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Reading

A. Answer these questions

1. What lines from the poem tell you that the giant appeared strong?

Ans - The first four lines of the poem tell us that the giant appeared strong.

2. What was the speaker's initial reaction to the giant?

Ans - In the beginning, the speaker trembled in fear and felt weak before the giant.

3. ~~When the speaker stood up to the~~ What happened when the speaker stood up to the giant?

Ans - When the speaker stood up to the giant, it did not seem as mighty anymore. He grew pale, thin and small as if he had turned into smoke. He sank before the speaker and ultimately vanished away.

4. "Is this the mighty foe"? How did the speaker feel at this moment?

Ans - The speaker felt proud of himself for being able to stand courageously

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5. ~~When~~ How did the speaker gain confidence in herself?

Ans. When the speaker bravely stood up to the giant and declared that she was not scared of him, she saw the giant becoming weaker. This gave her confidence that ~~she~~ she was strong enough to defeat him.

6. ~~Whether~~ Was the giant truly powerful? How do we know?

Ans. Whether the giant was weak or powerful, depended on how the speaker saw it. At first, the speaker was scared, so the giant seemed fierce, strong and powerful. But later, when the speaker gathered courage and looked him in the face the giant did not seem all that powerful anymore.

B. Think and ~~so~~ answer.

1. Do you think it becomes easier to defeat 'giants' after the the first time? Why?

Ans = Every giant that we face in the life is a challenge. We require courage to them each and every time. But when we defeat a giant for the first time, It gives us confidence in ourselves. ~~It~~ This makes it easier to stand up to a giant the next time.

2. "His blood-red eyes turned blue as skies"
How did this change in colour happen?

Ans = When the giant was defeated by the speaker he faded and he vanished. There was nothing but blue sky in the place where he had stood. This is why the blood-red of his eyes faded into the blue of the sky as a colour. ~~blood red~~ ~~represents~~ blood red represents war, violence and suffering and blue stands for peace.

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So the colour change from the red to blue also indicates movement from suffering to victory, peace and happiness.

Appreciating the poem

a. What do you think the giant in the poem stands for?

Ans - The giant in the poem stands for the difficult situations that we all have to face in life and the challenges that seem impossible to overcome.

b. According to the dictionary, shadow also means the bad effect or influence something has. In the poem, the shadow the giant casts over us is the negative thoughts and feelings that difficulties have on us.

c. How does the giant try to defeat us or 'strike us dumb'?

Ans - The giant tries to defeat us by taking away our hope and happiness stopping us to try achieve our goals.

(d) How can the person who is 'true of heart' defeat the giant?

Ans: A person is said to be true of heart if they have the faith, courage and confidence to face fears bravely. The person who is true of heart faces their fears and tries their hardest to overcome it.

(e) What is the lesson we learn from this poem?

Ans: We will face many obstacles in life, many of which seem possible to defeat. Though we are afraid we must believe in our abilities and face it with determination and hardwork. Once we do, we will see that it is not as great with as we thought. We must not let our fears get the best of us.

Using words.

1. The water was as hot as lava.
2. Nazreen's eyes shone like a star.
3. The chocolate was as sticky as a gum.
4. George frowned like a kid.
5. The water sparkled like a crystal.
6. My mother is as smart as a detective.

Writing

One day, me and my family visited a shopping mall. When we were searching for a good dress I saw a toy shop there. I visited the toy shop and saw a lot of toys in the mall. I liked a toy bus in the toys section. Then I thought I would ask my father to buy it for me. Then when I got back to place where my mom and dad were selecting a dress.

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When I reached to the place where mom and dad were selecting dress I saw mom and dad were not there. Then I tried to find them but I did not find them. I was really scared and crying a lot. But I always remember my mother saying me "We should always face our fears with courage and discrimination". Then I gathered some courage and asked staff to help me and find my mother and father. And we found my mother and father and they were also searching for me.