LESSON NO 1

A CATERPILLAR CALLED MATTHEW --- BY DEEPA AGARWAL

Value: ‘Good friends are like stars, you don’t always see them, but you know they are always there.’

**Q.1 Answer the following questions.**

1. According to Geeti, why had Shweta helped her adjust at the new school?

Ans: Geeti felt a little conscious that Shweta had to help her adjust to the new school because her parents must have told her.

b. How were Geeti and Shweta different from each other?

Ans: Geeti was a bookworm and didn’t talk too much, and Shweta was a chatty, sporty kind of girl.

c. What was Sky's actual name? Why was she named so?

Ans: Sky's actual name was Akashvani Rai Chowdhary. Her grandfather was very fond of listening to the radio ( All India Radio-Akashvani), so he named her Akashvani.

d. The unusual pet had an equally unusual name. What was it and why was it named so?

Ans: The unusual pet was a caterpillar and it was named as Matthew as Sky thought that the name was stately (majestic).

e. This thought warmed me like a blast of sunshine on a January morning. Who is 'me' here? What was the thought? What is meant by 'warmed me'?

Ans: ‘Me’ here is Geeti as she was new to the boarding school, she thought that Sky liked her. The meaning of ‘warmed me’ is when Sky was talking to her she was comforted with her words and felt better.

f. Why did Sky call Geeti in the middle of the night? How did that change Geeti's mood?

Ans: Geeti was feeling lonely, she was missing her cosy little room, her parents, and she was also scared of the night. Sky had called her to eat the goodies. After eating the besan laddus and mathri with achar, her mood changed, and she had a good sleep that night.

g. What happened to Matthew? What did Geeti do? Why?

Ans: When Geeti saw that Matthew had turned into a chrysalis, she kept getting new caterpillars because she was worried that Sky would be sad if Matthew turned into a butterfly and flew away.

h. What were the two questions about the caterpillar that Sky asked? Why did the questions surprise Geeti?

Ans: The two questions were: 1. “Do you think there’s something wrong with Matthew?”

2. Do you think he’s suffering from some kind of deficiency?” The questions surprise Geeti because she was worried that Sky might have found out that she was keeping caterpillars in Sky’s box.

VALUE BASED QUESTION

1. According to you, what makes a friendship stronger?

Ans: Friendship is a wonderful relationship and a good experience. Helping each other, having good communication, sharing, caring, maintaining trust, being supportive, spending quality time, respecting each other, etc makes a friendship stronger.

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