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Chapter - 16 The Fun They Had

Good morning students

Today we will take up the story 'The Fun they Had' as a part of your English Literature assignment. This story is taken from your book 'New Trends in English Reader'.

Students now let us start with the topic. Here I am going to explain you the summary of the story 'The Fun they Had'. In this story you will see the glimpse of imaginary world or the computer world when there would be no school and children will be learning everything on their computers. Then the computer would be the only teacher.

They would not be going to the school and they won't be able to enjoy the company of their friends. In this story a girl whose name is Margie, she is eleven years old. She used to write her personal diary. On the Date 17th May 2157, at night she wrote her diary about a real book that was found by his friend

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his friend Tommy who was thirteen years old. They both were surprised to see the real book that Tommy had found in the attic. It was very old book. They had not seen a real book before as they were used to study or learn everything on computer. They were very excited about the book then Margie told that once her grandfather said that when her grandfather was a little boy then her great grandfather told him about the time when all the stories were printed on paper. It means Margie's great grandfather told about this present world we are living in. They were so excited that they turned the yellow and dirty pages of the book. They were surprised to think that how people of that age used to read the words that stood still instead of moving on a screen as they were reading a book very first time.

Then they start discussion that how children of that age were used to read book. Tommy said that it was just wastage of pages to read the books and to throw it away. Whereas they could read million books on screen and they could save plenty

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of more books. They need not to throw any book away. Then Margie asked Tommy what it was about. Tommy told her that it was about 'School'. Margie didn't like 'School' at all. She always hated school as the mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in Geography. Margie didn't like school because of a lot reasons. The school she studies didn't have any classmate. It didn't have any playground. They studied in a virtual classroom. They had robots as teachers. Her classroom was next to her bedroom only. That is why she didn't like school at all. So Margie asked Tommy why anyone would write about school. As she didn't find anything interesting in school. Her school was next to her bedroom so it was not interesting for her to go to school and enjoy with her friends. She did not want a school full of electronic gadgets without friends.



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Tommy told Margie about that old kind of schools that they had hundreds of years ago. After that it takes an interesting turn when they discuss these old kind of schools. Margie learnt that schools were very different back then.

They had actual persons who were teachers. It was surprising because she had only robots which taught her.

She learnt that children enjoyed the company of their classmates.

They shared things. They played in the playgrounds during recess.

She learnt that school was a special building and all the children went there to study. She learnt that all the children studied together and they had lots of fun together in the schools.

When Margie attends her school after learning about the earlier

schools, she starts wondering. She imagined kids from different neighbourhoods coming together merrily to attend school.

She was unable to concentrate on her studies. She was just wondering about the fun they had.

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Alright students now you have been given a brief outline of the story. Now all of you are required to read the story given in your Literature text book carefully and do exercises 3, 4 on book page no. 99, as a part of your home assignments.

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

Thank you

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