

LESSON NO - 4

THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON

VALUE – “The family is the first essential cell of human society”.

I] NEW WORDS

1. Switzerland	6. barrels	11. telescope
2. dreaming	7. raft	12. overboard
3.tossed	8. peninsula	
4. scrambled.	9. flora	
5. escaped	10. Fauna	

II] Answer the following questions:

Q1. Who do you believe is the narrator in this graphic story? How can you tell?

Ans: William is the narrator of the story. We know this because as soon as the ship got wrecked and the cabin crew escaped without the family, it was the narrator who observed everyone’s action and appreciated all of them and he kept on referring the family as ‘My Family’.

Q2. Why didn’t the captain and the crew help the narrator?

Ans: The captain and the crew did not rescue the family and escaped because it was the last of the lifeboats and they could either save themselves or the family. They preferred to save themselves as they likely knew how to quickly escape from such situations.

Q3. During their first trip to the sinking ship, what did the family decide to bring back to island? What do you think was their reasoning?

Ans: On the first trip to the sinking ship, they got fishing hooks, hammers, screwdrivers, pots , tins of biscuit, dried soup, sewing materials, captains telescope. Their reasoning was to only take those things that would help them in survival. The tool would help in pitching the tent, the food for sustaining their energies, with help of telescope to see who can rescue them and sewing materials to mend tent cloth.

Q4. The family saved all the animals on the wrecked ship. How did the family go about it?

Ans: The family set the pigeons, ducks and geese free, and they flew towards the land and they tied the rest of the animals to floating objects and help them sail through the waters.

Q5. What did the family do to make their time on the island more comfortable? Explain one action they took and why it was important.

Ans: The family constructed a tree house to make their stay more comfortable. It was important because the tent was on a barren beach, and it was very hot there. With the new tree house, they were now in a comfortable and a cosy new home at comfort.

Q6. How have we come to know about the Swiss Family Robinson's story?

Ans: We came to know about the Swiss Family Robinson's story since William had given the diary to Fritz in a hope that he would someday publish it.

Q7. In what ways do you think Liz and Ernest's knowledge helped the family to survive on the island?

Ans: Liz and Ernest's knowledge helped the family as Liz noticed that there was hardly any twilight, implying that they were near the equator. Similarly, Ernest saw Agouti, an animal, near the bushes, implying that they were somewhere near South America. This helped the family in establishing their whereabouts.

Q8. Fritz wanted to attack the shark. What do you think would have happened if he had done so?

Ans: If Fritz had attacked the shark, it was quite possible that the shark would have attacked him back, eventually making him drown in the sea. It would have been an unfortunate incident for the family.