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## SUMMARY OF THE POEM

One morning, a cat got stuck in the tree. The narrator's dad decided that he will easily be able to take care of it. Narrator's father decided to climb the tree. His wife warned him that he might fall, but ignoring those warnings he climbed the ladder, slipped and fell. Having fallen once, he thought of trying again, another way. Yet again ignoring his wife warnings, he swung himself up on a branch. The branch broke and again he fell again. Not giving up still, the father climbed up the garden wall. Luckily this time he did not fall. However, the moment he sprang onto the tree the cat jumped to the ground, safe and sound. Poor father, on the other hand, got stuck in the tree.

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## Cat Crawling

1) Match the plans that dad hatched with the fate they met.

- Ans) Plan A - fell in the flower bed.  
Plan B - branch broke, fell on his back  
2) Plan C - landed on the cat and got stuck on the tree

2) Ans) Dad tried to save the cat the first time by using a ladder to reach it.

3) What is plan B?

Ans) Plan B was to swing himself up on a branch and reach the cat. However, the branch from which he was trying to swing broke and he landed back to back on the deck.

4) Describe Plan C. Why did it fail?

Ans) Plan C was to climb the garden wall and jump into the crotch of the tree trunk where the cat was stuck. He executed the plan successfully and landed in the exact spot. In fact he landed right on the cat. The cat yelped and jumped off the tree. Dad however fell snug in the crotch and got stuck there.

5) Ans) A idiom is a word or phrase which means something different from its literal meaning. Idioms are common phrases or terms whose meaning is changed, but can be understood by their popular use. Plebs as punch is a idiom used in the poem that means 'extremely delighted'.

B) 1) What kind of a person do you think Dad was  
Substantiate your answer with lines from the poem.

Ans) I think that was an overconfident person because every time mum warned him against doing something he boldly answered back using phrases like child's play this is! and Easy as 'winking'. At the same time Dad is persistent because every time he fails he makes a different plan and tries to execute it.

2) What was Mum's role in this narrative?  
Did dad heed her advice?

Ans) Mum repeatedly tried to warn Dad of the possible dangers of climbing the tree but Dad <sup>did</sup> not pay any heed to it.

e) 1) Which of the 3 plans do you think was the best? Why?

Ans) That's plan - C seems to be the best as he was almost able to execute the plan successfully. It couldn't be carried through because he landed directly on the cat which made the cat yelp and jump off the tree.

2) What would you do if you had to help the cat?

I would have probably arranged for a ladder to reach the branch where the cat was stuck.