

Chapter 10: Rip Van Winkle

Fun with New Words

Question 1:

Circle the correct meaning of the words given. You may need to use the dictionary.

idled away	wasted	rested	admired
constant	coffee	construct	steady
companion	dog	stranger	partner
realise	to understand	to set free	real
descend	to not send	to be decent	to move down
barrel	a wooden container	a musical instrument	a bag
contents	to be happy	the ingredients	the index of a book

Answer:

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Question 2:

Match the words in the box with their meaning. You may take the help of a dictionary.

grizzled	astonished	foothills
stroked	familiar	

- near the lower part of a mountain _____
- with grey hair _____
- to rub gently _____
- to be very surprised _____
- known to you _____

Answer:

- near the lower part of a mountain foothills
- with grey hair grizzled
- to rub gently stroked
- to be very surprised astonished
- known to you familiar

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Let's Read

Say whether the following sentences are True or False.

Question 1 i):

Rip was kind to children.

Answer:

True

Question 1 ii):

Rip was a hardworking man.

Answer:

False

Question 1 iii):

The short old man on the mountain was his constant companion.

Answer:

False

Question 1 iv): Rip helped the old man in the mountains because he wanted to have a drink from the barrel.

Answer:

False

Question 1 v):

Rip was away for twenty years because he was asleep in the mountains.

Answer:

True

Question 1 vi):

The drink from the barrel made him fall asleep for twenty years.

Answer:

True.

Question 1 vii):

Nobody recognized Rip when he came back because he had reached the wrong village.

Answer:

False.

Complete the following sentences.

Question 2 i):

Rip's village was situated _____.

Answer:

Rip's village was situated at the foothills of Kaatskill mountains.

Question 2 ii):

The children of the village loved him because _____.

Answer:

The children of the village loved him because he played with them and taught them how to fly kites and shoot marbles and also told them stories.

Question 2 iii):

_____ was his constant companion.

Answer:

Wolf, the dog was his constant companion.

Question 2 iv):

The villagers stared at him because _____.

Answer:

The villagers stared at him because they could not recognize him.

Question 2 v):

The old woman who recognized Rip was _____.

Answer:

The old woman who recognized Rip was probably his neighbour.

Let's Write

Question 1:

What were the strange things about the men on the mountains?

Answer:

- (i) They all looked strange.
 - (ii) They had beards of various shapes and colours.
 - (iii) They were playing a game with a serious face.
 - (iv) They all stared at Rip this frightened him.
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Question 2:

What kind of a man was Rip Van Winkle?

Answer:

- (i) He was a kind and good-natured neighbour.
 - (ii) He loved children.
 - (iii) He was liked by all.
 - (iv) He was very lazy.
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Vocabulary Building

Question 1:

Pick out the names of the games mentioned in the story.

flying kites

chess

ninepins

shooting marbles

mountain-climbing

shooting

skipping

hopping

Answer:

The following games were mentioned in the story:

Flying kites, shooting marbles, ninepins, and mountain climbing.

Question 2: Indian Education International Approach

Sometimes we combine two words to make a describing word. For example, Rip was a good-natured man, everybody liked him. Here are some more describing words. Use them to complete the given paragraph.

long-sleeved high-heeled well-dressed open-mouthed
sweet-looking odd-looking part-time

Mrs. Das has a _____ job in a clothes shop. Yesterday, an _____ woman walked into the shop. She was wearing _____ shoes. A _____ dog was with her. "I want a _____ shirt for my dog, please." She said, "For your dog?" asked Mrs. Das, _____ in surprise. "Yes," replied the woman. "I want him to be _____ for my next party."

Answer:

Mrs. Das has a **part-time** job in a clothes shop. Yesterday, an **odd-looking** woman walked into the shop. She was wearing **high-heeled** shoes. A **sweet-looking** dog was with her. “I want a **long-sleeved** shirt for my dog, please.” She said, “For your dog?” asked Mrs. Das, **open-mouthed** in surprise. “Yes,” replied the woman. “I want him to be **well-dressed** for my next party.”

Question 3:

a) Silent Letters

What is common in the following groups of words?

- i. knee, knife, knot, know _____
- ii. neighbour, daughter, fight, straight _____
- iii. neighbour, daughter, fight, straight _____

Answer:

- i. knee, knife, knot, know The letter ‘k’ is silent.
- ii. neighbour, daughter, fight, straight The letter ‘gh’ is silent
- iii. honest, honour, hour, heir The letter ‘h’ is silent.

Question 3:

b) Try to make more silent words.

(i) gnat: _____, _____

Answer:

gnash, gnaw.

(ii) tongue: _____, _____

Answer: catalogue, rogue.

(iii) chalk: _____, _____

Answer: folk, walk.

(iv) whistle: _____, _____

Answer: bustle, jostle.

Question 4:

Read the two paragraphs given below.

My mother is always **awake** before anyone else in the family. I usually **wake up** after 6 o'clock. I loll around **lazily** for a few minutes. Then I get up and get dressed for school. At bedtime, I read a storybook. When I feel tired I **lie down** and go to sleep very **quickly**. I fall asleep in no time at all!



(i) Now find the opposites of the following words from the paragraphs and complete the table.

awake	asleep
wake up	_____
get up	_____
lazily	_____

Answer:

awake	asleep
wake up	fall asleep
get up	lie down
lazily	quickly

Fill in the blanks using the words in the previous questions.

Question 4 (ii):

(a) _____ and _____ quickly! You will be late for school.

Answer:

Wake up and get up quickly! You will be late for school.

Question 4 (ii):

(b) Shh! The baby is _____. Don't make a sound, or she will _____.

Answer:

Shh! The baby is asleep. Don't make a sound, or she will wake up.

Question 4 (ii):

(c) Are you still _____? You should be now or you will not be able to _____ in the morning for school.

Answer:

Are you still awake? You should be up now or you will not be able to get up in the morning for school.

Question 1:

Lots of things must have happened in the village when Rip was away. Imagine you are a neighbour who greets Rip after 20 years. One student should act as Rip. Tell Rip all that happened in the village after he left.

(Talk about what happened to this family; to his friends, to the other villagers, to the children he played with, the changes in the village, etc. Your teacher will guide you.)

You may start this way: Guess what happened on the day you left. When you didn't come home in the evening, your wife...

Answer:

It's been a long time since you had left, Rip. Everything has changed. Your wife kept waiting for you, and finally after a year or so, she left along with your children to stay with her parents. Your son has grown up now, and he teaches in the village school. The village now has more shops, a couple of markets, and two new hospitals where doctors visit for treatment of local villagers. Your friends, Tom and Sam, are settled in the city and pay a visit once a year with their family, they will be delighted to see you back on their next visit. All the children you used to play with have completed their education at the local school. They will be very happy to see you.

Question 2:

Read the speech bubbles. Who walks to school most often? Put them in order.



Anu
I don't usually walk to school. I often go by cycle.

John
I never walk to school. I live very far away.

Arjun
I always walk to school. I live right ..

Mini
I sometimes walk to school, at times I take the bus also.

Nazim
I usually walk to school. It's a nice way to start the day.

Put them in order

Answer:

1. Arjun- I always walk to school. I live right opposite the school.
2. Nazim- I usually walk to school. It's a nice way to start the day.
3. Mini- I sometimes walk to school, at times I take the bus also.
4. Anu -I don't usually walk to school. I often go by cycle.
5. John- I walk to school. I live very far away.

Creative Writing

Question 1:

Write about yourself using the following expressions (do you play in the park, go to bed late, fuss over food, study hard, etc.?)

always	frequently	usually
often	sometimes	rarely

For example: I always do my work neatly.

- (i) _____
- (ii) _____
- (iii) _____
- (iv) _____
- (v) _____

Answer:

- (i) I always study hard.
- (ii) I frequently do household chores.
- (iii) I usually play in the park.
- (iv) I sometimes fuss over food
- (v) I rarely go to bed on time.

Question 2:

Use the following clues to complete the following exercise.

play	stop	buy	learn	see	meet	learn
eat	be	go	travel	start	read	visit

- (i) Write three new things you have done in the last three years.

- (a) I have started _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____

(ii) Write three things you have not done in the last three years.

- (a) I have not played _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____

Answer:

- (i) (a) I have started learning French.
- (b) I have visited Banaras.
- (c) I have started writing a diary.

- (ii) (a) I have not played football since I left the team.
- (b) I have not eaten junk food.
- (c) I have not met any celebrities.