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Chapter - 2 At Home in India

Good morning students

Today we will take up the passage 'At Home in India' as a part of your English Comprehension assignment which will be submitted to you on dated 17th April 2023. All the students are requested to open page number 11, Ch-2 of your English Comprehension book titled 'Friday Afternoon'. Students keep your practice notebook ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the passage.

Students, now pay attention as I am going to explain you the summary of the passage. This passage is written by a well-known author 'Ruskin Bond'. In this passage the author shows his attachment towards his home town and his country. First he shows his surprise about the people those who are always ready to leave their country just for a good opportunity. People are very happy to leave India and to settle their lives in abroad. But the author had a different attitude

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on this matter. He tells that once he got a great opportunity but after thinking about it for many days he decided not to leave his country India. The author tells that sometimes he gets astonished when he sees the people never have a second thought if they get a chance to leave their country India. Then the author tells that a few years ago he was offered a very well paid job on a magazine in Hong Kong. First he got little excited for the job but he struck in great dilemma for weeks. He was under intense pressure and became panic. Finally, when he dropped his idea to leave his country India he got a sigh of relief. He tells that when he did not accept the offer of a well paid job his friends thought that he was a crazy person because most of his friends would have jumped at a comparable offer. The author wondered how people are ready to spend their

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lives far from the palm-fringed coasts or pine-clad mountains of their land. The author tells that many of his friends have gone away and never to return. They have got married there and never feel homesick.

Students, now let us take a short break. You will be asked a few questions and after listening to the questions you may

- Q1. Name the author of this passage.
- Q2. What is this passage about?
- Q3. What do the people ready for according to the author?
- Q4. What opportunity did the author get a few years back?
- Q5. Why was the author in great dilemma for weeks?

Students, now break is over we will continue with the passage.

The author was fearful about the thought of staying away from India because of his past experience when he went to England for his study and was unable to get

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back to India because of lack of money and he had to spend life like a miser or slave in England for two years to earn enough money to bring him home. Although the author had no member left in his family still he feels too attached to his land. The reason of author's attachment towards his land is his father and grandfather lived and died here and he also born and went to school here. In the end the author says he can't leave his country India to settle his life in abroad. According to author race and religion did not make him Indian but it is history that counts.

Alright students you have been given the brief summary of the passage. Now you all are required to revise the content given in the book as well as provided content carefully and attempt exercise - A given in your book on page no - 12 as a part of your home assignment. Thank you
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