

Chapter 5.

Be Glad Your Nose is on Your Face

Word Meanings

- 1 Precious: valuable
- 2 sandwiched : placed tightly between two things
- 3 treat: (here) something enjoyable.
- 4 source: (here) cause
- 5 dread: fear
- 6 despair: feeling of no hope
- 7 absolute: complete
- 8 catastrophe : a terrible event
- 9 obliged: (here) forced
- 10 rattle: shake violently

A Answer these questions:

- Q1} Why does the speaker feel that we should be grateful that our nose is on our face?
- A1} We should be grateful that our nose is on our face because if it would have been elsewhere, we would have disliked it a lot
- Q2} What problem would arise if the nose was between our toes?
- A2} If the nose was between our toes, we would have been forced to smell our feet.
- Q3} When could our hair tickle the nose?
- A3} Our hair could have tickled the nose if it were attached atop our head.
- Q4} When would the nose be an absolute catastrophe ?
- A4} If the nose would have been within our ear, it would be an absolute catastrophe.
- Q5} What do you mean by the phrase 'through thick and thin' ?

A5} The phrase 'through thick and thin' means in good as well as bad days.

B } Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1} Your brain would rattle from the breeze.

a} What would make the brain rattle?

Ans} If the nose was within our ear, we would have been forced to sneeze making the brain rattle.

b} Which breeze is the speaker talking about?

Ans:} The speaker is talking about the air that comes when one sneezes making the brain rattle.

C} Where is the nose imagined to be in this line?

Ans} The nose is imagined to be within our ear in this line.

2} Your nose instead, through thick and thin,
remains between your eyes and chin.

a} Where else does the speaker imagine the nose to be ?

Ans} The speaker imagines our nose to be between our toes.

b} Is it a good thing that your nose is between your eyes and chin?

Ans} Yes, it is a good thing that our nose is between our eyes and chin.

c} What would have happened if the nose was placed somewhere else?

Ans If the nose was placed somewhere else, it could be a cause of inconvenience.