



Lesson: 6

TRUTH

**SOLUTIONS:**

COMPREHENSION

(1) Answer the following questions:-

I. How many kinds of hurt has the poet described?

Ans: The poet has described two kinds of hurt in the poem, one on the body by physical injury and the other on the mind and heart caused by harsh words.

II. Which hurt is more painful? And why?

Ans: Hurt caused by harsh words are more painful because the physical wounds caused to our body heal up fast but the insult and humiliation caused by words disturb our mind for a long period of time and make our life miserable.

III. Why does the poet compare words to ghosts?

Ans: The poet in the poem compares word to ghosts because the words spoken bitterly continue to haunt and torment the mind for a long time.

IV. What does the poet mean by sword-words? Why are they “slant and curved”?

Ans: By sword-words the poet means words which are as sharp as swords.

They are “slant and curved” so as to inflict the pain more deeply.

V. Explain the meaning of the following lines:

Pain from word has left its scar  
on mind and heart that's tender,  
cut and bruises now have healed;  
It's words that I remember.

Ans: These lines are taken from the poem 'Truth' by Barrie Wade. In these lines the poet explains that the damage caused by harsh language is more than the damage caused by physical injury. Both leave scars-one on the body and the other on the mind and heart. But the scars on the mind and heart do not let us forget the experience.

(2) Do you think that the title "Truth" is suitable to the poem? Give reasons for your answer in two/three lines.

Ans: Yes, I think that the title "Truth" is suitable to the poem.

The poet has named the poem 'Truth' because it is centered on the theme that how the truth is very bitter and difficult to accept for most of us, but if we want ourselves to be in better conditions than we must face the truth.

(3) Pick the rhyming in the last two stanzas:

Ans: Rhyming words in the last stanzas are:-

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| 1. Word   | - | sword    |
| 2. Stick  | - | brick    |
| 3. Tender | - | remember |