

Class 7
Lesson 2
One Child, One Teacher,
One Book, One Pen

Summary:-

This is an extract taken from an autobiographical book 'I am Malala'. It's a story of a brave girl Malala Yousafzai who was shot by the Taliban for standing up in favour of women's rights. In this lesson, we will get to know about the life of Malala and her family during their stay in Birmingham, UK.

She misses her house at her native place in Mingora (a small town in Pakistan). She recalls the time in Mingora and tells how her house would always be engaged with people from neighbourhood, particularly her mother's friends and relatives. But here in the UK, the house is quite big but empty. The streets are deserted as no children seem to fly and fight for kites. Her mother often keeps herself busy either in wandering around the garden or talking on phone with her friends back in Mingora. Malala and her family have always led a simple life. So when they got all the facilities like oven, washing machine, etc. in their new house, they hardly knew how to use them. Malala further tells us about her father who is an activist too and keeps going around attending conferences on education. His father had achieved a great respect and status in society through his activities and the help he gave people. Now people recognize him by his daughter's name. And he feels extremely lucky to get such recognition. Malala on her sixteenth birthday spoke at the United Nations and expressed her views to help needy people and help women in exercising their right to education

from every corner of the world and says this is the cause to which she wants to devote her life.

A. Word Meanings:-

1. Tapa- a type of semi-classical vocal music
2. mahalla- an area in a village or a town
3. Aba- a term for father
4. jumps- makes a sudden movement because of fear
5. a tennis dad trying to create a champion- a parent pushing her/his child to excel
6. conferences- large formal meetings
7. cause-an aim for which a group of people fight for
8. daunting-frightening and difficult
9. delegates-persons chosen to speak or make decisions for a group of people

B. Write answers:-

Q.1 Why does Malala's father spend a lot of time going to conferences on education?

Ans. Girls after attaining a certain age were prohibited to go to school in their country Pakistan. But, Malala's father always encouraged her to complete her education. When she stood up and fought for women's right to education, she was shot by the Taliban. So to make aware the world especially girls, Malala's father turned to be an activist and spent most of his time in attending conferences when they were in the UK.

Q.2 Why did Malala's father think he was lucky?

Ans. Malala's father felt lucky because he was known by his daughter Malala and he is extremely proud of this. Even after getting shot by a Talibani gunman, she didn't step back and continued to be a prominent activist for the right to education.

Q.3 What is the cause Malala wants to devote her life to?

Ans. Malala wants to help people living in poverty. She wants to help those children who are forced to work and help those people who suffer from terrorism. Most of all she wants to dedicate her life to fight for those women who are deprived of their right to education and equality, across the world.

C. Write brief answers (Questions for practice):-

Q.1 Why was Malala shot?

Q.2 What does Malala recall about her house in Mingora?

Q.3 What does Malala's father do?

Q.4 How does her mother spend time at her new house?

Q.5 What does Malala want to do in her life?

D. Following words are from the textbook. Look up the dictionary to find their meanings:-

1. Xbox
2. sociable
3. scar
4. terrorism
5. wandering

