



CLASS - V ENGLISH NOTES JANUARY

9. A SWING SONG

I. ERC:

1. Here! my throne and I am s king!

Swing, sing

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Farewell, earth, for I'm on the wing!

(a) 'My throne' refers to

i) the seat of a king. ii) the seat of a prince. iii) the swing.

iii. the swing

(b) The poet says 'Farewell, earth, 'because

i) he's going to die. ii) he's going up on the swing. iii) he's flying.

ii. he's going up on the swing

(c) 'On the wing' means

i) to fly like a bird. ii) to grow wings. iii) to sit on a bird's wing.

i) to fly like a bird

(d) What is the speaker doing other than swinging?

i) sleeping ii) singing iii) swirling

ii. singing

2. Low, low

Sweeping daisies with my toe.

Slow, slow,

To and fro,

Slow-slow-slow-slow

(a) The line 'Sweeping daisies ...' mean the poet is

i) Cleaning the daisies. ii) touching them with his toes.

iii) Plucking the daisies

ii. touching them with his toes

(b) The words ‘low, low’ suggest that the poet

- i) is bending low. ii) has slowed down his speed. iii) is lying on the grass**
- ii. has slowed down his speed.**

(c) The words ‘ to and fro’ suggest the

- i) movement of the swing**
 - ii) movement of the daisies**
 - iii) movement of the speaker**
- i. movement of the swing**

(d) The words ‘slow-slow-slow’ refer to the

- i) slowing down of the swing.**
 - ii) slowing down of the toes.**
 - iii) slowing down of the daisies.**
- i. the slowing down of the swing**

II. Short Answers:

1. Why does the poet call himself a king?

Since the poet is sitting on the swing—which he refers to as his throne—and is going up on it, he feels like he is a king, who is on top of the world.

2. Why does the poet feel like a bird?

The poet feels like a bird because with the help of the swing, he is able to go up and down freely, just like a bird.

3. What is meant by ‘sweeping daisies with my toe’?

‘Sweeping daisies with my toe’ means that the swing was now slow enough for him to touch the daisies with his toe.

10. Robinson Crusoe Discovers a Footprint

I. ERC.

1. 'One day, walking the beach, I was exceedingly surprised'.

(a) Who is the speaker?

Robinson Crusoe is the speaker.

(b) Where is the speaker?

The speaker is walking along the beach of an island.

(c) Why was the speaker exceedingly surprised?

The speaker was exceedingly surprised because he saw a footprint on the beach.

(d) Give one word from the story to replace the phrase 'exceedingly surprised'.

Thunderstruck

2. 'This filled me again with all manners of fears, and when I went home I began to prepare against an attack.'

(a) Who is the speaker?

Robinson Crusoe is the speaker.

(b) What filled the speaker with all manners of fears?

The speaker was filled with all manners of fears when he saw a print of a man's naked foot plainly impressed on the sand.

(c) The speaker began to prepare against an attack by whom?

The speaker began to prepare against an attack by the savages.

(d) Why does the speaker prepare against an attack?

The speaker prepares against an attack to save himself.

3. 'About two years after I first knew these fears, I was surprised one morning by seeing five canoes on the shore.'

(a) For how many years has the speaker been on the island?

The speaker has been on the island for twenty two years.

(b) What does 'these fears' refer to?

'These fears' refer to the savages attacking him and killing him.

(c) What else does the speaker see on the shore?

The speaker saw five canoes on the shore.

(d) What are canoes?

Canoes are light, narrow boats to carry one or two people that can be moved through water using a flat piece of wood (a paddle).

4. 'In a little time I began to speak to him and teach him to speak to me; and, First, I let him know his name should be Friday.'

(a) Who is the speaker?

Robinson Crusoe is the speaker.

(b) Who is being referred to as 'him'?

The man that Crusoe saved from the savages is being referred to as 'him'.

(c) Why does the speaker choose to name 'him' Friday?

The speaker chose to name 'him' Friday as he had saved 'him' on a Friday.

(d) Which of the following words can replace the phrase 'in a little time'?

- i) shortly ii) directly iii) presently
i. shortly

III. Short Answers:

1. What did Robinson Crusoe see while walking along the beach one day?

While walking on the beach one day, Robinson Crusoe saw a print of a man's naked foot plainly impressed on the sand.

2. Why could he not sleep that night?

He could not sleep that night because he was constantly scared that the savages would attack him in his sleep.

3. What did Crusoe do to protect himself?

In order to protect himself, Crusoe got out his muskets and loaded them. He also built a second fortification and planted a vast number of stakes on the outside of his outer wall, which grew and became a thick grove of trees.

4. Why was Crusoe surprised one morning?

Crusoe was surprised one morning when he saw five canoes on the shore.

5. Who was Friday? How did he get his name?

Friday was a man who was saved by Crusoe from the savages. He was named so as Crusoe had saved him on a Friday

6. How did Crusoe save Friday's life?

Friday was being pursued by two savages. Crusoe knocked one of them down with his piece and he killed the second one with his gun. This is how he saved Friday's life.