

Get Going

A: Let us find the answers from the poem:-

1. Match the plans that Dad hatched with the fate they met.

Plan A - Fell in the flower bed

Plan B = ~~Brack~~ Branch broke.

Plan C = landed on the cat

2. How did Dad try to save the cat the first time?

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

3. What was Plan B?

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

4. Describe Plan C. Why did it fail?

Ans- Plan C was to climb the garden wall and jump onto the crook 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 yelled and jumped off the tree. Dad, however, fit snug in the crook and got stuck there.

5. Find ~~the~~ an idiom from the poem that means 'extremely delighted'.

Ans- An 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 proper use. 'Pleased as punch' is an idiom used in the poem that means 'extremely delighted'.

B. Let us read between the lines: -

1. What kind of a person do you think that 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 everytime he fails, he makes a different plan and tries to execute it.

2. What was Mum's role in this narrative? Did dad hear her advice?

Ans - Mum repeatedly tried to warn Dad of the possible dangers of climbing the tree but Dad did not pay any heed on it.

C: Let us go beyond the poem:-

1. Which of the three plans do you think was the best? why?

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

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

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

Vocabulary Junction -

① Identify the two-part verbs in the following sentences:-

a) My dad asked me to get the jackhammer back from our neighbours.

b) What are you looking for?

c) Are you opting for any new subjects this semester?

d) Only after the third hint was the ~~an~~ contestant able to catch on the song.

② Choose the correct two-part verbs from the box to complete the sentences.

put on , brought up , put off , take down ,
tried on

a) It was so cold, I had to put on a sweater and a jacket.