



CLASS - IV ENGLISH NOTES AUGUST

5. The Challenge

I. ERC:

1. “Who are you, o good man? And what are you doing?”

a) Who said this?

The merchant said this.

b) Who was the good man?

The good man was Bidhata or fate.

c) Where did this take place?

This took place at a seaside in Odisha.

d) What was the person doing?

The person was filling cups with sand on one side and emptying them on the other. He was measuring the food that everybody would eat that day.

2. “Then, I challenge you to withhold my afternoon meal for today!”

a) Who said this to whom?

The merchant said this to Bidhata.

b) Why did the speaker challenge the other person?

The speaker challenged Bidhata, because he did not believe in what he was doing.

c) Did the other person succeed?

Yes, Bidhata succeeded.

d) Give one word for 'afternoon meal'.

Lunch

3. “She was upset and she started shouting at the merchant.”

a) Who is 'she' in this line?

The wife of the merchant.

b) Why was she upset?

She was upset because she thought that the merchant was mocking the food she had prepared for him.

c) What happened as a result?

The merchant and his wife had a quarrel and the merchant left his home without eating.

d) Write the antonym of the word 'upset'.

Happy

II. Short Answers:

1. What did the merchant see while strolling one day?

The merchant saw a man filling cups with sand on one side and emptying them on the other.

2. What was the man doing? Who was he?

The man was measuring the food that everybody would eat that day. He was Bidhata, fate.

3. What did the merchant challenge the man to do?

The merchant challenged Bidhata to withhold his lunch for that day.

4. Why did the merchant's wife start shouting at him?

The merchant's wife started shouting at him because she thought that the merchant was laughing at the way she had prepared food for him.

III. Long Answers:

1. What did the merchant realise at the end?

The merchant realised that Bidhata had succeeded in the challenge and let him go without lunch. He learnt never to challenge fate.

2. What do you learn from the character of the merchant?

We learned that we should listen to others and not laugh at our destiny. Fate decides everything that is to happen in the future and we should never challenge our fate.