

6. Adal Badal

About the passage

- A. 1. a) The boys' parents were farmers and occasionally had to borrow money from the moneylender to tide over difficult times.
- b) Isab and his father are the only members in their family.

- c) Yes, Isab worked on the farm to help his father. This fact can be supported by the following statement—His mother had tried to reason with him, 'Son, Isab has to work on the farm; his clothes are worn out. Yours are still as good as new.'
- d) Amrit hid in Isab's father's cowshed when he fussed over getting a new shirt.
2. a) i) Kalia said this to Amrit.
ii) Amrit told Kalia that he did not want to wrestle him.
iii) Kalia did not let go of Amrit. He threw him on the ground and won the wrestling match. This angered Isab and he wrestled with Kalia and defeated him.
- b) i) Amrit said this to Isab.
ii) Amrit ordered Isab to take off his shirt as he wanted to exchange shirts with him. Isab's new shirt was torn during his wrestling match with Kalia. The boys knew that Isab's father would thrash him for that. Both their shirts were identical, so Isab's father would not know the difference.
iii) Yes, Isab exchanged his shirt with Amrit after a little hesitation.
iv) The title of this story is 'Adal Badal' which means 'exchange' or 'switch'. The boys exchanged shirts with each other to save Isab from his father's thrashing, an action which reflects true friendship.
- c) i) Isab's father said this to Amrit's mother.
ii) The speaker had only one son, Isab.
iii) Isab's father wanted to make Amrit his son because he had secretly witnessed Amrit and Isab's shirt exchange and how Amrit had said that he would be protected from his father's beating by his mother, but Isab did not have anyone to protect him from his father. This made Isab's father realize what is truly worthwhile.
- B. 1. Amrit's mother was not keen on buying him a new shirt because his shirt was still as good as new and he did not really need a new shirt. He just wanted a new shirt because Isab was getting one too. This tells us that Amrit's mother is very practical and does not like spending money unnecessarily.
2. Hassan bhai was Isab's father. He realized what is truly worthwhile in life by the end of the story.
3. Amrit gave his new shirt to Isab when Isab's shirt got torn because he knew that Isab would be thrashed by his father. Amrit said that he would be protected from his father's beating by his mother, but Isab did not have anyone to protect him from his father. This shows that Amrit was a true and loyal friend, who genuinely loved and cared about Isab.