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Good morning students

Today we will continue with the poem 'Mama's Hands' that we have started in our previous English Literature assignment. This poem is given in your English Literature book titled 'New Trends in English Reader'.

In this poem you have learnt about a mother's sacrifices and love for her children and family.

Now let us start with the poem.

Students, in our previous lesson we have already done first three stanzas of the poem

'Mama's Hands' written by Tommy

Jo Castrol. Now, let us have a quick revision of first three stanzas.

In first stanza the poet or the child says her mother that he had seen her hiding her hands in front of a beautiful

lady because that lady had very soft and beautiful hands

then in the second and third stanzas he told his mother that,

if that lady will work like his

mother then her beautiful hands

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will also turn rough and dirty. So in these stanza he says his mother not to feel shame for her hands as they are rough because of her hard work. Students now we will continue with stanza four.

Stanza - 4

They've never scrubbed - - - - - lost the way
In the fourth stanza the poet says to her mother that she has to do hard work whole day like mopping and sweeping the floor of dirty kitchen and she also has to clean dirty dishes in the kitchen but those rich ladies do not do these types of chores. They never look after or guide the children with their hands because they have servants to do all these work at their homes. But his mother does all the work alone with her hands so she is a very hard-working lady who cares for her child and family so she should feel proud for her rough hands instead of feeling ashamed. As their beautiful hands are useless if

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they do not do any work with them.

Stanza - 5

They've never made --- they've canned
In this stanza the poet says to his mother that the rich ladies never use their hands to make Christmas gift for their loving ones as they have enough money to buy them gift so they do not put any effort or love to make gifts. They do not peel apples for their kids and family as all these chores are done by their servants. They do not cut or prepare vegetables with their hands but his mother has to do all these chores so her hands are rough.

Students, let us take a break in order to check your understanding of the poem. After listening to the questions carefully you may pause the audio for three minutes to write your answers.

Q 1. Who had never scrubbed a kitchen floor?

Q 2. Why don't they make Christmas gift?

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Q3. Who has to do all work on her own?

Q4. Why should poet's mother feel proud?

Students break is over we will continue with the poem.

Stanza - 6

They've never worn a blister - - - - I know.
In sixth stanza ^{the} poet tells his mother about the rich lady who never does any work so she never worn blister ^{23.12} on her hands but his mother does hard work with her hands so she got blisters on her hands. He says his mother that, these rich ladies cannot do any work for others. These ladies can show only kindness but nothing else.

Stanza - 7

So you see - - - - - you from above.
In the last stanza the poet or the child says to his mother that she is the sweetest mother and her hands are loving hands. He says that God must be watching your hard working hands. He ^{also} says his mother that God

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will appreciate her effort and she will be rewarded for her hard working and loving hands.

Alright, students, you have been given the stanza wise explanation of the poem Mama's Hands. Now you all are required to do Q VI-X of exercise-3 and part (a) of Exercise-4 given on page number 85, in your English Literature books as a part of your home assignment.

Students, answers to the home assignment will be given to you in the answer key on Thursday.
Thank you

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