

Thinking About the Text

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1. Fear or terror -
- iii) father comes home
 - iv) speaking to father
 - v) going to bed when alone at home
 - vii) father stretched out on the sofa, snoring

2. glad sense of relief -
- i) father comes into her room to give her a goodbye kiss
 - ii) noise of the carriage grows fainter

3. A penny feeling perhaps -
- vi) father comforts her and falls asleep
- understanding

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1. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

Ans → Kezia used to be afraid of her father because her father always talked with her harshly for which he seemed as a giant monster to her and he always scolded her even for very little things.

2. Who were the people in Kezia's family?

Ans → Kezia's family had her father, mother and grandmother.

3. What was Kezia's father's routine

i) before going to his office?

Ans → He used to kiss Kezia ^{casually} before going to the office.

ii) after coming back from his office?

Ans → He would ask for the newspaper and tea after coming back from his office.

iii) on Sundays?

Ans → On Sundays, he used to take rest and enjoy sound sleep on the sofa.

4. In what ways did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?

Ans → Kezia's grandmother really wanted the child to spend time with her father. She sent her to her father's room to have a nice talk with him. Besides, she asked her to make a pin-cushion on her father's birthday.

as a gift.

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1. Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much. How did this happen?

Ans → Kezia used to be afraid of her father because he talked to her harshly. One day her grandmother told her to make a pin cushion to gift him on his birthday. Kezia found it as a golden chance to please her father, so she stitched cotton cloth from three sides and looked for the things that could be stuffed into the stitched cloth. Soon she found some piece of papers in her mother's room. Those were her father's speech for the poet authority. She tore them into pieces and stuffed her case.

Next day, when her father searched those papers, he did not find them. After sometime he came to know that Kezia had torn them into pieces. He got infuriated and without even listening to Kezia's excuse, he started to beat her with a ruler. Thus, her efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him

very much.

2. Kezia decides that there are "different kinds of fathers". What kind of father was Mr. Macdonald, and how was he different from Kezia's father?

Ans → In Kezia's opinion, her father was very cruel, harsh and rude. He never talked with her affectionately rather he used to speak to her stringently. So she used to avoid him. She did not want to be in front of him because she was afraid of him. Moreover, her father never spent time with her. Macdonald's family lived next door to her house. Mr. Macdonald was totally different from Kezia's father. He used to love his children very much and always spent time with them. One evening, Kezia saw him playing tag with his children. A baby was on his shoulders and two little girls were hanging onto his coat pockets, ran round and round the flower-beds, shaking with laughter. Once she saw the boys turn the hose on him and he tried to catch them laughing all the time. Kezia got amused to see this. She wished if

her father could also love her and play with her in this way.

3. How does Kezia begin to see her father as a human being who needs her sympathy?

Ans → One day, Kezia's mother became ill, and she and her grandmother went to hospital. Kezia was left at home in the care of Alice, the cook. At night, when Alice put her to the bed she had a nightmare. She saw a butcher with a knife and a rope. He came close to her with a dreadful smile. She could not move but cried out. But, to her surprise, she found her father standing near her bed. He took her in his arms and made her sleep by his side.

After some time, still half asleep, she crept close to him, snuggled her head under his arm and held tightly to his shirt. Now she felt comfortable. Her father told her to rub her feet against his legs and get them warm. This made her realise that he had to work hard.

every day due to which he got too tired to play with her like Mr Macdonald. She expressed her feelings for her father by telling him that he has a 'big heart'.

Thinking about language

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i) She was thrilled by the news of her brother's wedding.

ii) I was delighted to be invited to the party.

iii) She was overjoyed at the birth of her granddaughter.

iv) The coach was pleased with his performance.

v) She was very happy with her results.

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i) You are a big girl now. - ~~an~~ older

ii) Today you are going to take the biggest decision of your career. - most important.

iii) Their project is full of big ideas. - innovative

iv) Cricket is a big game in our country. - popular

v) I am a big fan of Lata Mangeshkar. - great

vi) You have to cook a bit more as my friend is a big eater. - gourmand

vii) What a big heart you've got, Father dear.

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1. Underline the verbs of reporting in the following sentences.

- i) He says he will enjoy the ride.
- ii) Father mentioned that he was going on a holiday.
- iii) No one told us that the shop was closed.
- iv) He answered that the price would go up.
- v) I wondered why he was screaming.
- vi) Ben told her to wake him up.
- vii) Ratan apologized for coming late to the party.

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- i) "I am not afraid", replied the woman
- ii) "Leave me alone", my mother shouted.
- iii) The children were complaining that the roads were crowded and noisy.
- iv) "Perhaps he isn't a bad sort of a chap after all," remarked the man.
- v) "Let's go and look at the school ground," suggested the sports teacher.
- vi) The traffic police ordered all the passers-by to keep off the road.