

Don Bosco School of Excellence

Class: VII

English

P2 – The Rebel

I. Read the given lines and answer the following questions:

When everybody has short hair,
The rebel lets his hair grow long.
When everybody has long hair,
The rebel cuts his hair short.
When everybody talks during the lesson,
The rebel doesn't say a word.

1. Who is a rebel?

Rebel is the one who disobeys the rules.

2. What will a rebel do when everybody has short hair?

A rebel will grow his hair long when everybody has short hair.

3. Name of the poet of the poem 'The Rebel'.

The name of the poet is D. J. Enright.

II. Summary

1. Write a summary on the poem 'The Rebel'.

The poem, The Rebel describes the character of a rebel, a person who does not conform to the norms of the society. The rebel is described as a person who would contradict others in order to be different. The character of the rebel in the poem is not based on a political activist, but seems to be a character sketch of a young adolescent, trying to be different. All the instances in the poem are repetitive affirmations of this fact.

If a rebel sees a group of people with short hair, he would let his hair grow long. On seeing others with long hair, the rebel would cut short his hair. Seeing everybody talk during the lesson, the rebel would become absolutely mute. On realizing that everybody is silent the rebel would create a disturbance.

Similarly, on various such issues, the rebel would be seen contradicting others and doing things that no one would be doing. He would refuse to wear the uniform when the others would be wearing it, praise the dogs when in the company of cat lovers, appreciate the sun on rainy days and rains on the sunny days. He would do just anything but not what others are doing.

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Ln 3 – Gopal and the Hilsa Fish

I. Read the given lines and choose the correct answers:

Strangely enough no one is interested in Hilsa fish today! From the market to the palace and not in the court, not a soul has spoken a word about Hilsa – Fish today!

a. Who made people not speak about Hilsa – fish?

Gopal made people not speak about Hilsa fish.

b. Who threw the challenge to whom?

The King threw the challenge to Gopal.

c. What was strange?

It was strange that no one spoke about Hilsa fish.

II. Short answers

1. Who was Gopal? What did Gopal's wife think about him?

Ans. Gopal was a courtier in the king's court known for his wisdom and presence of mind. Gopal's wife thought that her husband had gone mad.

2. What happened when the king heard his courtiers talking about Hilsa fish?

Ans. When the king heard his courtiers talking about Hilsa fish, he lost his temper and warned them that they were courtiers and not fishermen. But the king soon felt guilty, looking at his nervous and humble courtier when he had rebuked. His tone changed and he said that it was the season of Hilsa and nobody could be stopped from talking about it.

3. What was the king's reaction when he came to know that he had lost the challenge?

Ans. The king was happy about it and congratulated Gopal for winning the challenge. Being a king he could not be angry on anyone who proves their talent.

III. Long answer:

1. We should not give up in any situation. If we try hard we can definitely find a solution. Why do you think so?

Ans. Yes, we should not give up in any situation. We should find out a solution to come out of it. Sometimes, it might be tough to find the solution, but if we try hard, nothing is impossible. We learn from the efforts we make in life. If we won't make efforts then our learning will stop. It is OK to commit mistake but we should learn bur lesson from them and must not repeat them again. The world remembers the great people because they did things differently and took up those risks in life. There should be no room for embarrassments but for self encouragements.
