

Madam Rides the Bus

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Madam

1. What was Valli's favourite pastime?

Ans. Valli's favourite pastime was standing in the front doorway of her house and looking all the street outside.

2. What was the source of unending joy of Valli? What was her strongest desire?

Ans. The sight of the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town, filled each time with a new set of passengers was a source of unending joy for Valli. Her strongest desire was to ride the bus.

3. What did Valli find out about the bus journey? How did she find these details?

Valli found out that the bus journey ~~to~~ to the town took 45 minutes and the one-way fare costed 30 paise. She listened

Carefully to the conversation between her neighbours and people who regularly used the bus and asked a few discreet questions here and there. This way she picked up ~~up~~ various small details about the bus journey.

4. What do you think O'Valli was planning to do?

Ans. Valli was planning to go to the town and then return back by the same bus. The fare was 2 paise one way and the ride took forty five minutes. In this way she planned that she would be back by 3:45 pm if she took the bus at 1:00 pm.