



CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

Poem : The Tale of Custard the Dragon

Part – 2

Explanation

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1. The Dragon : Custard

2. People's Perception on His Appearance

3. His Unexpected Heroism

custard



Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!

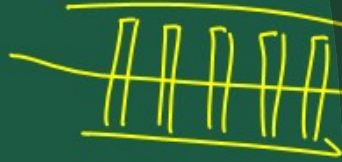
But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,

Ink trickled down to the bottom of the
household,

And little mouse Blink strategically
mouseholed.

paled	:	dull and scared
yelp	:	to shout
trickled	:	move to
strategically	:	with scheme

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,



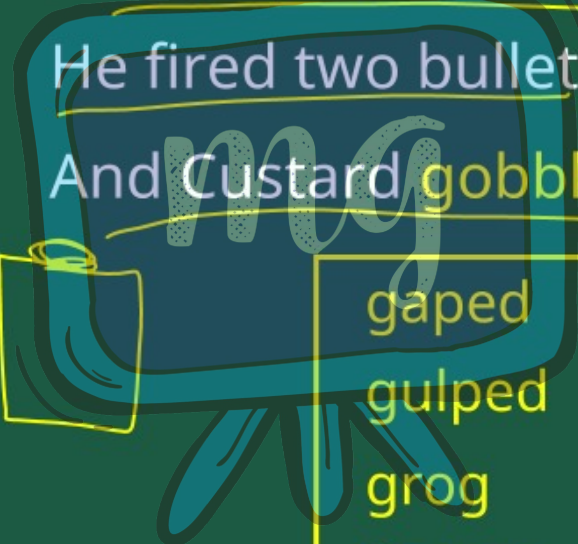
snorting	:	make explosive sound
clashed	:	to meet violently
dungeon	:	underground prison
clatter and clank	:	sounds
jangling	:	jingling sound
squirm	:	wriggle

He went at the pirate like a robin at a
worm.



robin : a bird

The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,
And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,
He fired two bullets, but they didn't hit,
And Custard gobbled him, every bit.



gaped	: <u>to look</u>
gulped	: to drink
grog	: alcohol
flagon	: silver flask
gobbled	: to eat



Belinda **embraced** him, Mustard licked
him,

No one **mourned** for his pirate victim.

Ink and Blink in glee did **gyrate** Around
the dragon that ate the pirate.

embraced : to caress

mourned : to cry

gyrate : a dance

But presently up spoke little dog Mustard,
I'd have been twice as brave if I hadn't
been **flustered**.

Snobbish
high headed
And up spoke Ink and up spoke Blink,
We'd have been three times as brave, we
think,

And Custard said, I quite agree

That everybody is braver than me.

flustered : confused

Belinda still lives in her little white
house,

With her little black kitten and her little
grey mouse,

And her little yellow dog and her little
red wagon,

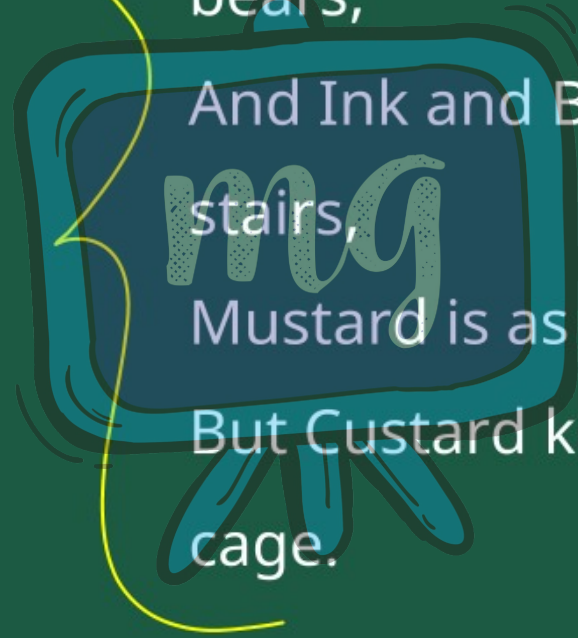
And her realio, trulio little pet dragon.

Belinda is as brave as a barrel full of
bears,

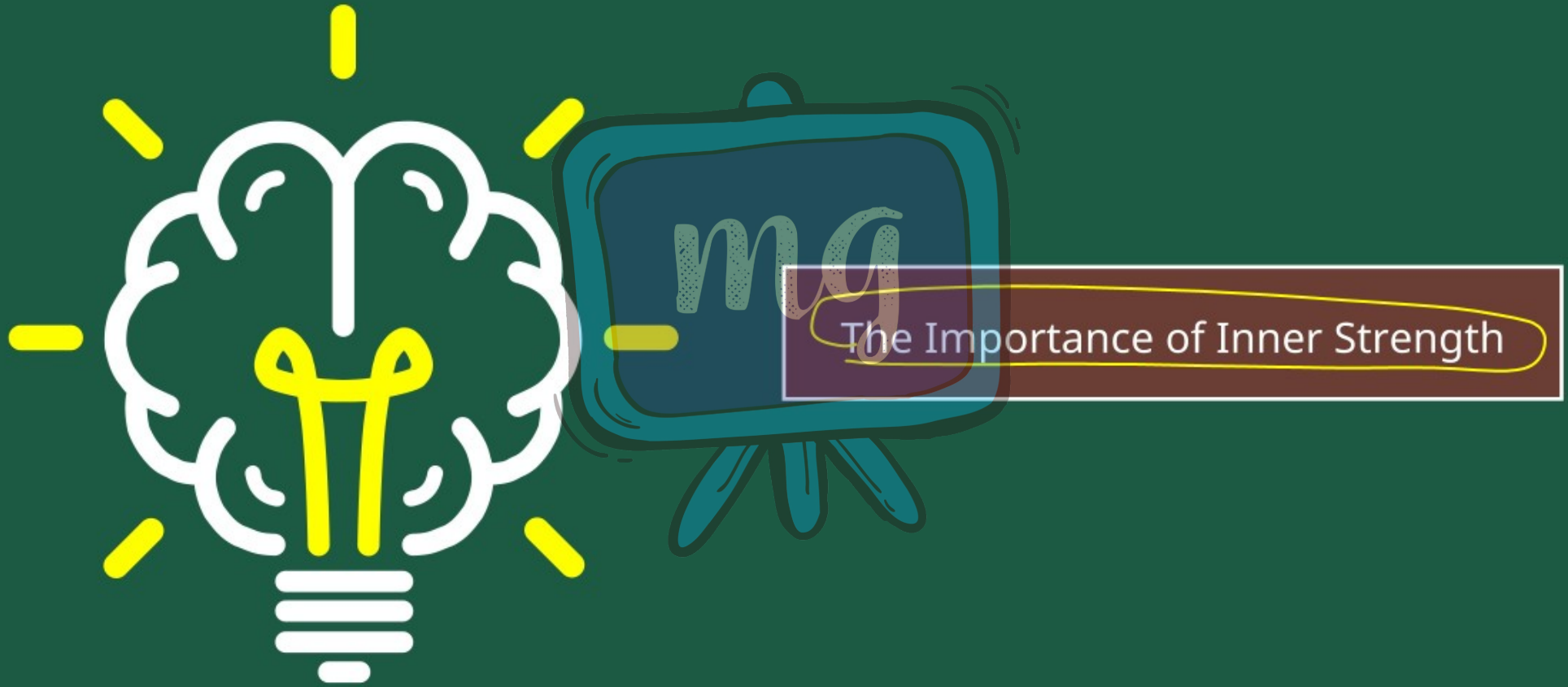
And Ink and Blink chase lions down the
stairs,

Mustard is as brave as a tiger in a rage,

But Custard keeps crying for a nice safe
cage.



LEARNING OUTCOME



The Importance of Inner Strength

1

This poem is a _____ ballad.

- A Humorous
- B Fearful
- C Tragedians
- D None of the above

2

Pick the option that does not display a simile from the extract.

*as
like*

A

X

Clashed his tail like irons.....

B

X

..... at the pirate like a robin at a worm

C

X

.....Custard, snorting like an engine

D

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.....trickled down to the bottom.....