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CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

Poem : The Tale of Custard the Dragon

Part – 2

Explanation

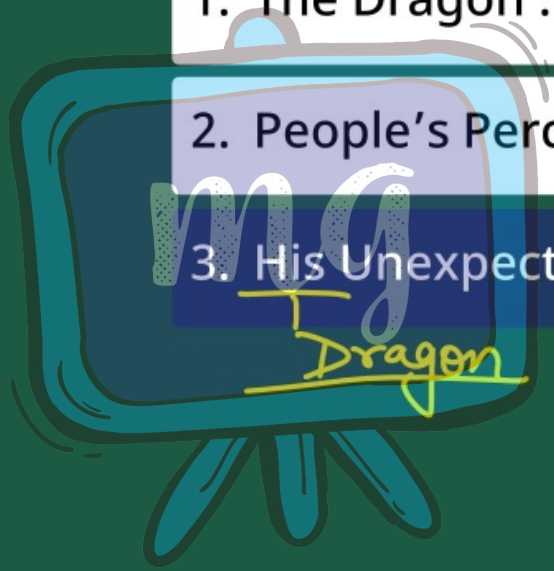
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OVERVIEW

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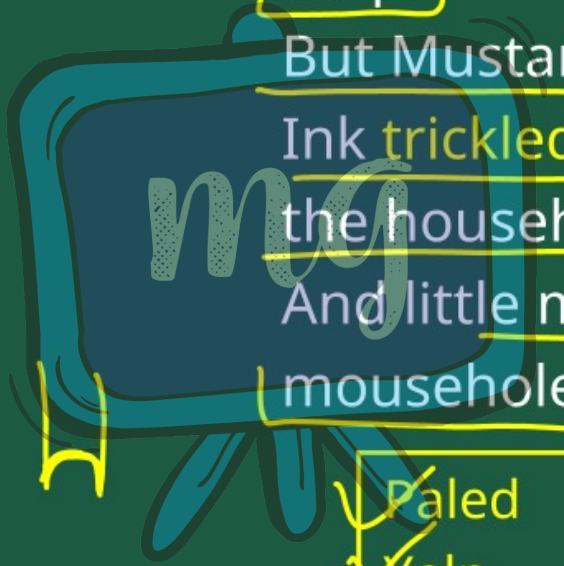
1. The Dragon : Custard
2. People's Perception on His Appearance
3. His Unexpected Heroism



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Belinda paled, and she cried Help!
Help!
But Mustard with a terrified yelp,
Ink trickled down to the bottom of
the household,
And little mouse Blink strategically
moused.



Paled	:	डर से पीला हो जाना
Yelp	:	चीख
Trickled	:	धीरे से जाना
Strategically	:	योजना पूर्वक

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

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Snorting	:	फुंकारते हुए
Clashed	:	झगड़ना
Dungeon	:	भूमिगत क़ैदख़ाना
Clatter and clank	:	खड़खड़ाहट की आवाज
Jangling	:	खड़खड़ाना
Squirm	:	छटपटाना
Robin	:	भूरे रंग की चिड़ियाँ

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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	:	आश्चर्य से देखना
Gulped	:	तेजी से पीना
Grog	:	पेय पदार्थ
Flagon	:	बर्तन (चाँदी या मिट्टी)
Gobbled	:	तेजी से खाना

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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	:	गले लगाना
Mourned	:	दुखी होना
Victim	:	शिकार/पीड़ित
Gyrate	:	गोल घूम के नाचना

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

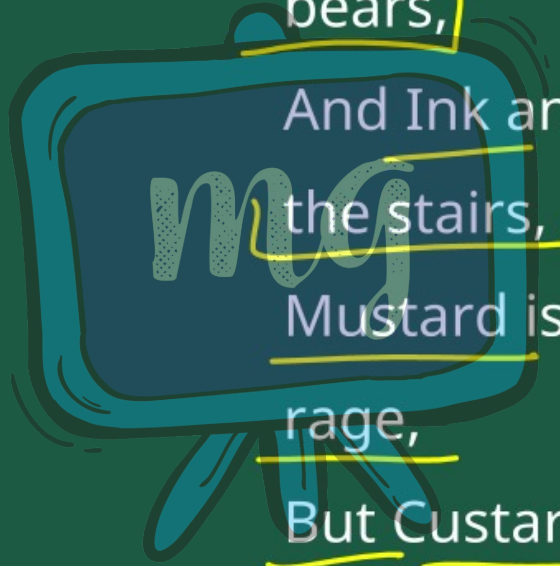
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Belinda still lives in her little white house,
With her little black kitten and her little grey mouse,
And her little yellow dog and her little red wagon,
And her realio, trulio little pet dragon.

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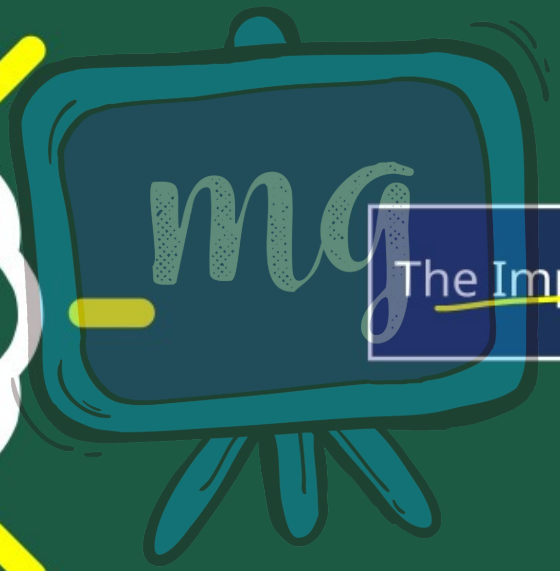
Belinda is as brave as a barrel full of bears,
And Ink and Blink chase lions down the stairs,
Mustard is as brave as a tiger in a rage,
But Custard keeps crying for a nice safe cage.

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The Importance of Inner Strength

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1 This poem is a ___ ballad.

A Humorous

B Fearful

C Tragedians

D None of the above

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

like/as → Metaphor-

A Clashed his tail like irons.....

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

C .....Custard, snorting like an engine.....

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