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NEW MULBERRY ENGLISH COURSE ICSE EDITION COURSEBOOK 5

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POEM: MY BOOKS by Dr. Seuss

MAKING CONNECTION

1. Name two things that books are compared to in the poem.

ANS: Poet compares the books with two things listed below:-

- City streets
- Old & new friends

2. In the poem, find

- a) The opposite of the word 'ordinary' x quaint
- b) A synonym of the word 'twisting' - winding
- c) Two pairs of rhyming words - 1.books-homes-gnomes/
2. call-small

3. Read these lines and answer the questions that follow.

I love my books

They are the homes

Of queens and fairies,
Knights and gnomes

a) How does the narrator feel about books?

ANS: The narrator feels the books are the homes of queens, fairies, soldiers, tiny men etc.

b) List the characters that the poet has read about.

ANS: The characters that the poet has read about are queens, fairies, soldiers, tiny men etc.

c) What kind of books do you think the poet is describing in these lines? Name one such book that you have read?

ANS: The poet is describing about imaginary stories, adventurous, stories, historical stories etc. One such book that, I have read is 'Avengers'.

[NOTE: YOU CAN USE YOUR CREATIVE MIND TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION AS WELL]

4. Who 'welcomes' the poet? What do you think the expression 'hearty hand' means?

ANS: The character of the story book welcomes the poet. I think the expression 'hearty hand' means the characters of the poem is welcoming the poet whole heartedly to his wonderland.

5. How is reading a book like having an adventure?

ANS: Reading a book is like having an adventure because a book can make us feel like we are in strange places. It helps us to know, understand and explore the world just like real adventure.

6. What books do you enjoy reading?

ANS: [NOTE: KINDLY USE YOUR CREATIVE MIND TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION]

APPRECIATION

- What is the difference between Simile and Metaphors?

Both Simile and Metaphors are used to make comparisons. **A simile uses** the words 'like' or 'as' to compare things –

Example: “Life is like a box of chocolates”

In contrast, **metaphor** directly states a comparison. It is a figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea or make comparison.

Example: “Love is a battlefield”

1. Identify comparisons in these lines. Underline the similes and circle the metaphors.

a) The paintbrush was like a magic wand in the hand of the artist.

SIMILE – like a magic wand

b) My sister is a walking dictionary and knows the meaning of every word that I ask her. **METAPHOR** – is a walking dictionary

c) I work all week but on Sundays I am as free as a bird.

SIMILE – as free as a bird

d) He is a night owl. He stays all night and sleeps all day.

METAPHOR – is a night owl

e) When my grandmother sees me, she smiles and says,

'You are my sunshine!'

METAPHOR – you are my sunshine

2. Use a simile and a metaphor to write descriptive sentences for each of the pictures given below.

a) SIMILE

A thunder sounds like fireworks

METAPHOR

Thunders clapped and echoed through the hills.

b) SIMILE

The suitcase is as heavy as a baby elephant.

METAPHOR

This suitcase is a rock.

c) SIMILE

Ice cream is as sweet as my sister.

METAPHOR

The ice-cream is heaven on earth.

d) SIMILE

The runner was as fast as a cheetah.

METAPHOR

All the athlete runners are cheetah.

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[Note: 1.Read the poem, learn the word-meanings,

Question-answers and practice the exercises. And Copy

down everything in your classwork copy]

