



CHAPTER 3 : TOTARAM AND THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

A. Read the line and answer the questions.

1. Totaram watched the other boys and girls go into the new house just outside the village.
 - a. Why did the boys and girls go into the new house just outside the village?
 - b. Was Totaram sad that he was not going with the other children to the new house? Support your answer.
 - c. Where did he go instead?

2. "...I've decided that you and Jai must go to school. Perhaps school's not such a bad thing after all."
 - a. Who spoke these words and who was he speaking to?
 - b. Why did he decide that you and Jai must go to school?
 - c. What was his opinion about school and did it change? How do you know?

ANSWER

1.
 - a. They went to the new house because a school was being started there and they were going to learn.
 - b. Totaram was not sad that he was not going with the other children to the new house because he was afraid of this strange place called school.
 - c. He went with the cattle to the fields.

2.
 - a. Totaram's father spoke these words to Totaram and his sister, Jai.
 - b. He decided that Totaram and his sister should go to school, when he realised that he was saved from being cheated only because his son could read the paper that the strange man was making him sign.
 - c. In the beginning, his father did not like the new idea of school, but when he saw the benefits of learning to read, he decided to send Totaram and his sister to school.

B. Choose the correct answer.

- a. What did most people think of schools in the village at that time?
- i. Most people did not even know that there were schools.
 - ii. Most people thought it was harmful to send their children to school.
 - iii. Most people were very eager to send their children to school.
- b. How did Totaram escape from going to school?
- i. His father said that he needed him in the fields.
 - ii. He ran away when they came home to ask him to join school.
 - iii. His mother encouraged him to stay at home.
- c. From the story, do you think going to school was helpful to Totaram?
- i. Yes, school helped him to escape from hard work in the fields.
 - ii. Yes, his education helped him to save his father from being cheated.
 - iii. No, school did not help him and he found no time to help his parents.

ANSWER

1. ii
2. i
3. ii

C. Circle the Adverbs of degree in these sentences.

- a. All the players have retired, so it's a completely new team.
- b. The children will be too tired to go out after the match.
- c. Wait for Tessa. She has almost finished her work.

ANSWER

- a. completely
- b. too
- c. almost

D. Tick the adverbs of frequency to complete these sentences.

1. Raisha has (always, never) visited kodaikanal
2. My grandparents (usually/ daily) drink tea in the evenings
3. I like eating healthy. So, I (rarely, usually) eat junk food.

ANSWER

1. never
2. usually
3. rarely

E. Complete the sentences with the correct words from the brackets.

1. Hush! We are not _____ to read _____ in the library. (aloud, allowed)
2. My cousin has made an appearance in one _____ in a film. However, I haven't _____ it yet. (seen/scene)

ANSWER

1. allowed, aloud
2. scene, seen