

Chapter 4: Papa Panov's Special Christmas

ENGLISH WORKSHOP [PAGE 104]

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Write the homophones (words which sound the same) of the following words in the story.

1. no:
2. went :
3. through :
4. dear :
5. pair :
6. soul :
7. here :
8. knew :
9. whole :

SOLUTION

1. no: know
2. went: vent
3. through: threw
4. dear: deer
5. pair: pear, pare
6. soul: sole
7. here: here
8. knew: new
9. whole: hole

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Correct the following sentence and rewrite them.

The best shoes that Papa Panov had made were a pair of lady's shoes.

SOLUTION

The best shoes that Papa Panov had made were a pair of tiny leather shoes.

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Correct the following sentence and rewrite them.

Papa Panov gave hot soup to the sweeper, milk to the young mother, and coffee to the beggars.

SOLUTION

Papa Panov gave hot coffee to the sweeper, milk to the baby, and hot soup to the beggars.



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Correct the following sentence and rewrite them.

By afternoon, Papa Panov had stopped looking out for Jesus.

SOLUTION

By the time dusk had fallen, Papa Panov had stopped looking out for Jesus.

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Correct the following sentence and rewrite them.

Papa Panov saw the sweeper, the young mother, and the beggars he had helped only once in the morning.

SOLUTION

Papa Panov saw the sweeper, the young mother, and the beggars twice, once during the day and once at night.

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Correct the following sentence and rewrite them.

Jesus had actually visited Papa Panov only once on Christmas Eve.

SOLUTION

Jesus had visited Papa Panov only once on Christmas Eve and several times on Christmas day.

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Write a character sketch of Papa Panov in your own words.

SOLUTION

Papa Panov was a kind and humble shoe-maker. He lived in a village in Russia. He was a cheerful man, who lived alone. He was a widower and his grown-up children had left home to seek their fortune. He was loved by his villagers. He was a happy man with laughter wrinkles on his face indicating his happy life. He was quite old and had weak eyesight which made him wear spectacles. He earned a decent living. We come to know of this because he helped people in distress. He seems to be a god-fearing and pious man because he not only dreamt of God in his dream but also spoke to him. Though he was lonely he brightened himself up by helping people when needed. We



can sum these qualities of Papa Panov as being a wonderful human being with a golden heart. He is filled with humaneness, empathy, selflessness, and love for mankind making him God's beloved creature.

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Write your own interpretation of the story.

SOLUTION

The story of 'Papa Panov' according to me is an interesting story to introduce to children, inculcating in them values of selflessness, empathy, sharing and love for humanity. God resides in those who love their kind, is vividly put forth through this story. This story has inspired me to go out and help those in need. The smile and blessings I get when I help the needy makes my day and makes me feel blessed. It is rightly said 'Service to man is service to God'.

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Do you know of similar stories in your mother tongue or in other languages? Narrate it in short.

SOLUTION

Students do it on your own.

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Gather more information about cold winters in Russia.

SOLUTION

Winters in Russia are not extremely cold and the average winter temperature does not fall below - 15 degrees Celsius.

Russia is one of the coldest countries in the world in winter, with frosts of up to - 30 degrees Celsius common in the Moscow area and getting even colder further North. The coldest month is January at - 8 degrees C.

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Which season would you say is the hardest in your locality? What help would the poor and homeless people need in that season?

SOLUTION

The rainy season is the hardest season in my locality. The poor and homeless people are without a roof and have to remain wet and huddled under some shelter for hours. They do not have proper shelter, clothes, food, and drinking water. This is a season



which brings in a lot of sicknesses, which if not treated could be fatal. Medical help is also necessary for them in this season which is difficult for them to get.