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Class - VIII

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Chapter - 4 When Wishes Come True

Good morning students

Today we will take up the story 'When Wishes Come True' as a part of your English Literature assignment which will be submitted to you on dated 2nd May, 2022. All the students are requested to open page number 24 ch-4 of your English Literature book titled 'New Trends in English Reader'. 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 story.

Students, Now pay attention as I am going to explain you the summary of the story 'When Wishes Come True'.

Students, this story teaches a very important lesson to be happy as you are and don't wish for the improbable to turn true as it can put you in many complications. In this story

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a man Subal Chandra had a son whose name was Sushil but people are not always true to their names. Sushil which means gentle and quiet, was totally opposite to his name. He drove the entire neighbourhood mad. Subal was suffering from joint pain and was not able to run after his naughty son and punish him. One day, it was Saturday Sushil was not in mood to go to school, so he started making flimsy pretext that he had a terrible stomach ache. Subal wanted to teach him a lesson. So he locked him in a room and gave him bitter brew as a medicine. Sushil burst into tears and wished if only he could be as old as his father, he would be able to do whatever he wanted to. Subal was also irritated with his son's mischievous activity and his joint pain so he was also thinking to get rid of this

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boxing life. So, Subal also sat outside and wished to be as young as his son so that he could study hard which he had missed while he was young. Suddenly, the goddess who grant wishes was passing by and she decided to grant them their wishes.

Students, now let us take a short break in order to check your understanding of the story. So after listening to the questions you may pause the audio for three minutes to write your answer.

- Q1. Who is Sushil?
- Q2. What did Sushil do on a Saturday?
- Q3. How did Subal teach him a lesson?
- Q4. What did they both wish for?
- Q5. Who was passing by when they both were wishing for their wishes to be granted?
- Q6. What disease did Subal suffering from?

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

Appearing before them the goddess said that tomorrow morning you both will become as you wish for. They both were delighted. Next morning they got exactly they wished for. Now, Sushil could not play with his friends, climbing on trees, swimming in the pond, eating raw mangoes and roaming all day long because he did not have strength to do all these things. On the other hand his young father was also facing many difficulties with this change. Everyday was becoming more difficult for them to survive with the change. There was no enjoyment at all in their lives any more. So they both prayed earnestly to change them back to what they used to be once again. Now they were

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quite satisfied with their lives.

So here we learn that always be happy and contented whatever and wherever you are.

Alright students you have been given a brief summary of the chapter 'When Wishes Come True'

Now you all are required to revise the provided content and the content given in your book.

After reading the content attempt exercises 1, 2, 3 in your book only and ex-4 Q/A in your English Literature notebooks as a part of your home assignment. Thank you.

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