

Class 7 (English)
4. Game On
Sec. 2 Be a Sport

1. Word meanings:-

1. absorbing hours - enjoyable time
2. supple – easy to bend
3. undisputed champion – someone accepted as the hero without question
4. irksome –annoying
5. gusto – enthusiasm and energy
6. hollered – screamed
7. dak bungalow – a temporary place for government officials to stay in
8. groom – a person employed to take care of horses
9. malik, sarkar – hindi terms used to address an important person
10. oppressed – made very anxious
11. presume to – do something that shows disrespect
12. dexterity – skill
13. tampering with the truth – hiding the truth to gain an advantage
14. simpleton – someone who is not very intelligent
15. high-handed – arrogant and bossy
16. comradeship – friendship and loyalty between two people

2. Tick the most appropriate options:-

1. The narrator remembers his childhood in the village.
2. The narrator went searching for his friends because he was recalling his childhood and wanted to see them.
3. The narrator could not forget Gaya because Gaya was the best gilli danda player he knew.
4. *"But I thought of you quite often,"* I said, a little sadly.
The narrator is sad because his friend did not think of him.

3. Answer the following questions:-

Q.1 *Gaya could not match this weapon of mine.*

What weapon was it and why do you think Gaya couldn't match it?

Ans. The narrator's 'screams' was the weapon that Gaya could not match. He couldn't match it because the screams were likely to draw others attention.

Q.2 *"Where are they? Do you have any news of them?"*

Who asked the question, about whom and why?

Ans. The narrator asked the question about some of his childhood friends – Matai, Mohan and Durga. He asked because he had no news about them since he moved away from the village years ago.

Q.3 *"That was long ago, sarkar. Please do not remind me of it."*

Who does not want to be reminded, of what and why?

Ans. Gaya does not want to be reminded about how he had hit the narrator with the danda when they were young because he feels bad about this ugly fight they had then.

Q.4 *Gaya's performance that day astounded me.*

Why was the writer astounded?

Ans. The writer was astounded to see Gaya's performance that day because Gaya had not played so well the previous day.

4. Answer the following questions:-

1. Why did the narrator leave his childhood home and go away?

Ans. The narrator left his childhood home and went away because his father was transferred to another town.

2. Why does the narrator say that gilli danda is the king of all sports? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

Ans. The narrator says that gilli danda is the king of all sports because you can play it anywhere and without any expensive equipment. Yes, I agree with him because it is a very simple game which can be played anywhere with two wooden sticks and it can be played even when there are two players.

3. When the narrator talks about his childhood, he describes Gaya as tall and thin but when he meets him as a grown man he describes him as a short, dark man . Why do you think he does this?

Ans. The narrator describes Gaya as tall and thin because at that time, the narrator was shorter than Gaya. But when he meets Gaya after twenty years, he describes him as a short, dark man because over the years, the narrator had grown taller than Gaya.

5. Match the idioms in column A with their meanings in column B:-

Idiom

Meaning

1. dig your heels in – refuse to do something or change your mind about something
2. bring someone to heel – force someone to obey you
3. kick your heels – have nothing to do while you wait for someone
4. tread on someone's heels – follow someone closely
5. hot on the heels of something – very soon after something
