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Class 9 English (Beehive) Notes

PACKING

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Lesson 7

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Value Points

- Three friends George, Harris and Jerome are preparing for a journey. They collect necessary articles for journey.
- Author Jerome who prides himself on his packing offers to pack the goods.
- Both his friends agreed and George sat on easy chair and Harris put his legs on table and lit a ligar.
- Actually Jerome meant to boss the packing work, instructing his friends. But his friends left the whole work to him and relaxed.
- He got irritated. But he however packed the bag and strapped it. Then Harris asked if he would put the boots in. He did not remind about boots while he was packing. George laughed at him which angered him.
- He opened the bag, packed the boots in and was going to strap it again. Suddenly he recalled if he had packed his toothbrush which was very important for him.
- He unpacked the whole bag and searched for it ultimately it was found inside a boot. He repacked the whole bag. again.
- When he had repacked it George asked if soap was packed. Jerome got irritated and said he didn't care but noticed that he had packed his tobacco-pouch in it so had tore open it. He finally packed it at 10:05 p.m.
- Harris was the worst packer according to Jerome. Many things like plates, cups, bottles, pies, tomatoes etc. were to be packed in hampers.
- With the packing of hampers by George and Harris an exciting scene started.
- Packing started with breaking of a cup, strawberry jam was packed on tomato by Harris and squashed it, tomato picked out with a spoon.
- Jerome didn't comment on this, just watched them, sitting on the edge of the table. It irritated them and made them nervous & excited.
- They smashed the pies by putting heavy things on them. They upset salt over everything.

- George trampled the butter, removed it from his slipper and tried to put it in the kettle, but couldn't. After scraping it put it on a chair. Harris unknowingly sat on it. It stuck to him and they searched for it blaming each other. Arguing and staring at one another, they went round the room searching for it. At last George found it sticking at the back of Harris. After getting it off. They packed it in the teapot.
- Montmorency was their naughty pet dog. He was always ready for mischief. He was present where he was not wanted. He put his damp nose in the articles to be packed, put his leg into the jam. Thinking lemons as rats he killed (spoiled) three of them.
- Harris blamed Jerome for encouraging the dog for mischief. But it was his natural habit.
- At last packing was completed at 12:50. Harris sat on the big hamper and hoped nothing would be found broken.
- Due to shortage of beds they tossed and finally Harris slept with Jerome.
- Harris wanted to wake up at seven but Jerome said six finally agreed on half past six.
- They asked George to wake them up at 6:30 but he didn't answer. They found that he was asleep. Both the naughty friends put the bathtub where he could tumble into it on getting out in the morning.
- Finally they went to bed after this.

ACTIVITY



Suppose you are going for a picnic. What articles would you like to pack in your bag? Make a list.

COMPREHENSION PASSAGE

1. They began in a light hearted spirit, evidently intending to show me how to do it. I made no comment.

Questions

a) Who are 'they' here?

b) What were 'they' doing?

c) How did the narrator behave?

d) 'Evidently' has 'ly' as suffix. Make two words with same suffix.

2. They did scrape it out at last, and put it down on a chair, and Harris Sat on it, and it stuck to him, and they went looking for it all over the room.

Questions

a) What is 'it' here?

b) Where did it disappear?

c) How did they try to find it?

c) Give the present tense of 'Stick'.

3. He put his leg into jam, and he worried the teaspoons, and he pretended that the lemons were rats, and got into the hamper and killed three of them.

Questions

a) Who is 'he' here?

b) What did he do with the teaspoons?

c) Why did he spoil the lemons?

d) Find a word in above passage that means the same as 'disturbed'.

Short Questions

Q 1 What was the effect of Jerome's presence when George and Harris started packing hampers?

Q 2 What things were to be packed by George and Harris? What was their fate?

Q 3 How did Montmorency trouble them while packing?

Q 4 When was the packing finished?

Q 5 What time was decided for waking up?

Q 6 What irritated Jerome to a great extent?

Q 7 What was Jerome's real intentions when he offered George and Haris to pack?

Q 8 Why could the another not find his tooth brush easily in his bag?

Long Questions

Q 1. Humour in this story adds life to an other wise boring topic like packing. Discuss with reference to the incidents in the lesson 'PACKING'.

Q 2. How many times did the narrator reopen the bag while packing things and why?

Q 3. How did George and Harris make a mess of things while packing? Explain.

Q 4. What is the role of montmorency in packing?