

LESSON NO
VEENA'S NEW IDEA

VALUE: Herbs are the friends of the physician and the pride of cooks.

NEW WORDS

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| 1. refused | 6. starch |
| 2. skates | 7. fantastic |
| 3. absolutely | 8. laundry |
| 4. wrapped | 9. nightmare |
| 5. pounding | 10. ordinary |

II) ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Q1. What happened when Aunt Malu agreed to try out Veena's Adopt-a-Pet idea?

ANS: Aunt Malu agreed to adopt two pets, a mynah with a broken wing, it gave her a lot of trouble Mynah could copy the sounds of a telephone ringing, the doorbell buzzing and the pressure cooker whistling. The lame mongoose wouldn't stop stealing food from their neighbour's kitchen and all this made her tired.

Q2. What was the gift that Aunt Malu made for her brother? What were the effects of giving that gift?

ANS: Aunt Malu gave her brother, a pair of roller skates that had the blades fixed on their soles. The purpose was to help her brother in moving the lawn effectively while skating. This idea failed so badly that Mr Seshadri tripped and fell many times that he was soon covered in cuts.

Q3. List a few actions Veena does when she sits on Aunt Malu's table.

ANS: Veena swings her legs, and fiddles with pineapple prickles. She then mixes up the seeds that her aunt had just sorted out, and then she spills some precious drops of jasmine oil on the table.

Q4. Which two products does Veena say 'were ahead of their time'? Why does she say so?

ANS: The two things that were ahead of their times were herbal laundry starch and voice improving pills made from clove and peppermints. She says so, because she didn't want to upset her aunt with the truth that those things were not as good as the aunt says they were.

Q5. What was the true story behind the failure of Aunt Malu's herbal laundry starch?

ANS: The true story was that the herbal laundry starch made saris and bed sheets became so crisp and stiff that these clothes could stand upright on their own, like a tent without pegs.

Q6. Were Aunt Malu's herbal medicines for Malu Herbal Cures successful? How do we know?

ANS: Aunt Malu's herbal medicines were successful. We know this because on some mornings, her house's front gate was blocked by a long queue of people wanting to buy some of her herbal medicines or the other.

Q7. Name a few of Aunt Malu's popular medicines.

ANS: Some of her popular medicines were instant wart removers, the birthmark-fading lotion, nail-growing cream, inhalers that would stop people from snoring and sweet-smelling sachet that would stop people from having nightmares.

CRITICAL THINKING

Q1. Veena's ideas are very creative. Which of her ideas do you like best? Why?

ANS: Her idea of making products for the general public, and not just for those who are sick – was one idea that was very creative and I liked the most. This idea would increase the number of customers because those products are used daily.

Q2. Do you like Veena's idea that Aunt Malu should make products for everybody and for every day? Why?

ANS: 'Yes' Veena's idea that Aunt Malu should make products for everybody and for every day.

As that would help Aunt Malu make more money and lead a luxurious life.