluting the environment and they felt that they could do nothing to stop it.

6. What did the children's mother want to teach them through the story that she narrated?

Ans: The children's mother wanted to teach them that they couldn't change everything but they could each make a big difference by doing little things that mattered.

7. Why do you think Mahendra suddenly felt hungry at the end of the story?

Ans: Mahendra suddenly felt hungry at the end of the story because he was no longer sad and he realised that he could still make a difference.