

Extra meanings

1. Stature-height
2. Wrinkled-having folds
3. Complexion-colour
4. Thrust-push suddenly
5. Customary-usual practice
6. Well bred-well mannered
7. Strewed-scatter
8. Amid-in between
9. Uttered-speak
10. Varied-different
11. Laboured-worked
12. Morrow-tomorrow
13. Moe-enemy
14. Roubles-Russian currency
15. Exalted-make somebody raise to higher position
16. Salvation-save from danger
17. Traversing-cross
18. Thawing-show
19. Ridicule-make fun of
20. Pock marks-birth marks on the face
21. Sober-serious
22. Wretched-unhappy
23. ~~Composure~~ Composure-being calm
24. Pursed up his lips
25. Utterly-completely
26. Curtail-reduce
27. Dispense-provide
28. Quilting-pattern made in cloth

29 Precisely-exactly

30 Nick of time-last possible movement

31 Threaten-frighten

32 Befits-suits

33 Significant-important

34 Gazed-looked

35 Draped-wear

A Answer these questions

1. What was Akaky Akakievich employed as?

→ Akaky Akakievich employed as a perpetual titular councillor.

2. What was Akakievich good at doing?

→ Akakievich was good at copying any peice of work given to him by anyone.

3. How did the young officials treat Akaky Akakievich?

→ The young officials laughed at him & made fun of him & strewed bits of paper over his head.

4. Why did Akaky Akakievich take the overcoat to the tailor?

→ Akaky Akakievich took the overcoat to the tailor so that it could be repaired & used for a longer period as he did not want to invest money in a new overcoat.

5. Who was Petrovich? How did he help Akaky Akakievich?
→ Petrovich was a tailor who lived somewhere on the fourth floor up a dark staircase. He helped Akaky by stitching a new overcoat for him in the least price.

6. How did Akaky Akakievich save money for the overcoat?
→ Akaky Akakievich saved money for the overcoat by cutting down his ordinary expenses for a year.

B. Answer these questions with reference to the context

1. It would be difficult to find another man who lived so entirely for his duties.

a. What were Akakievich's duties?

→ Akakievich's duties were to copy each of the documents given to him. He did not look up to see who gave him the papers to copy but just did it.

b. What was the man's attitude to his work?

→ He was a man who lived entirely by his duties. When he worked, he not only looked enthusiastic but full of love for his work.

c. What was speaker's tone in those lines?

→ The speaker's tone was pessimistic & depressing in these lines.



2. When ~~when~~ he went into the street, he must walk as lightly as he could.

a) Who was being talked about here?

→ Akaky was being talked about in the above lines

b) Why did 'he' need to be careful in this way?

→ Akaky needed to be careful in this way as he had a very less salary & he had to use all his things to the greatest extent. This had to be done for saving the required amount which had to ~~the~~ be given to the tailor who was making his overcoat.

c) ~~How~~ how did 'he' save up?

→ Akaky saved ~~1~~ up by curtailing his ordinary expenses for the span of one year.

C. Think & Answer.

a. Are you careful about how you spend your pocket money? Why is it important to save money? Choose three different people in your life & ask them why it is important to save money. Write a report on this & be sure to include your own opinion.

→ saving is a good habit - encourage it - stop unnecessary expenses - spend smartly

b. Just like Akaky Akakievich, sometimes we too are ridiculed by our friends, relatives & neighbours for the way we look or dress. Discuss ways on how the narrator dealt with the situation & how you can face such situations.



→ Narrate your experiences-What was ridiculed?
How was it done? How did you cope with it?-Did you
do the same with anyone?-How does it feel?