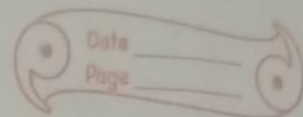


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## A Helping Hand



### Reading

A. Answers these questions

1. Why did everyone stare at the new girl? What did they want to know about her.

Ans. Everyone stared at the new girl because she was different from all. She had a prosthetic hand and everyone wanted to know about it and how it worked.

2. What was the task given to the speaker?

Ans- The task given to the speaker was to be the friend of the new girl and show her around.

3. "Listen, I have some advice for you."

a. What advice did the speaker have for the new girls?

Ans- The speaker advises the new girl to make

efforts to make people stop staring at her. She suggested that she should stop standing at the corner rather join everyone others in play and games.

b. Would you call this good advice?

Ans- No, the advice wasn't good as the narrator was being selfish and inconsiderate while saying so.

4. What was the one-hand challenge? What did it ~~teach~~ teach the speaker and her friends?

Ans. The one-hand challenge was a game played by Sumi and Gaurav where one has to do things with one hand like packing school bag or buttoning shirt. This challenge taught them that the new girl is not so different from everybody else. She can do all things with her one hand that rest of the students in the school do with two hands.

5. Why did the speaker think the ~~new~~ new hand was better.

Ans- No, the advice wasn't good as the narrator was being selfish and inconsiderate while saying so.

B. Read these lines from each letter the speaker wrote. What do they tell you about her attitude towards the new girl.

Lines from the text

1. 'Why did you come to our school? Why couldn't you continue going to whatever school you went to earlier?'

How the speaker felt  
The speaker disliked the new girl because she was getting into trouble for being her mentor.

2. 'It looked strange, like it was covered in plastic or something.'

The speaker concluded that ~~that~~ the new girl had a non-functional hand.

3. I am not going to be your minder forever.

The speaker wanted the new girl to mix with everyone in the school.

4. Is it only your hand or is your entire arm fake, sorry, prosthetic?

The speaker confused and she was curious about her artificial hand.

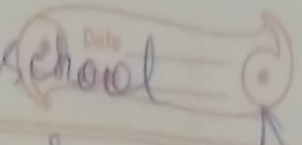
5. Wow, that was awesome! I think you did it faster than I can do it with two hands.

Here the speaker had to confess that the new girl was tying her shoe laces so fast with one hand as compare to speaker with two hands.

6. Listen, I'm sorry about ~~that~~ what I said earlier.

The speaker regretted as she told earlier why she was standing alone at the corner because she must be felt shy.

In the school



7. That film was really funny, no?

Here speaker was feeling so happy when there were no classes and they watched movie.

8. I'm so happy you came for the office picnic.

The speaker felt very happy to see the new girl in the office picnic because there were no other children of her age

9. The funny thing is I'm not that curious about your hand anymore.

Now the speaker and the new girl became friends she forgot totally about her new girl's artificial hand.

Ans.

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## Think and Answer

1. Initially, the new girl in school was met with a lot of unfriendly curiosity. Why do you think everybody was so hesitant to speak to her?

Ans.

I think everybody was hesitant to speak to her because she was thought to be very different from others as she had a prosthetic hand.

2. How did the speaker feel about ~~the~~ the new girl at the beginning of the text? How did this change as time passed?

Ans-

The speaker was irritated and completely had a disinterestedness towards the new girl. The speaker was being shamed at because she used to hang out with the new girl. This made her uncomfortable. Further, the narrator blamed the new girl for being cornered by a few senior students who asked her about the new girl and later threw her bag into the ditch by the side of the road. However, by the end of the story we see a change in attitude of the narrator, she puts up a helping hand towards the new girl in adapting herself with the new prosthetic hand that she had got.

3. Look up the phrase 'a helping hand' in the dictionary. Is it a suitable name for the text? Why or why not?

Ans- Yes, 'Helping Hand' is the suitable for the text. The new girl has a artificial hand and she has done all her work with it. With that hand the girl behaved like a normal girl. So, it is like her assistant for every work. A ~~to~~ Helping Hand that is the title is perfect for the text.

4. How do you think the speaker and her friends can make things in school easier for the new girl?

Ans- The speaker and her friends could have shown friendly and welcoming attitude to the new girl from the day she entered their school. They could have asked her to join them while playing and could have tried to understand her difficulties.



A. Identify these sentences as formal or informal. Underline the words or expressions that tells us so.

1. George, we haven't met in ages. Let's hang out tonight. (I)

2. The play was awesome! You should definitely watch it. (I)

B. May I take a look at your notebook? (F)

4. If you don't come to class, you can jolly well do the project by yourself. (I)

5. Classes will commence in the beginning of July. (F)

6. The funny thing is the thief stole the books. (I)

7. Thank you for your suggestions. I shall visit the place during my travels. (F)