

Chapter 1: Life

WARMING UP! [PAGE 2]

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There are many popular lines like:-

- 'Life is a gameplay it well'.
- 'Life is a journey- keep going ahead'.

Discuss and write down a few such metaphorical lines about 'life'. You can make them up yourselves.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

SOLUTION

1. You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.
2. Only 1 can change my life, no one else can do it for me.
3. Life is 10% what happens to you, and 90% how you react to it.
4. Life isn't about finding yourself, it is about creating yourself.
5. A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.

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Prepare as many 'acrostics' using the word LIFE, as you can. Two examples are given below.

- Live
- In
- Freedom
- Ever
- Liberty
- Integrity
- Fraternity
- Equality

You can turn it into a game, using a time -limit. Make sure your acrostics are related to 'life'.

SOLUTION

- Love
- Inspiration
- Friendship
- Enjoyment



- Lessons
- Internet
- Fulfillment
- Eternal.

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Listen carefully and write the word in the appropriate column.

| Positive Feelings | Negative Feelings |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| | |

Teacher: hopeful, lonely, happy, jealous, surprised, shy, loving, proud, cheerful, anxious, nervous, excited, embarrassed, scared, silly, comfortable, peaceful, depressed, enthusiastic, motivated, inspired, threatened, crushed, angry.

SOLUTION

| Positive Feelings | Negative Feelings |
|--|--|
| Hopeful, happy, surprised, loving, proud, cheerful, excited, comfortable, peaceful, enthusiastic, motivated, inspired. | Lonely, jealous, shy, anxious, nervous, embarrassed, scared, silly, depressed, threatened, crushed, angry. |

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Note that it is possible to feel both kinds of emotions at the same time. Have you experienced it? Try to describe the situation in short.

SOLUTION

Do it yourself.

ENGLISH WORKSHOP [PAGE 4]

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Pick out from the poem, two lines each that reflect an optimistic (positive) attitude and pessimistic (negative) attitude.

Optimism :

1. _____
2. _____

Pessimism :

1. _____



2. _____

SOLUTION

Optimism :

1. Oft a little morning rain, Foretells a pleasant day.
2. If the shower will make the roses bloom, Oh, why lament its fall?

Pessimism:

1. Sometimes there are clouds of gloom.
2. What though Sorrow seems to win, O'er hopes a heavy sway?

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Give other '-ly' adverbs of similar meaning for the following. Use a thesaurus if needed.

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| rapidly | _____ |
| merrily | _____ |
| gratefully | _____ |
| cheerily | _____ |
| manfully | _____ |
| fearlessly | _____ |
| gloriously | _____ |
| victoriously | _____ |

SOLUTION

| | |
|------------|----------------------------|
| rapidly | <u>quickly</u> |
| merrily | <u>happily</u> |
| gratefully | <u>thankfully</u> |
| cheerily | <u>joyfully</u> |
| manfully | <u>bravely</u> |
| fearlessly | <u>courageously</u> |



| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| gloriously | <u>wonderfully</u> |
| victoriously | <u>successfully</u> |

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Pick out three examples of interrogation (rhetorical questions) from the poem.
Explain in your own words the point that each one makes.

| Interrogation | Explanation |
|---------------|-------------|
| (1) | |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |

SOLUTION

| Interrogation | Explanation |
|---|--|
| (1) If the shower will make the roses bloom, Oh, why lament its fall? | The poet tells us that whenever the sky is covered with dark clouds we are not able to see the sun. But when it rains, the roses bloom, so we shouldn't dislike the rain. |
| (2) What though Death at times steps in, And calls our Best away? | The poet tells us that sometimes death which is inevitable may take our loved ones away, so it is okay and we should accept it as a part of our lives. |
| (3) What though Sorrow seems to win, O'er hopes a heavy sway? | The poet tells us that sometimes sorrow takes over all other happy things and thus has a negative influence on our hope, so we should accept the situation just as we accept happiness in our lives. |

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Explain the metaphor in the following line :

Oft a little morning rain
Foretells a pleasant day.

SOLUTION

In this statement morning, rain is compared to darkness and gloom in life.

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Explain the metaphor in the following line :

... the shower will make the roses bloom.



SOLUTION

In this statement, roses refer to the good things in life.

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Explain the metaphor in the following line :

Life's sunny hours flit by.

SOLUTION

In this statement, sunny hours are compared to happy days.

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Pick out four examples of personification. Write what is personified in each :

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

SOLUTION

1. Oft a little morning rain Foretells a pleasant day - Rain is given the human quality of foretelling.
2. Life's sunny hours flit by - Sunny hours are given the human quality of flitting by.
3. What though Death at times steps in - Death is given the human quality of stepping in.
4. What though Sorrow seems to win - Sorrow is given the human quality of winning.

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'And calls our Best away' is a gentle way of expressing the unpleasant idea of a loved one dying. It is an example of euphemism. Think and write down 3 or 4 ways in which we can express the idea of 'death' in a tactful and gentle manner.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

SOLUTION

1. He passed away.
2. He has gone to heaven.
3. He is no more.
4. He is one with God again.
5. He kicked the bucket.

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‘..... and that’s how I realized that courage and hope can help me overcome any major mishap/problem in life.’ Write an episode/experience from your own life that leads to the above conclusion.

SOLUTION

Once on a Sunday afternoon, I was held at gunpoint on the corner of the road behind a tree. I saw a man walking by but couldn't utter a word as the young man standing behind me twisting my arm had threatened to kill me if I shouted for help. At that very moment, I thought my life was over but I wasn't going to give up hope.

This happened when I was on my way to my friend's house. I had sensed that someone was following me. But, in spite of checking twice, I did not notice anyone. Then suddenly this young man wearing fairly decent clothes pulled me behind a tree and said, "I know your father has won a lottery. Call him and tell him that you are kidnapped ... ". I had a plan, I stopped him halfway and said, "You are mistaken. My father didn't win any lottery."

The young man seemed confused when he heard this. He pulled me in front of him and said angrily, "I'm no fool... " I was waiting for that moment, as I was confident of my two years of karate training, I kicked the gun from the man's hand, two more blows and in a couple of seconds, he lay flat on the roadside. I quickly shouted for help, a few people gathered around me and called the police and that's how I realized that courage and hope can help me overcome any major mishap/problem in life.

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Read: 'The Psalm of Life' - a poem by H. W. Longfellow.

SOLUTION

A Psalm of Life

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

What The Heart Of The Young Man Said To; The Psalmist.

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;



But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, however pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act,- act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God overhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

