

Lesson 14

A TRUE FRIEND

SOLUTIONS:

COMPREHENSION:

1. Answer the following questions:

i) When you are in misery, who is not your friend?

Ans: The one who left me in times of misery or difficulties when I may need their support are not a true friend of mine.

ii) With what does the poet compare "words"?

Ans: The poet compared the "words" in the poem with the wind that flow easily in all direction, as the flatterers used words to take undue advantages in the name of friendship, for their selfish motives. They can carry away the person by their false praise.

iii) When will everyone be your friends?

Ans: Everyone will be my friend when I have enough money and time to spend with them and make my company with them satisfied.

iv) Can there be friends, when you do not have money?

Ans: There cannot be friends, when I do not have money to spend prodigally and enjoy with them fulfilling their demands falling to their false praises.

v) What comments will people give to a person who is prodigal?

Ans: People will be happy with the company or friendship of the one who is prodigal or spendthrift. They will use him for their benefit calling him bountiful, not considering the value of friendship making him a prey into their false praise. And even they will give bad comments or backbite about the person after using him.

vi) What happens to a man who has lost his fortune?

Ans: When a man lost his fortune his popularity among his friends will be gone. He will be all alone without any company. There will be no one to give him moral support and strength to face his hard or bad times.

vii) Who do you consider as a true friend?

Ans: A true friend is the one who do not praise me in my good times but the one who helps me in times of need, a friend who will be part of my grief and sadness as if it is his own worry.

viii) How do you distinguish a friend from a foe?

Ans: A true friend is not easy to find because there are lots of people who pretend to be nice. By flattering us, they remain our friend till we have money and leave us as soon as our money is over. But a true friend is like a shadow of our own. He will be always with us through our thick and thin. He will share the grief as his own but never flatter us. These are the qualities of a true friend which Differentiate a friend from a foe.

Alliteration: The occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words. ("Faithful friends flattering foe")