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Chapter - 16 Packing for the Journey

Good morning students

Today we will take up the story 'Packing for the Journey' as a part of your English Literature assignment. This story has been taken from your English Literature book titled 'New Trends in English Reader'.

Students now let us start with the summary of the story 'Packing for the Journey'. This is an extract from the novel 'Three Men in a Boat' written by a renowned author Jerome K Jerome. This story is about three friends who decide to go on a holiday trip. This is a very humorous story when they were getting ready for the journey. The narrator is proud of his packing skills. The story begins when they made a list of things to be taken for their journey. Narrator with his friends George and Harris decide to pack their bag on Friday. So they met on Friday evening to pack their bag the most important thing of a journey. The narrator is quite confident about



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with his packing skills as he handles it all alone. They piled everything in a heap in the middle of the room.

Narrator told his friends George and Harris to leave the whole packing entirely on him. But in reality the narrator wishes to simply supervise the packing session while making his friends do the work under his supervision. But it happened otherwise, they both were relaxing and watching Jerome doing all alone. The narrator was getting irritated seeing his friends enjoying one on the easy chair and other cocked his legs over the table and lit a cigar. Then Jerome recalled when he lived with a man who sat on the sofa and watched him doing work for hours. But now he was not like that he could not sit still and watching another man working hard.

Finally, after a long packing session, he packs the bag up while his friend Harris waiting him quietly, suddenly tells him that he did not pack his shoes and Jerome will have to reopen the bag to make space for them. It had already taken a long time to pack the bag but now it was all useless as he had to reopen the bag to make space for the shoes. Now narrator was saying angrily to Harris that why did not he



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tell him about the shoes before he got the bag shut and strapped. Thus, after learning about the shoes, Jerome remembers his toothbrush which he did not pack. In order to find the brush he empties the whole bag then he finds the brush inside a boot and packs the bag again. So he had to reopen the bag twice once for the shoes and then for the toothbrush. Now the narrator was confident that he had packed everything. As soon as the narrator got the bag shut and strapped it. George asked if the soap was packed. But now narrator got irritated and said "I did not care at all whether the soap was packed or not. So we see that after taking such a long time to pack, Jerome's other two friends pack the hampers themselves to show him how it is actually done. But they start with breaking a cup. That was the first thing they did. They packed the strawberry jam on top of a tomato and squashed it. Then they tread on butter while also smashing the pies. They then upset salt over everything. After that George tried to put his slipper in the



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Kettle. When he was unable 'to arrange it he put the slipper on the chair and Harris sat on it and the slipper stuck to him and they went looking for the slipper all over the room. Finally they found the slipper and tried to put things back in order. However, it was not successful as their pet dog, Montmorency, worsened things. He sits on things meant to be packed and climbs into the jam as well as crushed lemons as if they were rats. But, finally, the final packing ends at around 12:50 in the night. After a tiring packing session, they decide the time to get up for the next morning. Harris sat on the big hamper and hoped nothing would be found broken. Then they all went upstairs to sleep.

Alright students now you have been given a brief outline of the story. You all are required to read the story given in your English Literature text book carefully and do exercises 4 A, B given on page no 103 as a part of your home assignments.

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