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# Class 9 English (Beehive) Notes

## THE FUN THEY HAD

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

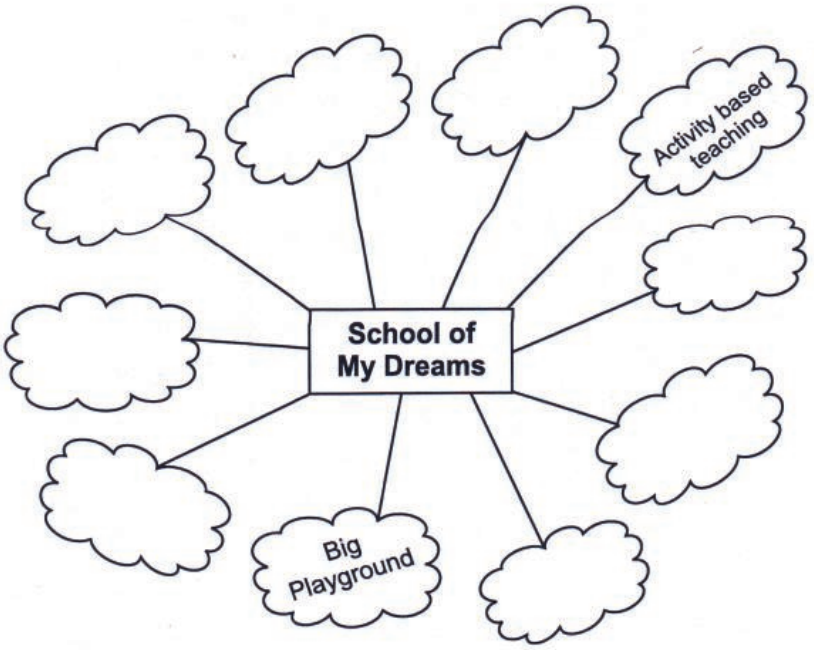
## LITERATURE (BEEHIVE)
## PROSE
## Lesson- 1
## THE FUN THEY HAD

Isaac Asimov

**Value Points**

- Margie and Tommy aged 11 and 13 are students of future schools.
- Tommy finds an old book about school in the attic. They turn yellow, crinkly pages of the book and are surprised to see still words in the book, They were used to only moving words of telebooks.
- They thought it to be wastage of resources, as it was to be thrown after reading once only. Whereas telebooks last longer and contain many books together.
- Margie hated school as her teacher (a computer) gave her test after and she performed badly in Geography.
- She hated the slot for putting homework and test papers.
- Margie's mother called county inspector who came with all his equipment and repaired it in an hour.
- Margie wasn't happy as she thought he would take the teacher for a few days for repair work and she would have off from school.
- County Inspector told her mother that Margie's bad performance in Geography was due to faulty setting of her teacher (Computer)
- As Margie hated school, she thought why would anyone write about school. Tommy explained that centuries ago the school were not like theirs. They had a man as a teacher who taught students different subjects, asked questions and gave Homework also.
- Margie couldn't believe man to be smart enough to have knowledge about different subjects.
- Tommy told her that the school was in a special building and students would go there and children of same age group studied same things.
- But Margie's mother had told her that every child has to be taught according to individual needs and children studied together in old school.
- Now Margie was interested in reading about those old funny schools. But mother called her to attend the school next to her bedroom.
- Tommy and Margie attended school at a fixed time from Monday to Friday.
- While submitting homework to her 'teacher'. She thought about the old schools where kids had a lot of fun studying together and playing, helping each other in studies, sharing caring for each other.
- Computer screen of her 'teacher' was flashing new chapter in arithmetic on the addition of proper fractions. But Margie was lost in the thoughts of old school.

## ACTIVITY




Write about the school of your
dreams in the space provided above

## COMPREHENSION PASSAGE

1 He was a round little man with a red face and a whole box of tools with dials and wires. He smiled at Margie and gave her an apple, then took the teacher apart.

a) Who is 'He' and 'the teacher' in the above lines?

b) Why did he take the teacher apart?

c) How did he try to be friendly with Mange?

d) 'Apart' means..... .

2. Tommy screamed with laughter "You don't know much, Margie. The teacher didn't live in the house. They had a special building and all the kids went there."

a) Which teachers are being referred to here?

b) Where did these teacher teach?

c) How were the teachers mentioned above different from teacher Tommy knew?

d) Give the verb form of 'Laughter'.

3. 'Gee', said Tommy, "What a waste when you're through with the book, you just throw it away. I guess?"

a) Name the lesson from which the above lines are taken?

b) Which book is being referred here?

c) What might have readers done when they read it?

d) Find a word from the above passage which means the same as 'finish'.

**Short Questions**

1. What did Tommy find and where?
2. Why did Tommy & Margie find the printed book strange?
3. How were the schools in the book different from Margie's School?
4. What kind of books did Margie and Tommy read?
5. Did Margie have classmates?
6. Where was Margie's School?

7. 'Even the Mechanical teachers are not perfect.' Give example from the story "The fun they had".
8. Which school did Margie find better and why?
9. What did Margie hate the most about the mechanical teacher?
10. Why did Margie fail to do good in Geography?
11. What did the County Inspector do to improve Margie's performances?

**Long Questions**

1. Compare and contrast the human teachers and the mechanical teachers. (The fun they had )
2. Tele-books and e-books are need of the hour especially when we have to save trees, paper and other resources. Comment, taking examples from the lesson "The fun they had".
3. On the basis of the description of future schools in the chapter 'The Fun They Had', compare and explain difference between the present schools and future schools.