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Questions and Answers from the Back of the Chapter

Ch 11: Twice Times

I. Answer these questions.

1. What do you think the speaker is trying to say in the poem?

Ans. The poet wants to say that the two bears had opposite qualities. One of them could learn the multiplication tables but the other one was not. He was unable to keep his clothes, handkerchief and knickers neat and tidy.

2. What good qualities or habits are mentioned in the poem?

Ans. The good qualities or habits are: to learn the multiplication tables, to button the dress properly, to obey the elders, to keep a handkerchief and to keep the clothes neat and tidy.

3. What does the speaker mention as bad habits?

Ans. The bad habits are: not to learn the multiplication table, to keep the buttons undone, to disobey the elders, not to keep a handkerchief, and not to keep the clothes neat and tidy.

4. Do you agree with the speaker? Why or why not?

Ans. Yes, I agree with the speaker because we all should have the good habits. The good habits make a person successful in whatever he/she does.

II. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. *They lived in a cave when the weather was cold,
And they did, and they didn't do, what they were told.
Good bear learnt his Twice Times Three ---
But Bad Bear never had his hand-ker-chee.*

a. Do you think one should always do what they are told?

Ans. I think that one should do whatever they are told only after thinking about the outcome of the work.

b. How important do you think is knowing your twice times?

Ans. It is important to learn our twice times as multiplication tables are mostly needed while calculating different sums.

c. Would you call Bad Bear bad because he did not learn his twice times?

Ans. Yes, I would call him bad because he doesn't obey his aunt and doesn't learn his twice times.

2. *And the quite suddenly (just like us)
One got Better and the other got Wuss.
Good Bear muddled his Twice Times Three
But Bad Bear coughed in his hand-ker-chee!*

a. Who does 'us' refer to here?

Ans. 'Us' refers to the Christopher and the poet himself.

b. What does the speaker mean by 'just like us'?

Ans. The speaker wants to say that sometimes we human beings also change our nature and qualities like Christopher remembers up to Twice Times Ten but the poet keeps on forgetting where he keeps his pen.

c. Is the speaker suggesting that the bears' behaviour changed?

How?

Ans. Yes, the speaker is suggesting that the bears' behaviour changed at the end because the Good Bear got confused about his twice times but the Bad Bear never kept his buttons undone or coughed in his handkerchief.