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Questions and answers from the back of the chapter

Ch-6 Tom Has A Toothache

I. Answer the following questions:-

Q1. What did Tom wish to be on a Monday morning?

Ans. Tom generally began his Monday mornings with the wish that he had no intervening holiday as it made the going into captivity (going to school) again so much more disgusting.

Q2. What ailments did Tom consider having?

Ans. Tom considered the ailments like severe pain in the stomach, a painful loose tooth and a sore toe to pretend that he was sick and was unable to go to school but when all his plans failed, he thought of feigning sickness by putting stress on the painful, loose tooth.

Q3. How did Tom try to get Sid's attention?

Ans. Tom groaned loud and fancied that he began to feel pain in the toe. He wanted to get the attention of Sid so he fetched a succession of admirable groans.

Q4. How did Aunt Polly react to Tom's condition?

Ans. Aunt Polly ran upstairs to see Tom's condition. In the beginning she got worried but then she sank down into a chair and laughed a little, then cried a little, then did both together. This restored her and she told Tom to shut up and not to speak the nonsense.

Q5. What did Aunt Polly want to do to ease Tom's toothache? Why did Tom stop her from doing so?

Ans. Aunt Polly wanted to pull out Tom's loose tooth to ease his toothache so she was about to get a silk thread and a chunk of fire out of the kitchen. Tom stopped her from pulling the tooth out as he knew that it would hurt.

II. Answer these questions with reference to the context:-

1. He generally began that day with wishing he had had no intervening holiday, it made the going into captivity

a. Which day does the speaker mention here?

Ans. the speaker refers to 'Monday' in this line.

b. What is the word 'captivity' being used to describe here?

Ans. Tom thought that going to school was like being in a prison as a captive so the word 'captivity' has been used here.

c. What does this line tell you about the protagonist of this story?

Ans. This line tells us that the protagonist of the story 'Tom' is a mischievous boy who doesn't want to go to school and keeps on feigning sickness. He wants to stay back home and play with his friends.

2. Tom, why didn't you wake?

a. Who said this and to whom?

Ans. Sid said this to Tom.

b. What was making the speaker frightened?

Ans. The speaker got frightened because when he woke up from his deep sleep he found that Tom was groaning loudly and by that time he was panting due to exertion. Tom's groans had gathered quite a genuine tone and he said that he was going to die.

c. What was the speaker doing before saying this?

Ans. The speaker was sleeping soundly and snoring before saying this.

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