

English – vi

Based on Course Book

Chapter- 2

Topic – Traveling With Grandfather's Zoo

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2. Pick out a few humorous incidents from the story.

Ans- A few humorous incidents from the story are as follows:-

- a. While family climbing aboard the Lucknow Express and later While getting into the taxi,¹ Popeye shrieked, ' all aboard '.**
- b. Popeye nipped two fingers of the people who were poking their hands in through the windows and tweaked a ticket inspector's ear.**
- c. Python was curled up contentedly on the remains of their dinner and again goes out of the tiffin basket in search of water.**
- d. Grandfather snapped the basket shut and pushed it back beneath the berth and says that they mustn't let Grandmother see him.**
- e. When Grandfather finds the empty tiffin basket he dashed out of the compartment in his pajamas and finds the Python curled up in the washbasin.**
- f. When Grandfather returns to the berth with the Python, Grandmother was sitting up on her birth and scolds Grandfather.**
- g. Popeye kept one suspicious eye on the quivering tiffin basket that Aunt Mabel had kept on her lap in the taxi.**
- h. When Grandfather and the author says to Aunt Mabel that she was seeing things due to heat then Popeye broke into shrieks of maniacal laughter and soon everyone, including a slightly hysterical Aunt Mabel, was doubled up with laughter.**

3. The author attributes human qualities to the animals in the story. Pick out a few examples of these. What does this show about the Author's feelings for animals?

Ans- The author attributed human qualities to the animals in the story. A few examples of these are as follows:-

- a. *Popeye's shrieking, 'All aboard!', its act of keeping one suspicious eye on the quivering tiffin basket and to break into shrieks of maniacal laughter.*
- b. *Timothy sat and behaved perfectly throughout the journey on an entire berth to himself.*
- c. *Chip's coming back to the author after scurrying along the corridor, his making friends with both children and grown-ups who fed him roasted peanuts and presented author with a peanut.*
- d. *Python's entering into the washroom in search of water.*

This show about the author's feelings for animals that he was indeed an animal lover who thinks that the pets can attribute human qualities due to our friendly behaviour to them.

4. Write a character sketch of Aunt Mabel.

Ans- Aunt Mabel was a schoolteacher in Lucknow. She was terrified of all reptiles, particularly snakes. She was very much fond of eating good food.

HW- Do Life Skills and Values at page no. 32.