

## Reading

A. Answer these questions.

1. What surprised the speaker when he was on his way home?

Ans- The dog and a woman's handbag in his car rattled him when he was on his way home.

2. What did the speaker find in the cubby-hole? What did he think on seeing the items?

Ans- on seeing the woman's handbag in the cubbyhole, the narrator suspected whether the dog was in his car or he in the dog's car.

3. No, there was nothing for it but to drive out..... and make a clean breast of it.

a. Where had the speaker decided to drive to?

Ans- He decided to drive to the farmhouse.

b. How was he going to 'make a clean breast of it'?

Ans- He would narrate how he lost his car and mistakenly drove the woman's car.

c. How was the feeling when he made this decision?

Ans- He felt nervous when he made this decision.

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4. Who was ~~Arthur~~ Arthur? Who has Sheila?

Ans- Arthur was the farmer whose name was written on the collar of the dog and Sheila was the dog itself.

5. "No, you haven't, darling, you put them in Mr What's-its car".

a. Who said this to whom?

ans- Arthur told this to his wife.

b. Who was Mr What's-it? Why was he called so?

ans- The narrator was Mr. What's-it. He was called so as the farmers didn't know his name.

c. ~~Darling~~ What had 'darling' put in his car?

ans- Darling - the farmer's wife had put the hen bag and the dog in Mr. What's-it car.

B. Give Reasons why -

1. the speaker disliked shopping in town.

ans- The speaker disliked shopping in town due to space crunch to park cars and all cars of one colour leading to confusion.

2. the Speaker thought 'Arthur' was a silly name for a dog.

Ans- Because it was a masculine name.

3. the Speaker said 'it look quite a bit of courage to turn round and go back'.

Ans- Because he thought that the farmers might think he had robbed the farmer's car.

4. the Speaker's wife was upset with him.

Ans- The Speaker's wife was upset with him as he could not reach home on time and she had to do shopping for home.

C. Think and Answer.

1. Why is the story called 'A slight Misunderstanding'? Is what happens in fact a slight Misunderstanding?

Ans- The appropriate title 'A slight misunderstanding' is a brief befitting title to the story narrating incident highlighting that a little care would have saved everyone's time. The farm-

ere's wife while having a word with Mabel makes the first faux pas when she keeps her dog and the handbag in the narrator's car. The woman is a little scatterbrained of the story. The narrator was so beset with all the black cars, he started searching for his own car while already driving it. Everything becomes clear when the farmer points out the car number and the narrator is relieved.

Q. Do you think the Speaker's carelessness and inattention are responsible for the events of the story? or is it the woman's fault? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans- The narrator should have been a little more careful in handling these responsible affairs. He should have parked his car at a strategic location and must have checked his car before having a word for the go. The woman is also equally held up for the same misunderstanding. She failed to recognise

her car and kept her bag and the dog in the narrator's car which subsequently snowballed into a full fledged misunderstanding.

### Using Words...

Underline the word in each set that cannot be used to describe the noun.

1. Slight, Serious, heavy, possible misunderstanding

Ans - Heavy misunderstanding.

2. Whole, complete, total, perfect stranger

Ans - Whole stranger.

3. Loud, nervous, thin, good laugh

Ans - Thin laugh.

4. Genuine, common, extreme, costly mistake

Ans - Extreme Mistake.

5. Sure, true, close, special friend

Ans - Sure friend.