

**Riviera International Academy**  
**Assignment-2077**  
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**Class: Six**

**Subject- English**

- Read the story carefully and find the meaning of the difficult words from the dictionary.

## A Day's Wait

Read the story of a young boy who is gripped by his childhood fears.

He came into the room to shut the windows while we were still in bed and I saw he looked ill. He was shivering, his face was white, and he walked slowly as though it ached to move.

'What's the matter, Schatz?'

'I've got a headache.'

'You better go back to bed.'

'No. I'm all right.'

'You go to bed. I'll see you when I'm dressed.'

But when I came downstairs he was dressed, sitting by the fire, looking a very sick and miserable boy of nine years. When I put my hand on his forehead I knew he had a fever.

'You go up to bed,' I said, 'you're sick.'

'I'm all right,' he said.

When the doctor came he took the boy's temperature.

'What is it?' I asked him.

'One hundred and two.'

Downstairs, the doctor left three different medicines in different coloured capsules with instructions for giving them. One was to bring down the fever, another a purgative<sup>1</sup>, the third to overcome an acid condition. The germs of influenza can only exist in an acid condition, he explained. He seemed to know all about influenza and said there was nothing to worry about if the fever did not go above one hundred and four degrees. This was a light epidemic of flu and there was no danger if you avoided pneumonia.

Back in the room I wrote the boy's temperature down and made a note of the time to give the various capsules.

'Do you want me to read to you?'

'All right. If you want to,' said the boy. His face was very white and there were dark areas under his eyes. He lay still in the bed and seemed very detached from what was going on.

I read aloud from *Howard Pyle's Book of Pirates*; but I could see he was not following what I was reading.

'How do you feel, Schatz?' I asked him.

'Just the same, so far,' he said.

I sat at the foot of the bed and read to myself while I waited for it to be time to give another capsule. It would have been natural for him to go to sleep, but when I looked up he was looking at the foot of the bed, looking very strangely.

'Why don't you try to go to sleep? I'll wake you up for the medicine.'

'I'd rather stay awake.'



<sup>1</sup>purgative a pill to clear the stomach

After a while he said to me, 'You don't have to stay in here with me, Papa, if it bothers you.'

'It doesn't bother me.'

'No, I mean you don't have to stay if it's going to bother you.'

I thought perhaps he was a little light-headed and after giving him the prescribed capsules at eleven o'clock I went out for a while.

It was a bright, cold day, the ground covered with a sleet that had frozen so that it seemed as if all the bare trees, the bushes, the cut brush and all the grass and the bare ground had been varnished with ice. I took the young Irish setter<sup>2</sup> for a little walk up the road and along a frozen creek, but it was difficult to stand or walk on the glassy surface and the red dog slipped and slithered and I fell twice.

At the house they said the boy had refused to let anyone come into the room.

'You can't come in,' he said. 'You mustn't get what I have.'

I went up to him and found him in exactly the position I had left him, white-faced, but with the tops of his cheeks flushed by the fever, staring still, as he had stared, at the foot of the bed.

I took his temperature.

'What is it?'

'Something like a hundred,' I said. It was one hundred and two and four tenths.

'It was a hundred and two,' he said.

'Who said so?'

'The doctor.'

'Your temperature is all right,' I said. 'It's nothing to worry about.'

'I don't worry,' he said, 'but I can't keep from thinking.'

'Don't think,' I said. 'Just take it easy.'

'I'm taking it easy,' he said and looked straight-ahead. He was evidently holding tight onto himself about something.

'Take this with water.'

'Do you think it will do any good?'

'Of course it will.'



<sup>2</sup>Irish setter a hunting dog

I sat down and opened the Pirate book and commenced to read, but I could see he was not following, so I stopped.

'About what time do you think I'm going to die?' he asked.

'What?'

'About how long will it be before I die?'

'You aren't going to die. What's the matter with you?'

'Oh, yes, I am. I heard him say a hundred and two.'

'People don't die with a fever of one hundred and two. That's a silly way to talk.'

'I know they do. At school in France the boys told me you can't live with forty-four degrees. I've got a hundred and two.'

He had been waiting to die all day, ever since nine o'clock in the morning.

'You poor Schatz,' I said. 'Poor old Schatz. It's like miles and kilometres. You aren't going to die. That's a different thermometer. On that thermometer thirty-seven is normal. On this kind it's ninety-eight.'

'Are you sure?'

'Absolutely,' I said. 'It's like miles and kilometers. You know, like how many kilometers we make when we do seventy miles in the car?'

'Oh,' he said.

But his gaze at the foot of the bed relaxed slowly. The hold over himself relaxed too, finally, and the next day it was very slack and he cried very easily at little things that were of no importance.



Ernest Hemingway

Ernest Hemingway's (1899–1961) works are considered to be classics of American literature. He won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954. Some of his famous works include *The Sun Also Rises*, *A Farewell to Arms* and *The Old Man and the Sea*.

- After reading the story, why do you think that the story is called 'A Day's Wait'? Give two reasons in support of your answer.

## Subject: Social Studies

### Lesson –Our Municipal Executive and Its Functions

#### a. Answer the following questions:

Sub-Metropolitan City

A Sub-Metropolis should possess the following requirements:

- A minimum population of 1 lakh
- Minimum Annual Income of 10 crores
- Facilities like electricity, drinking water, and communication
- Main Road of a city is pitched
- Facility of higher education and health service
- Have minimum physical facilities for conducting national & international sports and games
- Facilities like gardens, parks & city hall be available
- Has already become Metropolis

Metropolitan City

A metropolitan city should possess the following requirements:

- A minimum population of 3 lakhs
- A minimum annual income of 400 million
- Facilities like electricity, drinking water, and communication
- Main Road and other link roads are pitched
- Availability of special health services like hospital, medical college etc.
- Has physical facilities for conducting international sports and games
- Sufficient opportunities are available for higher education with at least one university
- Has already become sub-metropolis

1. How is a Municipal Executive formed?
2. How many municipalities are there in Nepal?
3. Write down any five requirements a sub-metropolis should meet.
4. Write down any five requirements a metropolitan city should meet.

## Subject- Mathematics

1. The table given below shows the number of different animals kept in a zoo. Draw a bar graph to show their numbers.

Animals	Rabbit	Monkey	Deer	Bird	Tiger
Numbers	20	16	25	40	5

2. The number of students in the primary level of a school are given below. Draw a bar graph to show the numbers.

Classes	1	2	3	4	5
No. of students	35	30	40	25	20

3. The number of students who passed the S.L.C. examination from a school in different years are given in the table. Draw a bar graph to represent the data.

Years	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067
No. of students who passed	36	45	60	50	64	55

The End.