

Ch-2 A Gift of Choppals

Word meanings

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| 1.
5 | Scaawny | thin (suggesting skinny toes) |
| 2. | Patti | Grandmother |
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10 | throw her off the scent | mislead her so that she won't understand the real purpose. |
| 4.
15 | Descended from | a descendent of, or comes from the family |
| 5. | Stowaway | Someone who hides himself / herself in a ship or an aircraft to travel unnoticed |
| 6. | weird | strange or unusual |
| 7. | glided | moved along smoothly |
| 8.
25 | bejeweled | The music master is wearing a ring |



9	Snooze	Short sleep
10	Kept my body and soul together	managed to stay alive
11	Fed up	tired and unhappy
12	blisters	boils / bubbles on the skin from burns or rubbing
13	eyes filling	with tears
14	unappreciative	disapproving
15	Lurking	waiting quietly (without attracting attention)
16	clattered off	gone off noisily

Q1. What is the secret that Meena shares with Mridu in the backyard?

Ans. The secret that Meena shares with Mridu is the news of finding a kitten. It was kept in the backyard.

Q2. How does Ravi get milk for the kitten?

Ans. Ravi takes a glass of milk to feed the kitten. When paati catches him with the glass of milk, he convinces her by saying that he is hungry. He even drinks some milk to show. Then he comes to the kitten with the tumbler and pours milk into the coconut shell.

Q. Who does he say the kitten's ancestors are? Do you believe him?

ANS: Ravi said that the kitten's ancestors were the lion of the Pallava kings, the Mahabalipuram Rishi-Cat which has the emblem of the Pallava dynasty.
No we don't believe it.

Q. What was the noise that startled Mridu and frightened Mahendran?

ANS. It was the sound coming out of Lalli's violin that startled Mridu and frightened Mahendran.

Q. The music master is making lovely music.
Read aloud the sentence in the text that expresses the idea.

ANS. The music-master's notes seemed to float up and settle perfectly into the visible tracks of the melody.



Q. Had the beggar come to Rukku Manni's house for the first time? Give reasons for your answer.

ANS. No, the beggar has been coming to Rukku Manni's house for last one week. The beggar himself confirms this saying that he has survived for a week because of Rukku Manni's kindness.

Q. “A sharp V-shaped line had formed between her eyebrows.” What does it suggest to you about Rukku Manni’s mood?

ANS. The V-shaped line suggests that Rukku Manni was very angry and was about to lose her temper on the children.

Q. Complete the following sentences.

1. Ravi compares Lalli's playing the violin to
2. Trying to hide beneath the tray of chillies, Mahendran
3. The teacher played a few notes on his violin and Lalli
4. The beggar said that the kind ladies of the household
5. After the lesson was over, the music teacher asked Lalli if

ANS.

1. derailing of a train going off track
2. tipped a few chillies over himself
3. stumbled behind him on her violin
4. have been very generous and helped him survive for a week
5. she had seen his chappals

Q. What makes Mridu conclude that the beggar has no money to buy chappals?

ANS. When the beggar stretched out his feet to show the large pink peeling blister on the soles of his bare feet, she conclude that the beggar had no money to buy chappals.

Q. What does she suggest to show her concern?

ANS. Mridu asked Ravi and Meena to get a pair of slippers for the beggar in order to show her concern for him.



Q. "Have you children...." She began and then, seeing they were curiously quiet, went on more slowly, "seen anyone lurking around the verandah?"

1. What do you think Rukku Manni really wanted to ask?
2. Why did she change her question?
3. What did she think had happened?

ANS.

1. Rukku Manni really wanted to ask the children if they picked up and hid the music teacher's chappals.
2. She changed her question on seeing the children curiously quite and innocent.
3. She thought that someone must have entered the house and stolen the chappals.

. On getting Gopu Mama's chappals, the music teacher tried not to look too happy. Why?

NS. Music teacher's chappals were old and dirty. On getting Gopu Mama's new chappals, he was happy but tried to look not too happy as he didn't want to show his happiness to the house members and moreover wanted to prove that his own chappals were much better and more expensive than those he got. He tried to show that he was upset with the children and with his loss.

Q. On getting a gift of chappals, the beggar vanished in a minute. Why was he in such a hurry to leave?

ANS. On getting a gift of chappals, the beggar vanished in a minute because he did not want any of the elder member of the house to come and know about it . He must have feared that if anyone would come , they would snatch the gift from him.

Q. Walking towards the kitchen with Mridu and Meena, Rukku Manni began to laugh. What made her laugh?

ANS. On thinking about Gopu Mama, Rukku Manni laughed. She was imagining the scene in the evening when Gopu Mama would come from his work and would look for his chappals and would come to know about the gift of his chappals to the music teacher