

NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Chapter Name : Going Places

Q1 Sophie and Jansie were class-mates and friends. What were the differences between them that show up in the story?

Answer. Sophie and Jansie were close friends but still they were completely different from each other in every way. Sophie day dreamed, was ambitious, she lived in her own utopian world. She daydreamed of earning a good amount and wanted to be known by everyone. On the other hand, Jansie was a maverick and lived in a realistic world where she was aware of her capabilities. She used to advise Sophie to be practical and to stop day-dreaming about things that were far-away from their reach.

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Q2 How would you describe the character and temperament of Sophie's father?

Answer. Sophie's father was a practical as well as realistic person. His physical appearance were described as a plum-faced and sweaty man with no sophisticated behaviour and proper eating habits. He was a family man whose aim was to keep his family happy even though he was not very well financially, still he would look out for ways to keep family happy. The thing he was against was the stories. He was a football freak and never failed to celebrate its victory. He would regularly go out with his family to events. After victory celebration would take place in pub accompanied with drinks. He constantly warned Sophie of her wild stories for Danny. Sophie's father was a true family man carefully guiding his family and keeping them away from all the troubles.

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Q3 Why did Sophie like her brother Geoff more than any other person? From her perspective, what did he symbolize?

Answer. Sophie liked her brother Geoff, he listened to all her stories patiently and she knew her brother knew more about the city life than she knew. She didn't approve of his silence and being a grown-up he was constantly engaged in his thoughts.

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Q4 What socio-economic background did Sophie belong to? What are the indicators of her family's financial status?

Answer. Sophie's belonged to a lower-middle-class family. The setting of her room was simple and not very high class it had a messy sink having a pile of dirty dishes and while Jansie wanted to work in a biscuit factory after school shows her financial status. She wanted to earn money and constantly day dreamed of it as every middle class family member would do.

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Q1 Sophie's dreams and disappointments are all in her mind.

Answer. Sophie wants to earn fame. But the major part of her life is mere imagination the things she daydreams. She wants to start her own boutique but is unaware of the fact that it requires a huge sum of money. She develops a romantic relationship with her dream football player. Her father is against her daydreaming all the time. Sophie would create figmented stories about her meeting with Danny, and her father constantly warned her on doing so as it could land her up in a real trouble. On the other hand her friend Jansie is practical and realistic who knew ultimately they both would end up in biscuit factory.

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Q2 It is natural for teenagers to have unrealistic dreams. What would you say are the benefits and disadvantages of such fantasizing?

Answer. Teenage is a period when major decisions about future is to be taken and period where fantasy is at its peak. Fantasy is an intermingled play of fancy and imagination. During this period many children daydream about their utopian world. As in the story, Sophie also had her own fantasies and always dreamt to become famous and rich. Her dreams only hurt and disappoint her. It is better to lead a realistic life with esteem. The children who find real life or the situations not easy and contentful find daydreaming a more pleasing activity, that gradually transports them away from the real world. Daydreamers shut themselves away from reality like Sophie did and everyone needs a friend like Jansie who bring them to the path of reality.

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Question. Notice the following expressions. The highlighted words are not used in a literal sense. Explain what they mean

- Words had to be prized out of him like stones out of the ground.
- Sophie felt a tightening in her throat. If he keeps his head on his shoulders.
- On Saturday they made their weekly pilgrimage to the United States.
- She saw... him ghost past the lumbering defenders.

Answer. "Words had to be prized out of him" means to talk very less and when he talks the words are worthy.

"Tightening in her throat" means to feel suffocated or to choke and to feel sad.

If he keeps his head on his shoulders mean to make the right decisions.

“They made their weekly pilgrimage” means visiting their favorite place every week which they consider to be holy.

“Ghost past” means to walk silently behind someone.

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