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Get Going -

① Fill in the blanks with words from the story:-

a) Jim came out skipping with a tin pail in his hands.

b) Tom lured Jim by offering him his marble and offering to show him some toe.

c) Ben Rogers was impersonating a steamboat.

d) If Tom had not run out of white wash he would have bankrupted every boy in the village.

e) Work consists of ~~not~~ whatever the body is obliged to do and that play consists of whatever the body is not obliged to do.

② What task had Tom been given on Saturday morning?

Ans - Tom had been asked to whitewash thirty yards of board fence.

③ How did Aunt Polly react when she saw Jim with Tom?

Ans- Aunt Polly was very angry and charged towards Jim and Tom with a slipper.

④ Describe Tom's state of mind before he had the 'inspiration'.

Ans- Tom lost hope and gave up the idea of buying the boys before he had the 'inspiration'.

⑤ Why was Tom dreading that his friends would see him whitewash?

Ans- Tom was dreading being seen whitewashing by his friends as they would jeer at him for being stuck with such a boring task while they were roaming freely.

⑥ How did Tom convince Ben that whitewashing was an important and interesting work?

Ans- Tom made it a point to go about whitewashing the fence with enthusiasm that Ben became interested in it. He repeated that Aunt Polly had trusted him with the job as it was an interesting job. He convinced Ben that it was an important and interesting job.

B. Let us read between the lines:-

① "..... they came to jeer, but remained to whitewash."
Explain the content of this sentence in your own words.

Ans- This means that Tom's friends came to make fun of him seeing him busy whitewashing, but themselves started whitewashing the fence.

② Write a brief description of Tom's character.

Ans- Tom is a naughty, but witty boy. He lives with his aunt Polly. He loves to play and have fun. In the story, Tom manages to lure his friends into doing the chore that was assigned to him. This proves that he is also extremely shrewd.

Vocabulary Function -

① a carton of, a bowl of, a scoop of:

Ans- > ice cream.

② a pound of, a kilo of, a joint of:

Ans- by meat

③ a grain of, a patch of, a strip of:

Ans- by sand

④ a carton of, a gallon of, a litre of:

Ans- by milk

⑤ a drop of, a bucket of, a glass of:

Ans- by water.

Pronunciation Junction -

t -

kitchen, whistle, listen.

u -

disguise, guest, guide.

o -

island, debris, patio

l -

walk, talk, ~~etc~~ chalk

b -

thumb, tomb, comb

g -

align, assign, sign.

p -

pneumonia, psychology, raspberry.

d -

badge, edge, hedge.

n -

autumn, column, hymn

w -

whole, write, answer.

k -

knew, knot, knock.

Grammar Junction -

① Fill in the blanks with the correct degree of comparison: -

a) The North Star shines more brightly
(brightly) than all the stars.

b) Two-wheelers are faster (fast) than
four-wheelers on city roads.

c) I can speak Spanish more fluently (fluently)
now than I did before joining the course.

d) The phone battery lasts longer (long) if
you charge it regularly.

e) Samhita visits the library more frequently
(frequently) than the other students.

② Abruptly and defiantly -

The girl abruptly stopped crying and started arguing
defiantly.

Defiantly and joyfully -

Rahul defiantly switched on the television and watched joyfully.

Now and eventually -

Now, I am struggling to find a good company but eventually I will get one.

Eventually and already -

Zoe has already lost the chief's trust but I think eventually, she will gain it again.

Downstairs and anywhere -

You can go downstairs and hide the cookbook anywhere you want.

Anywhere and nearby -

Cody must be trotting anywhere nearby the Peizer Park.

Quarterly and always -

She always forgets that the ~~fee~~ fee is to be paid quarterly.

Always and infrequently -
Different storage spaces are there for apps which are used always and for the apps which are infrequently used.

Totally and almost -
When, my answer was almost going to be finished, I realized that it was totally wrong.

Almost and scarcely -
I was almost late and there were scarcely any bus or taxi in sight.