

Class - VIII

Teacher - Ms Jaswinder

Subject - English Literature

Chapter - 2 The Shocking Arrival

Good morning students

Today we will take up the story 'The Shocking Arrival' as a part of your English Literature assignment which will be submitted to you on dated 10 April 2023. All the students

are requested to open page number - 11 Ch-2 of your English Literature book titled 'New Trends in English Reader'.

Students, keep your practice notebooks ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the story.

Students, Now pay attention as I am going to explain you the summary of the chapter 'The Shocking Arrival'.

This story has been extracted from novel 'Rosy, My Relative' written by Gerald Durrell. This is a humorous story about a young man Adrian Rookwhistle and Rosy an elephant.

In this story Adrian was told by his uncle before he dies that he was going to let him Rosy but he did not explain anything about Rosy. So Adrian did not know that Rosy was an elephant.

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Therefore, Adrian was shocked when a carter reached with an elephant and told him to receive the delivery. Firstly, Adrian was shocked and refused to accept it by saying that it was not his elephant. The carter was sure about the delivery address and said to Adrian to remove the elephant from his van. When the carter and Adrian were quarrelling over the delivery of the elephant, suddenly Adrian heard from the carter the name of the elephant 'Rosy' then he remembered his uncle's words about Rosy. So he had to accept it. Now the carter was compelling him to remove Rosy from his van so that he could eat something as he hadn't had anything since morning. Adrian requested the carter to wait until he found some solution to the problem. First he thought to keep Rosy in Mrs. Dredge's garden but there was not enough room. Then he thought to take help of his friend Mr. Pucklehammer who had recently owned a big yard.

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Adrian went to Mr Pucklehammer and requested him to keep the elephant in his yard. Mr Pucklehammer agreed happily to keep Rasy in his yard.

Students, Now let us take a short break in order to check your understanding of the story. You will be asked a few questions and after listening to the questions you may write your answers.

- Q1. Name the book from which this story has been extracted?
- Q2. What did Adrian's uncle tell him before his death?
- Q3. Who was Rasy?
- Q4. What was Adrian's request to the carter?
- Q5. Who was Mr. Pucklehammer? How did he help Adrian?

Students, break is over we will continue with the story.

Now they thought of feeding something to Rasy before removing

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her from the van. Adrian offered a cheese sandwich to Rosy but she stretched out her trunk and with utmost speed removed Adrian's hat and placed it on her head. The carter was annoyed as he had not been offered anything to eat and he was hungry enough. After feeding cheese sandwich to Rosy, Mr Pucklehammer brought a sandwich and a tankard for the carter but, when Rosy saw the tankard she uttered a long and loud trumpeting. She got mad to get the tankard. She took it and poured the content or beer in her mouth as she was a circus drunkard elephant.

Alright students you have been given the summary of the story 'The Shocking Arrival'. Now you all are required to revise the content and attempt ex 1, 2, 3 in your books only and ex-4 in your English language notebooks as a part of your home assignment. Thank you.

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