

1. Read the following poem carefully :

My Dog Lives on the Sofa

My dog lives on the sofa
 That's where he wants to be
 He likes to sit there night and day
 And watch what's on T.V.
 He surfs the channels *constantly*¹
 By chewing the remote
 Then watches what he wants to watch
 I never get a vote.
 He's fond of films with animals
 He takes in nature shows
 Whenever cat cartoons come on
 He always watches those
 He loves the pet *commercials*² too
 And anything with food
 Whenever there's a tennis match
 To the T.V. he is *glued*³ !
 I got him from the dog pound
 He didn't cost a cent
 I asked them for a "watch dog,"
 But this isn't what I meant !

- Ken Nesbitt

1.1 Choose the option which is correct or most appropriate.

- Who is the central character in the poem ?
 (a) the poet (b) the poet's dog
 (c) the T.V. (d) cat cartoon
- He manages to surf the channels _____ .
 (a) with his feet (b) with his teeth
 (c) by chewing the remote (d) with his tail
- The dog is particularly fond of _____ .
 (a) films with animals (b) chewing the remote
 (c) nature shows (d) cat cartoons
- The dog remains glued to the T.V. whenever there _____ .
 (a) are his pet commercials (b) are animal films
 (c) is a tennis match (d) are cat cartoons
- The dog didn't cost the poet _____ .
 (a) one dollar (b) ten cents
 (c) a cent (d) fifty cents

VALUE POINTS

About the poem

It is a humorous poem narrating the habits of the poet's pet dog. The dog likes to sit on the sofa and watch T.V. all the time.

Lines 1-4

The dog loves to sit on the sofa and watch the T.V. day and night.

Lines 5-8

He surfs the channels by chewing the remote and watches channels of his choice.

Lines 9-12

He is fond of films with animals. But he also likes to watch nature shows and cat cartoons.

Lines 13-16

He loves pet commercials and programmes showing food. He likes to watch a tennis match very much.

Lines 17-20

He got his dog from a dog pound free of cost but it was not the kind of dog he wanted.

GLOSSARY

- constantly : continuously
- commercials : advertisements the TV
- glued : stay very close to

- 1.2 1. The synonym of 'got' is _____ .
(i) acquired (ii) took (iii) secured (iv) required
2. The antonym of 'loves' is _____ .

Space for Answers

Q 1.1 Answers

1. The Poet's Dog.
2. By clicking the remote.
3. Of films with animals.
4. it's a tennis match.
5. a cent

Q 1.2 Answers

1. Got synonym is acquired
2. The antonym of ~~dog~~ is loves is hates.

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