

## **Std-4 English Literature Assignment**

### **The Girl Who Hated Books**

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#### **1. Write the meanings of :**

- a) crammed- fitted tightly
- b) toppling- becoming unsteady and falling down
- c) nibbling- taking small bites at a time
- d) grunting- making short, rough sounds
- e) slammed- closed something with a very loud noise

#### **Reference to context :**

*3. Worse still, her parents were always bringing home MORE books. They read at breakfast and lunch and dinner.*

- a) In what way was Meena different from her parents?

Ans: Meena's parents loved books while she hated them.

- b) List three things that Meena did that show us that she was bad-mannered.

Ans: Meena disobeyed her parents and refused to read the books they brought for her. She would stamp her foot and shout, 'I hate books!'

- c) Which word in these lines is an antonym for *better*?

Ans: The antonym for better is worse.

*4. When her parents came in that afternoon, they couldn't believe their eyes.*

- a) Where was Meena when her parents returned?

Ans: When Meena's parents returned, she was sitting in the middle of the room.

b) What had happened to the room?

Ans: The whole room was in a mess, the curtains were gone, the dishes were broken and the table legs were chewed up.

c) Explain 'they couldn't believe their eyes' in your own words.

Ans: 'They couldn't believe their eyes' means they were very surprised by what they saw.

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