

6English Notes

Class- VII

Based on Literature

Chapter- 2

Topic – Excuses, Excuses

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B. Answer the questions briefly.

1. Why was Blenkinsop's teacher tired of him?

Ans- Blenkinsop's teacher was tired of hearing his excuses everyday. In every PE class he used to make the excuses of his grandmother's death, he made this excuse 4 times, that was only on PE class. Sometimes he said he had been to dentist to check up his teeth so he missed the Math class. Sometimes he said he was not ready for PE because his PE kit was at home and not ironed and he could not do it. It could not had got done because his grandmother was dead.

2. Whom did the boy blame for his late arrival?

Ans- The boy blamed his grandmother for his late arrival. He said his grandmother was dead.

3. What seemed ridiculous about Blenkinsop's grandmother's death?

Ans- Blenkinsop made the excuses of his grandmother's death 4 times, that was only on PE class. So it seemed ridiculous to have the same excuses in every PE class.

4. Why had the errant child missed math test even though he was looking forward to it?

Ans- The errant child missed Math test even though he was looking forward to it because he said that he had gone to dentist to check up his teeth.

5. What was his excuse for missing his PE class?

Ans- First of all his grandmother was always dead in every PE class. Secondly he said his PE kit was at home because it was not ironed and he could not do it. His grandmother used to do it but he was no more.

6. What does the poem reveal about Blenkinsop's character? Tick the character traits you agree with and give reasons for your answer.

1. **Focused**:- Since he was always focused on making excuses for delay.
2. **Irresponsible**:- Yes, he was ,irresponsible to schooling and learning.
3. **Imaginative**:- Yes, he was imaginative in making different excuses.
4. **Lethargic**:- He made excuses for not attending the class meant him lethargic.
5. **Confident**:- He was confident over making excuses and replying his teacher.
6. **Witty**:- He was witty to make excuses.
7. **Offensive**:- It was offensive to a child, making excuses for avoiding study and schooling.
8. **Ridiculous**:- The excuses of his grandmother's death seemed ridiculous, that was being four times only on PE class.
9. **Friendly**:- He was friendly while talking to his teacher.
10. **Patient**:- He had patient so he continued making excuses.
11. **Clever**:- He was clever to make excuses.

HW- Learn the poem by heart.