



Chapter-9 | The Book that Saves the Earth?

Worksheet-2

Multiple Choice Questions

- Why did Think-Tank trust vitamins to help decode the books?**
 - They improved eyesight
 - They made Martians hungry
 - They were believed to increase intelligence
 - They worked like translation devices
- What quality makes Noodle different from Think-Tank?**
 - He is more powerful
 - He is more logical and polite
 - He is a faster reader
 - He is from Earth
- Why was Think-Tank scared of the nursery rhyme "Hey Diddle Diddle"?**
 - He thought cows could talk.
 - He believed cows had space powers.
 - He misunderstood the word "moon".
 - He thought dishes could fly.
- What does Think-Tank's behavior reveal about him?**
 - He is a true leader
 - He respects others' opinions
 - He is proud and insecure
 - He enjoys learning new things
- What theme is shown when Martians misinterpret Earth's books?**
 - Knowledge is harmful
 - Miscommunication can lead to fear
 - War is fun
 - Earth is superior
- Why does Think-Tank rely on others for decisions?**
 - He is too old
 - He trusts his team
 - He lacks real intelligence
 - He enjoys teamwork
- What made the Martians cancel the invasion?**
 - The Earthlings captured them
 - Fear caused by misreading the nursery rhymes
 - The weather on Earth
 - They were running out of food
- What does the play say about books?**
 - They are dangerous
 - They are powerful tools of knowledge
 - They are only for children
 - They are confusing
- How is humor used in the play?**
 - To scare the reader
 - To show the foolishness of arrogance
 - To insult Martians
 - To confuse the audience

10. What does the ending of the play teach us?
- (a) Never read books
 - (b) Always be scared of aliens
 - (c) Peace and understanding are better than war
 - (d) Mars is smarter than Earth

Fill in the blanks :

11. After decoding the rhymes from the book Mother Goose, Think-Tank decides to evacuate Mars and head for _____, a hundred million miles away from Mars.
12. When Think-Tank heard that the cow jumped over the moon, he became terrified. He believed that the humans might at that moment be launching an interplanetary attack of _____.

True / False

13. Five hundred years after the Martian invasion, Earthlings and Martians have resumed contact and have established friendly relations.
14. Think-Tank takes cockle shells to be seashells grown by human beings.

Very Short Type Questions

15. What was the plan of Martians? Did they succeed in their attempt?
16. What made Think-Tank realize that the Earthlings had reached a high level of civilization?

Short Type Questions

17. What is Think-Tank proud of? How do you know?
18. What changes have taken place in the field of books since twentieth century?

Essay Type Questions

19. How did a nursery rhyme book save the Earth from Think Tank?
20. Compare and contrast the characters of Great and Mighty Think Tank and Noodles.

21. **Assertion (A) :** The provided answer describes a scenario where Earthlings help Martians.
Reason (R) : Which of the following statements best identifies the primary reason for this interaction benefiting both planets, according to the answer?
- (a) The Martians gained a new food source, and Earthlings acquired advanced technology.
 - (b) The Earthlings learned Martian military strategies, and Martians gained knowledge of Earth's geography.
 - (c) The interaction fostered mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence, leading to the abandonment of invasion plans and promoting overall development.
 - (d) The Martians improved their communication skills, and Earthlings developed new architectural designs.

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Answer & Solution

1. (c)
Think-Tank believed that taking chemical vitamins would make his crew smarter and able to understand the strange "sandwiches" .
2. (b)
Noodle is intelligent and humble. He suggests ideas gently and helps Think-Tank without showing off.
3. (b)
Think-Tank misunderstood the rhyme and believed cows could jump over the moon, showing Earthlings trained animals for space warfare.
4. (c)
Think-Tank is full of pride but easily frightened, which shows his insecurity and lack of real wisdom.
5. (b)
The play humorously shows how misunderstanding simple things can lead to big, unnecessary fear or panic.
6. (c)
Though he acts superior, Think-Tank depends on Noodle and the crew to figure out everything.
7. (b)
Think-Tank misunderstood the nursery rhymes and got scared, thinking earthlings were more advanced.
8. (b)
The story shows how a simple book could protect Earth, highlighting the hidden power of written knowledge.
9. (b)
The play uses exaggeration and misunderstanding for comedy, especially to show how foolish Think-Tank's pride is.
10. (c)
The play ends with peace and learning, showing that understanding each other is better than fighting.
11. Alpha Centauri
12. cows
13. True
14. False
15. The Martians wanted to invade earth to include it in their domain so they planned to capture and invade the earth in 2040. But they could not succeed in their plan. There was a single book that stopped the invasion of the earth.
16. He considered that the earth was a ridiculous little planet inherited by people with tiny heads. He decided to invade the earth. He sent three of his crew members to do a recce of the earth. The crew members found a book of nursery rhymes in the library. Some of the rhymes were read aloud to Think-Tank. He at once concluded that the people on the earth were far more powerful and advanced than the Martians.

17. Think-Tank is proud of his handsome Martian race and his large Balloon Brain that proves him to be the most intelligent Martian. It is clear from his self-praise and boastful habits.
18. A lot of changes have taken place in the field of books since the twentieth century. The twentieth century was called the 'Era of the Books'. There were books on every subject in those days. These were from ant-eaters to Zulus. Books taught people 'how to', 'when to', 'where to' and 'why to'. They were supposed to be a mine of knowledge. But gradually, books got their significance reduced and started getting replaced with the digital media or 'e-books' with the advent of computers and electronic media. Today, the computers and the digital world have left the books stagnated only in the libraries. The passion of reading the hard-copy of the book is gradually getting replaced with the fashion of 'e-books' or digital material, which is more visually appealing as compared to the regular books. So the future of the books remains uncertain. In the lesson, books help to save us even from a Martian attack. Though it may seem humorous, the lesson gives us a message that books are important and will always be important.
19. Think Tank completely misinterpreted the book of nursery rhymes and interpreted it in a verbal manner. When Omega transcribed 'Hey Diddle Diddle', he thought that the animals on earth were also ready for a space attack. When Omega read the nursery rhyme 'Mistress Mary', he was shocked to discover that metals could be grown in fields on Earth. He thought that the Earthlings were now able to grow high explosives as they had discovered how to combine agriculture and mining. When he saw the image of Humpty-Dumpty, he thought that it was his own brain and the Earthlings were planning to capture the Mass Central Control. Therefore, Think Tank got ready to save his own life instead of invading the earth. Thus, the nursery rhyme book saved the earth.
20. **Great and Mighty Think Tank :**
1. Arrogant and boastful
 2. Lacks knowledge and intelligence
 3. Steals ideas and takes credit
 4. Cowardly and fearful
 5. Relies on others to solve problems
- Noodle :**
1. Humble and respectful
 2. Intelligent and resourceful
 3. Offers ideas politely and doesn't seek credit
 4. Brave and resourceful
 5. Takes initiative and finds solutions

21. The text explains that Mr. Jaffers was a true policeman by highlighting his unwavering commitment to his duty in an extraordinary and terrifying situation. Here's why: Commitment despite disbelief: When Jaffers arrived, he was "very surprised to see that he had to arrest the man without a head." This immediately presents an unbelievable and frightening scenario for any office. Bravery in the face of the unknown: Despite the shock and the increasingly bizarre circumstances (Griffin becoming "more and more invisible" and eventually vanishing entirely), Jaffers "decided to do his duty and fought with the stranger."

"He did not flee or hesitate due to fear of the supernatural or the impossible. Perseverance until incapacitated: He continued to engage with the invisible suspect, even as Griffin systematically removed his clothing to become completely unseen. Jaffers only stopped his pursuit when Griffin "knocked him unconscious. "Therefore, Jaffers is called a "true policeman" because he displayed remarkable courage and dedication, attempting to uphold the law and perform his arrest even when confronted with an invisible, seemingly impossible suspect, fighting until he was physically incapacitated. His commitment to duty, rather than his success in the arrest, defines him as a true policeman."

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