



THE VILLAGE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
"We Nurture Dreams"

GRADE 5 – ENGLISH
QUESTION BANK
CHAPTER 1 – IRAH BECOMES A GARDENER

A. Choose the correct answer.

1. What did Irah want to be?

- a. A scholar
- b. A kite designer
- c. A flower gardener

2. Why didn't Irah know how to read?

- a. She did not get an opportunity to go to a school.
- b. She was lazy, and did not like to go to school.
- c. She was afraid of her teacher, and so did not go to school.

3. How did Irah's mother know that she was sad because she could not read?

- a. Irah told her about the book on flowers.
- b. Irah's mother saw the book on flowers in her room and knew she was crying because she could not read.
- c. She questioned Irah as to why she was angry with her friends.

Answer

- 1. c
- 2. b

3. b

B. State True or False.

1. Irah was an educated girl.
2. Irah's brother and friends made the kite Irah did the illustration.
3. Investors gave five months' time to Irah to complete the book.
4. Irah wanted to be a rose gardener.
5. Irah's mother scolded her for helping her brother.

Answer

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. False

C. Look at the underlined nouns in these sentences. Identify the nouns by choosing the correct options.

1. Devayani and Dheeraj are planning to take their parents to Goa next year. (Proper nouns, Common nouns)
2. They plucked oranges from the tree in the garden. (common noun, proper noun)

Answer

1. Proper noun
2. Common noun

D. Read the line and answer the questions.

1. *“How can I grow roses if I do not know how to take care of them? If only I could read that book!”*

- a. Who is the speaker in these lines?
- b. Why did she have to grow roses?
- c. Why was she worried?

2. *“I can’t help you,” she shouted.*

- a. Who was Irah not able to help?
- b. What did she do?
- c. What was the real problem?

Answer

1. a. The speaker is Irah.

b. She has been selected to become the flower-gardener.

c. She was worried because she could not read. She was unable to read the book that taught how to take care of plants.

2. a. Irah was not able to help her brother and friends to design a kite for the competition.

b. She shouted at them saying that she could not help them and ran away crying to her room.

c. She was actually upset because she did not know how to read and so could not read the book on growing and looking after flowers. This would mean that she could not become a flower gardener.

E. Answer in brief.

1. Why were Irah's friends surprised when she suddenly became angry while talking about the kite?

2. How did Irah's friends help her?

Answer

1. This sudden outburst of anger from Irah was most unusual behaviour. Perhaps she was always a helpful and friendly girl and her friends did not understand why she got angry with them and say that she could not help them.

2. Irah's friends patiently taught her, in turns, to read. She was sincere in learning to read and soon made good progress. In the end, she was able to read the book about flowers.