

Class 7 (English)  
5. Laughing Matters  
Sec. 2 How They Packed

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**1. Word meanings:-**

1. hampers – large baskets used for carrying food
  2. uncanny – strange and mysterious
  3. cocked his legs on the table – put up his legs on the table
  4. loll – lie in a relaxed manner
  5. slaving – working very hard
  6. superintend – supervise
  7. so wild – very angry
  8. rummaged the things up – searched untidily
  9. chaos reigned – there was utter disorder and confusion
  10. had a go – tried to pack
- When George ----- world – George is the worst packer; Harris comes next
12. trod on – stepped on
  13. do more with – make a worse mess of
  14. pence – a small British unit of money
  15. take my oath – say with certainty
  16. indignantly – in a shocked manner
  17. his conceit becomes quite unbearable – he becomes too proud to put up with
  18. laboured under the fixed belief – was sure that
  19. natural, original sin - curiosity

## 2. Tick the most appropriate options:-

1. The friends made a list of things on Thursday.
2. The narrator's intention was to make his friends pack while he supervised them.
3. The narrator was most irritated when others watched while he worked.
4. "Most extraordinary thing I ever heard of," said George. The extraordinary thing was the disappearance of the butter.

## 3. Answer the following questions:-

**Q.1** *'Here let me do it.' There you are, simple enough!*

- a. When did the narrator think of these words?

**Ans.** The narrator thought of these words when he was doing the packing and Harris and George were watching him.

- b. What was he referring to?

**Ans.** He was referring to his supervision over Harris and George.

- c. Did he get a chance to actually speak these lines? Why?

**Ans.** No, he did not get a chance to say these lines because his friends did not do anything in the packing.

**Q.2** *"Aren't you going to put the boots in?"*

- a. *Who said these words and to whom?*

**Ans.** Harris said these words to the narrator.

b. *When did he say these words?*

**Ans.** He said this when the narrator finished packing the bag and sat on it.

c. *Was he really worried about the boots being packed? Why?*

**Ans.** No, he was not because he only intended to irritate the narrator by saying this after he finished the packing.

**Q.3** *"I'll take my oath I put it down on that chair."*

a. Who said these words and about what?

**Ans.** George said these words about the missing butter.

b. What had actually happened to it?

**Ans.** The butter was stuck to Harris.

c. Were they able to find it eventually? Who found it?

**Ans** Yes, George found it at the back of Harris.

#### 4. Complete this flow chart on how the friends packed for the journey. (Try it yourself)

The narrator, George and Harris make the \_\_\_\_\_ of things to be packed.



The friends \_\_\_\_\_ all the things to be packed in one room.



The narrator starts \_\_\_\_\_ and completes the task soon.



The narrator realizes he forgot the \_\_\_\_\_, reopens the bag and repacks it.

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The narrator cannot find his \_\_\_\_\_, reopens the bag and repacks it.

↓  
The narrator forgets his \_\_\_\_\_, reopens the bag and repacks it.

↓  
George and Harris offer to pack the \_\_\_\_\_.

↓  
George and Harris make a \_\_\_\_\_ of everything.

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The friends finally \_\_\_\_\_ the packing and go to bed.

## 5. Write the answers.

1. When did Harris ask the narrator about the boots? How did the narrator react?

**Ans.** Harris asked the narrator about the boots when he finished his packing and sat on the bag. The narrator was irritated because he had to open the bag to keep the boots and repack it again.

2. Describe how George and Harris packed?

**Ans.** While packing Harris smashed tomatoes by placing bottle of jam on it. George trod on butter and created mess all around. Then he tried to put it in the kettle . They put lighter things at the bottom and heavier things at the top.

3. What makes Montmorency happy?

**Ans.** The dog (Montmorency) seems happy whenever he disturbs people and in return they curse him steadily for an hour. He makes a mess of everything the way most of the pet dogs do while in a playful mood.

**6. Match the words write the phrases.**

- 1. fresh - fruit
- 2. cooking - utensils
- 3. soft - drink
- 4. salted - butter
- 5. black - coffee

**7. Make correct phrases using words from the box.**

wide bad grand heavy close good

- 1. thick traffic - heavy traffic
- 2. sad weather - bad weather
- 3. large smile - wide smile
- 4. nice care - good care
- 5. nearby friend - close friend

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