

## Revision 21/09/21

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Read the lines and answer the questions.

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

(a) Who is Thirri? Who is she talking about?

Ans = Thirri is ~~the~~ mother of Mayna.  
She is talking to Mayna.

(b) Why does she call the person obstinate?

Ans = She called the person obstinate

because Moyna was always asking questions. She was determined not to change her ideas.

(b)

(c) What was the narrator's opinion about her?

Ans = Narrator's opinion was very positive about her and the narrator was impressed from Moyna's dedication towards her ~~knowles~~ learning.

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

(a) Who speaks the above-lines to whom?

Ans = Moyna speaks the above line to her mother, Khira.

(b) Why does she say so?

Ans = She said so because she wanted to go to the narrator's house and gain knowledge.

(c) Who is referred to as 'old woman'?

Ans = 'Old woman' refers to the narrator Maheswari Devi.

## B. Answer in brief.

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

Ans = Moyra tended the goats of the village landlords because the landlords gave them shelter and their left over food to the shabars.

2. Why did Moyra not want to thank the Babo?

Ans = Moyra not want to thank the ~~village~~ Babo because she does a thousand of works for babus.

3. Do you admire Moyra? Why? Why not? How, according to you, should a person interact with a girl like Moyra?

Ans = Moyra'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 every thing. 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 if one has a probing nature. The villagers and her mother were often irritated with her but the narrator patiently addressed all her doubts which helped her become successful in later life.

## The Night we won the buick

1. Mention details in the story which show that the narrator's family was quite poor.

Ans = The narrator's family was the only family which didn't own any car

In New York. Their daily shopping trips were made in a disreputable two-wheeled basket cart drawn by an ancient shaggy pony. Their house was mortgaged to the hilt and some winters the grocer supplied ~~the~~ family needs on credit.

2. Why was it so important for the narrator to possess a car?

Ans - It was important for the narrator to possess a car because the narrator's family was the only family in the New York who didn't own any car.

3. How did the narrator's joy turned out to be short-lived?

Ans - When the narrator came to know that the actual owner of the car is Kendrick, his joy turned out to be short-lived.

4. Explain what the narrator means when he says, "I know now we were

never richer than we were at the moment when Dad made the telephone call?"

Ans - The boy realises the truth of what his mother used to say. He understands that when his father gave the car to Kendrick he chose honesty over desire and wealth and while they were not monetarily rich they had the "better part of the wealth".

5. Do you think the narrator's father did the right thing or was he foolish? Give a reason for your answer?

Ans = Yes, narrator's father did the right thing because when his father came to know the car actually belongs to Kendrick he chose honesty over desire and wealth and returned the car to Kendrick. Narrator's father was an honest man and he didn't want to keep the car which ~~was~~ actually belongs to his boss.

6. Do you like the story? Why / why not?

Ans - I like the ending of the story because at ~~at~~ in the ending, Narrator's father came to know that Kendrick was the rightful owner of the car and ~~narrator's father~~ returned the car to Kendrick. He chose honesty over desire and wealth even Kendrick owned a dozen of cars and was a multi-millionaire.