

## 1.2 The thief story

### 1.2 warming up

(a) In the given story, which words/phrases can be replaced by the following ones?

(i) became aware

Ans. Realized

(ii) always

Ans. Invariably

(iii) very upset and helpless

Ans. Desperate

(iv) cheating

Ans. Foul means

(v) without working for it

Ans. Unearned

(vi) a sudden change

Ans. A turning point

(vii) gain/achieve

Ans. Acquire

(b) Summarize the incident in 6 to 8 lines making Lokesh the narrator:

**Begin with: I was always a class topper**

Ans. I was always a class topper in tests and examinations. However, I have to accept that I invariably used false means to gain those high marks.

Once, on the day of the History examination, Farhan became desperate as he had come prepared for Maths. Instead of History. I offered to let him copy from my answer sheet, but Farhan refused, saying that he did not want to score a single unearned mark, and that cheating was for cowards. This was the turning point in my life, and from that day I gave up cheating and learnt to work hard for whatever I wanted.

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2. Insert the appropriate word/phrase given below, in the sentences that follow.

(a) I the school gate when I heard the school-bell ring.

Ans. dashed to



**(b) After the death of my pet dog, my when dad got me a new pup.**

**Ans.** spirits rose

**(c) Do not stoop to just to gain something from someone.**

**Ans.** flattery

**(d) The artist completes his paintings a**

**Ans.** by fits and starts

**(C) The crime went Waddled. for 11 years.**

**Ans.** undetected

**(f) When the baby saw its mother it gave an appealing smile.**

**Ans.** appealing

**3. (a) Find from the text the collocation for the following.**

**(i) dog**

**Ans.** stray

**(ii) man**

**Ans.** Greedy

**(iii) ticket**

**Ans.** Office

**(IV) slowly**

**Ans.** Walk

**(v) drizzle**

**Ans.** Light

**(vi) sentences**

**Ans.** Whole

**(vii) spirits.**

**Ans.** Rose

**(b) Complete the compound words from the story.**

**(i) oil**

**Ans.** Rich

**(ii)fifty**

**Ans.** Puppy

**(iii) easy**

**Ans.** going



(iv) tower

Ans. clock

(v) moon

Ans. Length

(c) Pick out from the story 3 or 4 examples of Code-mixing (Indian words used in English).

Ans. bazaar, maiden, pyjamas

4. Read the story carefully and complete the table:

Total no. of characters	Names	Ages
2	Anil	25
—	Hari	15

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Physical appearance	Earned money by	Qualities.
Tall, lean, with a clear, unlined face	Writing for magazine; writing books	Kind, simple, easy-going, pleasant, forgiving, tactful
Thin, with many scars on the face	Stealing and cheating people	Cunning, shrewd, insincere, untruthful, ambitious, grateful.

5. Complete the given sentences.

(a) Anil kept Hari as a cook because he

Ans. He wanted someone to cook for him. He perhaps also felt sorry for hari.

(b) Hari was grateful

Ans. because anil was teaching him to read. Write and add numbers, and all this would be useful to him in his life.

(e) Hari continued making money

Ans. By cheating anil while buying the day's supplies.



**(d) Anil didn't hand Hari over to the police**

**Ans.** Because he forgave him

**(e) The moral of the story is**

**Ans.** Never give up

**6. think write in your own words to your notebook**

**(a) Why did Anil employ Hari as a cook, although he could not attend to pay him?**

**Ans.** Anil wanted someone to cook for him. He felt that perhaps Hari could cook for him, and in return he could feed him, as he could not afford to pay him. Anil was also kind-hearted and probably felt sorry for Hari.

**(b) What did Hari learn from Anil in the beginning?**

**Ans.** Answer is not available at the moment.

**(c) Why didn't Anil hand over Hari to the police! What effect would it have on Hari?**

**Ans.** Yes, Anil's way of handling a thief like Hari was effective. Anil had realized that Hari really wished to learn to write whole sentence, get an education and become a big man. So by forgiving him and giving him the motivation to learn. He changed Hari, which no police action could have done.

**d) Do you feel Anil's way of handling a thief like Hari was effective Justify your answer.**

**Ans.** Answer is not available at the moment.

**(e) What tactic Anil used to change Hari's dishonest ways?**

**Ans.** Anil had ignored Hari's attempts at robbing him. He had then tempted him by saying that they would start writing sentence. For wholeheartedly. Anil provided motivation for Hari to change his ways.

**(f) 'And the smile came by itself without any effort'. Say why. When do people give fake smile?**

**Ans.** Hari regretted what he had done. He went back to Anil in order to get education. He realized that Anil knew that he had been robbed. He was relieved and happy that Anil had decided to ignore what had happened and to teach him to write whole sentence. He gave him an appealing smile to ask forgiveness for what he had done.

**7. Write a character sketch of Hari Singh with the help of the following points, using the paragraph format.**

**Hari Singh's background His dishonesty His aspirations His courage to change himself**

**Ans.** Hari Singh was fifteen years old, but already an experienced and fairly successful thief. He used to change his name frequently so as not to get caught by his former employers, whom he must have cheated, or by the police. He even cheated Anil when he went to buy



the daily supply of groceries. However, he wished to get an education so that he could become a big and respected man, who would be able to achieve a lot.

He stole a large sum of money from Anil, but regretted it when he realized that in doing so he had lost his only chance of getting an education. He is courageous enough to return the money, even though he knows that he may be caught in the process. However, his desire to change himself is so great that it motivates him and gives him courage to return to Anil

**8. Frame Wh questions to get the answers underlined below. (Change the first person pronouns to the second person where necessary.)**

**(a) I hurried back to the room.**

**Ans.** Where did you hurried back

**(b) I had made a study of men's faces.**

**Ans.** Where did you studied

**(c) I drew them out without a sound.**

**Ans.** how did you drew then out

**(d) The poor man showed acceptance.**

**Ans.** Who shouted acceptance

**(e) I made to in the morning**

**Ans.** When did you make tea

**9. Imagine that Anil catches Hari red-handed when Hari is stealing the money from under the mattress. Compose a short dialogue between the two, which reflects Anil's shock and Hari's repeated apologies.**

**Ans. Anil:** Who's that? Hari? What are you doing?

**Hari:** Um..nothing; I was just seeing if your money was safe.

**Anil:** You mean you were trying to steal my money. You are dressed; you were planning to rob me and run away! Yes, that's it!

**Hari:** I'm sorry, Anil, I'm sorry.

**Anil:** How can you steal from the hand that feeds you? I thought you would have improved! Don't you want to read and write properly? Do maths?

**Hari:** I did not think about it. I'm sorry, really sorry.

**Anil:** Alright, I'll overlook this, providing you promise me never to steal again, from me or from anyone else.

**Hari:** Yes, yes, I promise. Will you really forgive me and continue to teach me?

**Anil:** Yes. I hope you keep your word.

**Hari:** Thank you. I'll keep my word. I promise. Sorry once again.