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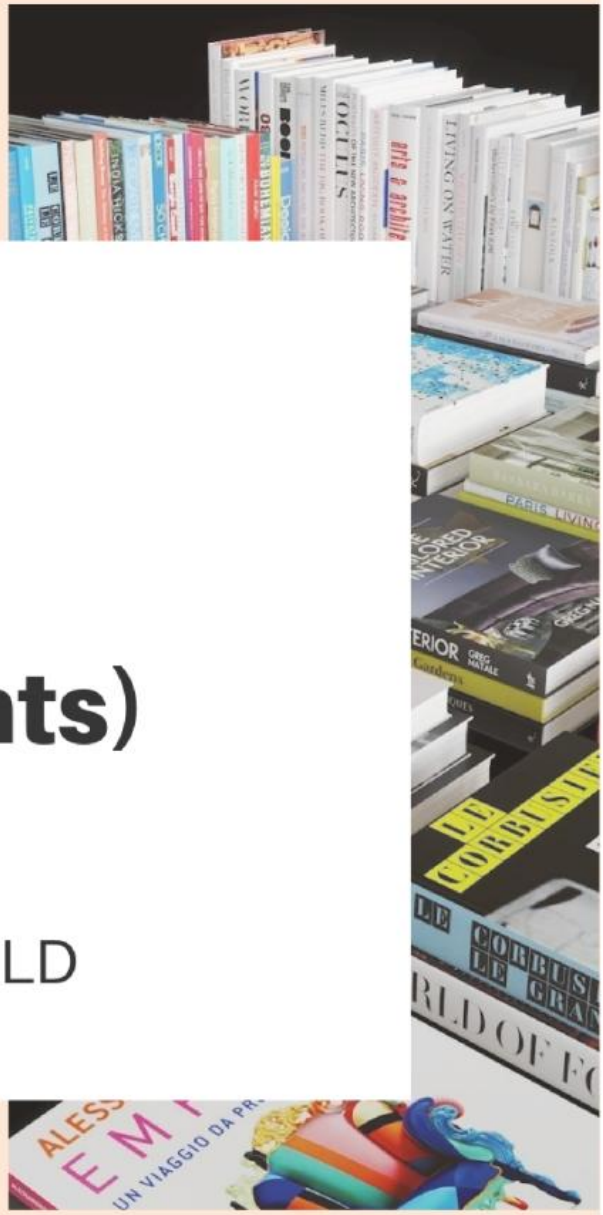
Class 9 English (Moments) Notes

THE LOST CHILD



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

MOMENTS
Lesson 1
THE LOST CHILD

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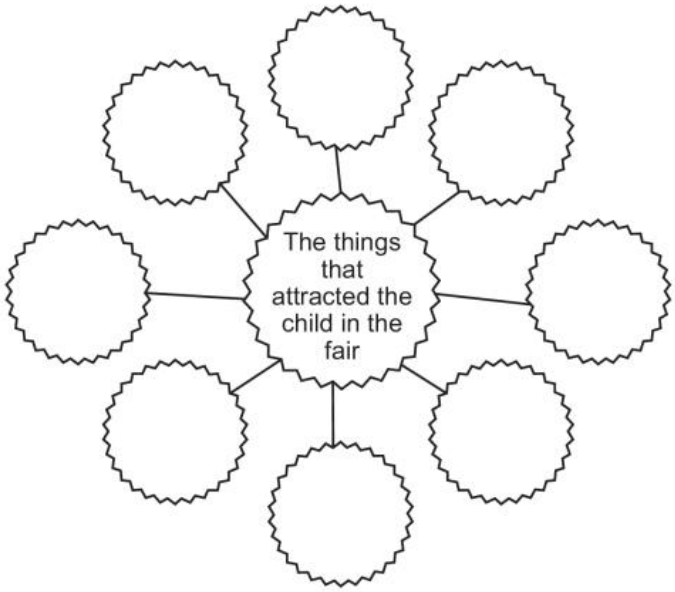
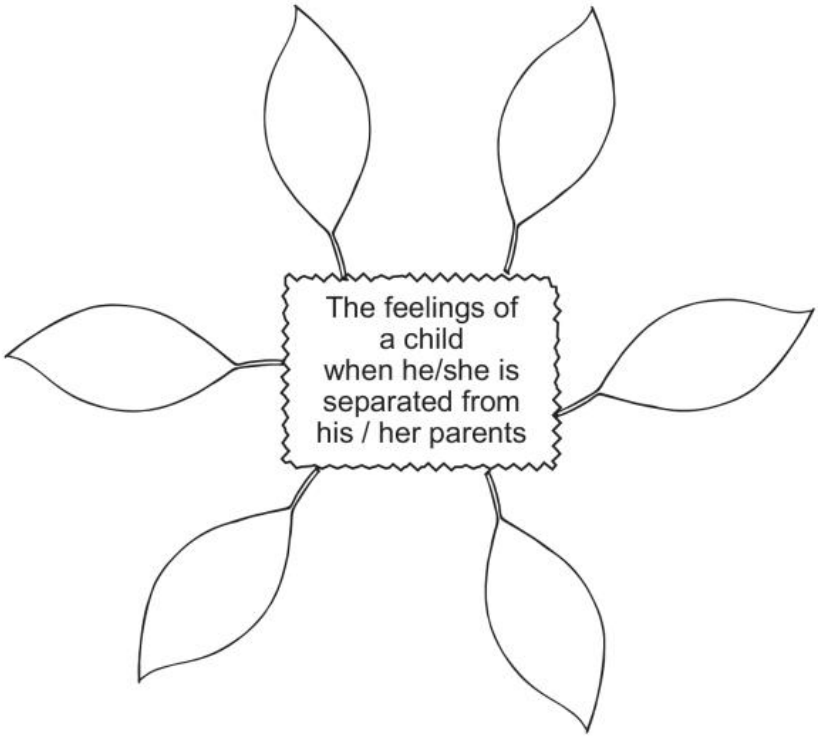
Value Points

- It is a short story of a child, his aspiration, demands and realisation.
- The child is being taken to the fair by his parents.
- There are many attractions in the fair for the child like balloons, merry go round, toys and eatables.
- The child asks for these things from his parents.
- Parents have no desire to purchase things for the child.
- The crowd is thick that's why the parents are holding the hand of the child.
- At one point the child is slipped out of his parents' hand.
- The child starts crying asking for his father and mother.
- A kind person picks up the child and tries to console him.
- The person offers him balloons and other things which he wanted earlier.
- But now the child does not want anything.
- He keeps crying and saying "I want my father, I want my mother."

ACTIVITY 1



ACTIVITY 2


The feelings of
a child
when he/she is
separated from
his / her parents

COMPREHENSION PASSAGE

1. It was the festival of spring. From the wintry shades of narrow lanes and alleys emerged gaily clad humanity. Some walked, some rode on horses, other sat, being carried in bamboo and bullock carts.

   Questions :

   a) Name the Lesson?

   b) Which season is being celebrated here?

   c) How did the people travel to the village fair?

   d) Find a word that means the same as 'happily'.

2. "I want that toy," he pleaded. His father looked at him red-eyed, in his familiar tyrant's way.

   Questions :

   a) What did the little boy request?

   b) How did the father react to his demand?

   c) What does it show about the father?

   d) 'Red-eyed' means .....

3. The child wept more bitterly than ever now and only cried, I want my mother, I want my father.

   Questions :

   a) Why did the little child cry?

   b) Name the lesson.

   c) What did the child want ?

   d) Present form of 'wept' is .....

Short Questions

Q 1. Where were most of the village people going and why?

Q 2. Why did the child hesitate in asking anything from his parents?

Q 3. Give an example to show that the child was drawn by the nature.

Q 4. What were the things the child noticed and wanted in the fair?

Q 5. When did the child come to know that he was lost and where did he look for his parents?

Q 6. Who rescued the lost child? How did he try to make the child happy?

Q 7. Why did the child not accept the things offered by the man?

Long Answers Questions

Q1. On the basis of your reading of the story 'The Lost Child' write a paragraph on the topic : 'Teachers are second parents to children'.

Q 2. The Child is fascinated to the things in the fair and demands them. He takes interest in the things around. What does it reflect about 'joys of childhood'?

Q. 3 Describe the journery made by the child to the fair.

Q 4. Describe the scene the in the fair.

Q 5. In the fair, the child wanted many things. What are they?