

The why-why girl

A. Read the lines and answer the questions:-

1. "But she's very obstinate," Khiri replied.
Just won't give in."

a. Who is Khiri? Who is she talking about?

Ans) Khiri is Moyna's mother. She is talking about her daughter Moyna.

b. Why does she call the person obstinate?

Ans. She calls the person obstinate because that person is very stubborn with her decisions and she won't change her decision.

c. What was the narrator's opinion about her?

Ans. The narrator's opinion about her was that she always used to ask why for everything because of this her name is the why-why girl and she's very obstinate.

2. "Why not? It's a big hut. How much space does a woman need?"

a. Who speaks the above lines to whom?

Ans. Moyna told this to her mother Khiri.

b. Why does she say so?

Ans. She says like that because she wanted to

go to the narrator's house which is Mahasweta Devi's house but her mother refused her to go.

c. Who is referred as the 'old woman'?

Ans. The narrator is the old woman.

B. Answer in Brief

1. What work did Moyna do for the landlords and why did she do it?

Ans. The works which Moyna did are: She went for grazing the goats of the landlords, ate their leftovers etc. She had to do all of these works because they were poor & her mother had a bad leg.

2. Why did Moyna not want to thank the Babu?

Ans. Moyna didn't want to thank the Babu because she did thousands of work for them & they never thanked her so she is also not thanking them.

3. Do you admire Moyna? Why? Why not? How,

according to you, should a person should interact with a girl like Moyna?

Ans.3. Moyna's inquisitive and probing nature makes her quite different from other girls of her tribe. We all know that great scholars are made because they questioned everything. Moyna became a teacher, which was rare for her tribe. This was possible because she wanted an answer for everything. After she got answers to her doubts, she shared her knowledge with everyone which is an admirable quality. People have to be patient with girls like Moyna and not shy away from questioning. Learning happens only if one has a probing nature. The villagers & her mother were often irritated with her but the narrator patiently addressed all her doubts which helped her become successful in later life.

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Q1) Mention details in the story which shows that the narrator's family was quite poor?

Ans1) They were the only family who didn't own a car in the city. They lived in a wooden house. They used to move with a cart & a whitehorse of shetland pony attached to the cart.

Q2) Why was it so important for a narrator to possess a car?

Ans2) It was important for not only the narrator but also his family because they were thinking that they were the only family without a car in the whole city which made them very embarrassed.

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Q3) How did the narrator's joy turned out to be short-lived?

Ans3) The narrator's joy was that they got a car. But this joy was short-lived because, his father had brought 2 tickets by his name. One ticket was for the father & the other was for his boss Mr. Kendrick. The narrator's father wrote lightly in a pencil as K in Mr. Kendrick's ticket to differen-

strate between his ticket & Mr. Kendrick's ticket. The person on the stage boomed out his father's name. But when they returned back home his father saw that in the ticket K was written which stood for Mr. Kendrick his boss. He was the real owner. So the narrator joy became short-lived.

Q4) Explain what does the narrator mean when he says, "I know now we were never richer than we were at the moment when dad made that telephone call".

Ans4) This means that "character is a greater part of wealth". His father had a good character which made them rich.

Q5) Do you think the narrators father did the right thing, or was he foolish? Give Reason.

Ans5) Yes he did the right thing because his mother always said that "character is a better part of wealth". So the father showed his good characteristics.

Q6) Do you like the ending of the story? Why/Why not?

Ans6) I didn't like the ending of the story because they didn't get a car & remained poor.