

## Rama Learns to Read

I. Read the following extract and answer the following questions.

Gia and Hussain had their lunch. Then, they ran to the playground and started playing with a flying disc.

The disc flew and fell near a wall. They both ran to pick it up. Near the wall, they saw a little girl. She was grazing her goat.

The girl smiled and waved at Gia. Gia, in turn, smiled at her.

Do you know her? Hussain asked.

Gia said, "Yes, she is Rama. Her father is the security guard in our building."

1. Who said this to whom?

a.) "Yes, she is Rama. Her father is the security guard in our building."

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b.) "Do you know her?"

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2. Read these sentences. Write **T** for True and **F** for False

a) Rama and Hussain were playing with a flying disc.

b) Rama's father was the school principal.

c) Gia and Hussain were friends.



**II. Read the extract and answer the following.**

“Rama we will help you learn how to read and write.” Gia declared.

Rama grinned. “I will take you with me when I go to play in the park. We can sit under the banyan tree and learn together. Then you will be able to read books easily.” Stated Gia.

Soon, the bell rang again.

Gia and Hussain ran back to their classroom.

Gia kept her promise. She taught Rama to read. On some days, Hussain would help too. He taught Rama to write.

Rama brought ripe guavas and shared them with her friends. Gia and Hussain enjoyed the guavas before going home.

Soon, Rama learnt to read. The three of them would read adventure stories and fairy tales, together. She also learnt to solve math problems.

1) Who said to whom?

a) “Rama, we will help you to learn how to read and write.”

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b) “I will take you with me when I go to play in the park. We can sit under the banyan tree and learn together. Then you will be able to read books easily.”

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2) Answer the questions from the extract.

a) Did Gia keep up her promise made to Rama?

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b) How did Hussain help Rama?

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c) How do you think Rama's life changed after she learned to read and write?

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d) What did Gia and Hussain learn from the experience of teaching Rama to read and write?

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e) Gia and Hussain helps Rama to read and write. What does this tell us about their character?

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III. Read these sentences. Select the correct meaning of the words in bold.

a) He was rude towards his classmates, so he was sent off and **penalized**.

punished       awarded       unhappy

b) Ashima is such a **cheerful** person. She is always smiling.

sad       happy       angry

c) The boys **yearned** to win the competition.

respected       wanted       practiced

d) Shivani's mother told her to clean the room. It was very **messy**.

dirty       cold       clean

e) Mr. Mahesh felt **foolish** when he couldn't remember where he had parked the car.

silly       embarrassed       happy