



Lesson 6 The Selfish Giant

SOLUTIONS:

Comprehension:-

1. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

i) Where did the children go every afternoon?

Ans: The children went to the Giant's garden to play every afternoon.

ii) Where had the Giant gone?

Ans: The Giant went to visit his friend, Cornish Ogre who lived in Cornwall of England.

iii) What did he do when he returned from his visit?

Ans: The Giant told the children to stop coming and playing in his garden in a very unfriendly way. He put up a notice board forbidding trespassers and built a high wall around his garden.

iv) Why didn't spring come to the Giant's garden?

Ans: The Giant was a selfish person that he did not allow the children to play in his garden. Since, there were no children, the garden seems cheerless that even the birds did not come and sing. So, the spring season did not come to his garden.

v) When the Giant heard the linnets singing, what did he feel?

Ans: When the Giant heard the linnets singing, he felt that it was the most melodious and beautiful music in the world and believed spring returns in his garden.

vi) What was the wonderful sight that the Giant saw in his garden?

Ans: The most wonderful sight that the Giant saw in his garden was the children entering his garden through a little hole in the wall playing and sitting happily on the branches of the trees.

vii) In one corner of the garden it was still winter. Why was it?

Ans: In one corner of the garden it was still winter because a little boy was still standing there unable to climb up the branches of the tree.

viii) What was the scene that made the Giant's heart melt?

Ans: The scene of the little boy crying bitterly in the farthest corner being unable to climb up the tree made the Giant's heart melt.

ix) Why did the Giant have the greatest love for the little boy ?

Ans: The Giant had the greatest love for the little boy because this little boy had conquered his heart when he hugged and kissed him.

x) What was the answer of the children when the Giant asked for the little boy in the evening?

Ans: The children answered that they didn't know anything about the little boy as he had gone away.

xi) When did the Giant see the little boy again?

Ans: The Giant saw the little boy again one winter morning.

xii) What did the children find when they came to the garden that afternoon?

Ans: When the children came to the garden that afternoon, they found the Giant lying dead under the tree, all covered with white blossoms.

2. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words each :

i) Why does the writer say that the garden of the selfish Giant was lovely ?

Ans: The writer says that the garden of the selfish Giant was lovely because it had a pleasant scene with the soft green grass, beautiful flowers and twelve peach trees where birds sing melodiously.

ii) Why did the children have no place for playing?

Ans: The children did not have any place for playing because the Giant told them that they cannot play in his garden. As they could not play on the road, they have nowhere to play now.

iii) What happened to the garden of the selfish Giant when the spring season came?

Ans: The garden of the selfish Giant is still winter when the spring season came all over the country. There were no birds and no blossoms in the garden of the selfish Giant.

iv) What differences were there between the Giant's garden and other places in the Autumn and Winter?

Ans: The differences between the Giant's garden and other places in Autumn and Winter were:

a) The autumn gave golden fruits to every garden but to the Giant's garden she gave none.

b) The length of the winter was longer as it lasted throughout the year in the Giant's garden.

v) What did the Giant see when he heard some lovely music one morning?

Ans: One morning, the giant heard some lovely music. He saw the hail stopped dancing over his head and the North wind ceased roaring. At that time a delicious perfume came to him through the open window. And he believed spring came in his garden.

3. Answer the following question in about 50-60 words each:

i) Why did the Giant's heart melt when he looked out?

Ans: When the Giant looked out through the open window, he saw the children playing happily in his garden. The trees are glad to have children that they have covered with flowers, and birds chirping over. But in one corner, there was still winter. And there he saw a little boy standing unable to climb up the tree. The tree which was still covered with frost and snow bend its branches for the little boy to climb up. But the boy was too tiny to reach the branches of the tree. On seeing this, the Giant heart melted.

ii) What were the changes that took place when the Giant put up the little child on the branch of the tree ?

Ans: The Giant felt very sad for the little child who could not climb up the branch of the tree so he helped him. Suddenly, the tree broke to blossoms. Birds came there and started singing on it. The little child hugged and kissed him lovingly. The children had brought back the spring season in the Giant's garden. These were the changes that took place when the Giant chooses to share and make friends which is pleasant and rewarding .

4. Write T for true and F for false statements :

- i) The Giant was selfish. **T**
- ii) Spring did not want to come to the Giant's garden. **T**
- iii) Hail was dressed in grey and his breath was like ice. **T**
- iv) The Giant did not want to see the little boy. **F**
- v) The Giant died a peaceful death. **T**

5. Fill in the blanks with the right words given in the brackets .

- i) It was a large lovely garden with soft green grass. (grey, green, black, white)
- ii) The poor children had nowhere to play now.(run, sing, run, play, dance)
- iii) The frost painted all the trees silver . (brushed, painted, powdered)
- iv) "I believe spring has come at last" (cover, come, changed, went)
- v) The Giant lay dead under the tree, all covered with white blossoms (pink, blue, white, red)

6. Match the words in column 'A' with those of column 'B' to make complete sentences:

A	B
i. The snow	i. were covered with beautiful flowers like stars.(v)
ii. A small child	ii. was a selfish one.(iii)
iii. The Giant	iii. was surrounded with high walls(iv)
iv. The Garden	iv. was crying bitterly.(ii)
v. Here and there the garden	v. covered the grass with her white cloak.(i)



Language work:

a) Look at the two sentences :

i) I love my mother .

ii) My mother is loved by me.

The two sentences have the same meaning. In the first sentence the subject 'I' is doing something. In the second sentence the subject 'my mother' is not the doer, but the receiver of the action. The first type of the sentence is said to be in the Active voice and the second sentence is said to be in the Passive voice.

Active voice: The form of the verb which shows the importance of its subject (doer of the action) is called the Active voice.

Passive voice: The form of the verb which shows the importance of its object (receiver of the action) rather than the subject is called the passive voice.

General rules to express a passive voice :

- i) The passive voice is formed by using appropriate forms of the verb – **be** - with the third form of the main verb.
- ii) The **Object** takes the place of the subject.
- iii) The **Subject** is either left out or mentioned at the end as a mere agent of the action done.
- iv) The preposition --- **by**--- is mostly used to show the subject as an agent of action. Sometimes, other preposition like ---**to, with , at and in** etc ----- are used in place of **by**.
- v) Prepositions inseparable attached with the verb in the active voice are not dropped while using **by**.
- vi) The verb does not change its tense but its form only.

Try changing the following sentences into the Passive voice:

i) The Giant saw the children.

Ans: The children were seen by the Giant.

ii) The snow covered the grass.

Ans: The grass was covered by the snow.

iii) The Autumn gave golden fruit to every garden.

Ans: Every garden was given golden fruit by the Autumn.

iv) He saw a most wonderful sight.

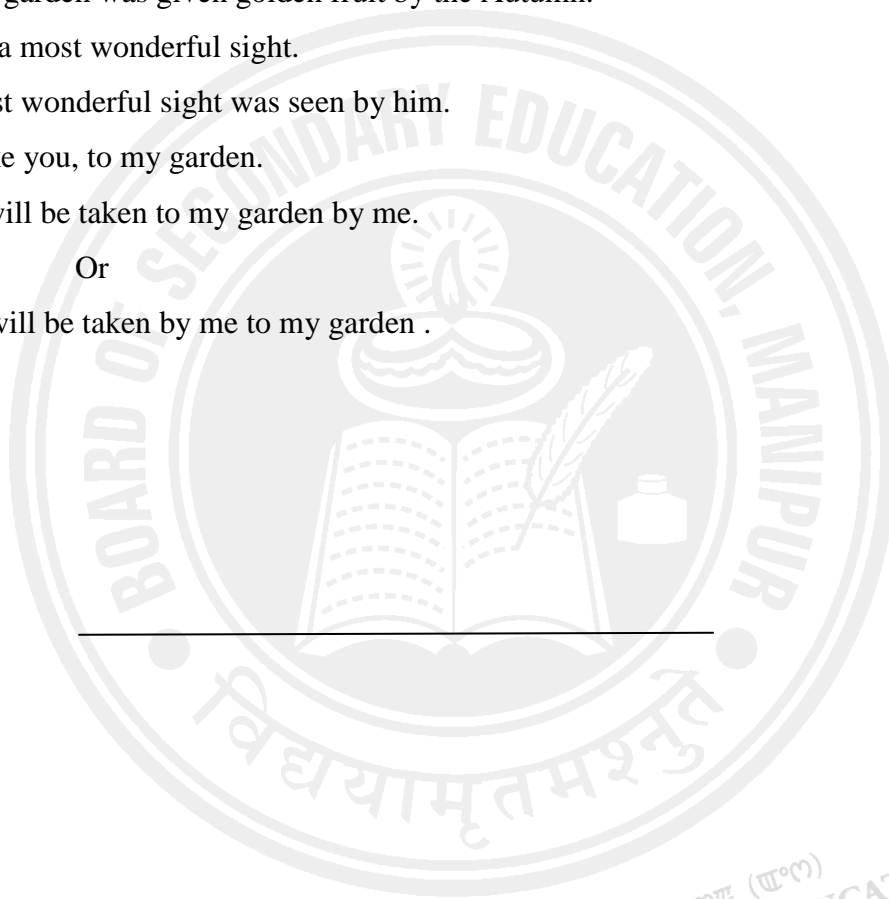
Ans: A most wonderful sight was seen by him.

v) I will take you, to my garden.

Ans: You will be taken to my garden by me.

Or

You will be taken by me to my garden .



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