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Good morning students

Today we will be reading the passage 'Mrs Link' as a part of your English assignment dated 23.8.2021. All of you are requested to open page number-35 chapter - 11 of your English Comprehension book titled Friday Afternoon. Students, keep your practice notebooks ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions to check your understanding of the passage.

Students, pay attention as I am going to explain you the passage 'Mrs Link'.

This passage is an extract from the book series Chicken Soup for the Soul.

This is a series of books containing a collection of short, inspirational stories and motivational essays. This passage is about an old lady Mrs Link who was around eighty years old. The passage begins when the narrator was eighteen years old and he was about to start his college. The narrator thought that before joining the college he should earn some money. So he decided to sell books door to door to make some money. He started towards the streets of older homes.

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He reached at a gate an old lady who was tall and good looking opened the door. She looked at the narrator and said that she was waiting for him as she needed help in her house and yard cleaning. She told him that God had sent him for her help. So the narrator also agreed to help her as he thought that if God has decided that job for him so he could not deny. The next day the narrator came to clean the yard and he worked for six hours to clean the yard by mowing the lawn with a mower. Now the lawn was looking very neat and clean. Mrs Link complimented him or praised him for his hard work and good work. She gave him a cheque of three dollars for his work.

Students, let us take a break to recount the parts of the story. You will be asked a few questions! After listening to the questions carefully you may pause the audio for three minutes.

Q1. Name the book from which this passage has been taken.

Q2. How old is the narrator of this story?

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- Q3. What did the narrator decide to do before joining his college?
- Q4. Whom did he meet at the first door?
- Q5. What did she want from the narrator?
- Students, break is over we will discuss the answers.

Ans 1. Series of books Chicken Soup for the Soul.

Ans 2. Eighteen years old

Ans 3. to sell books door to door to earn money

Ans 4. Mrs Link

Ans 5. to clean her house and yard

— Students, now we will continue with the story

After cleaning the lawn the next week was decided to clean the house.

Mrs. Link showed the narrator that how to clean the house with her antique looking vacuum cleaner. Mrs Link told her about her journey around the world and from where did she buy that vacuum cleaner. Mrs Link made delicious lunch from fresh vegetables from her garden and they shared the meal cooked by her. Then the narrator worked as a driver for Mrs Link. Mrs Link told the narrator that the car was the last gift that

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was given by her husband Mr. Link around thirty years back but it was still in very good condition. The narrator was working as driver for some weeks then he left the job. Mrs Link had no child but she had nieces and nephews lived nearby. As she was an active lady in community affairs so neighbours were also fond of her. Almost a year and a half passed since the narrator met Mrs Link. He could not spare time to meet her and they both were busy in their lives. Mrs. Link had found a girl to help her in her household chores.

Valentine's Day was coming so the narrator had prepared a list of his valentines. When narrator's mother saw his list of valentines she suggested him to add Mrs Link in his valentines list. First the narrator was not agree with his mother but his mother insisted him to do it so he agreed.

On Valentine's Day the narrator went to Mrs Link and gave her a beautiful bouquet. Mrs Link happily accepted the bouquet. Two months later when the narrator again visited Mrs Link he found that centered on her

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mantelpiece in her living room, full of beautiful and antique things, narrator's bouquet was decorated though it was faded. As narrator's bouquet was the only valentine that Mrs Link had received that year.

Alright students you have been given a brief explanation of the passage. Now you all are required to read the passage carefully given in your book and do exercise - A on page numbers - 36, 37. as a part of your home assignment.

Students, on the basis of your understanding of the passage exercise - A will be done by yourselves.

Thank you

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