

Chapter 8: A Pact with the Sun

Questions:

Question 1. What did the physicians ask Saeeda's mother to do to get well? Did their advice help her? If not, why?

Answer: The physicians asked Saeeda's mother not to take normal food and remain confined to her small and dark room with doors and windows closed.

She was deprived of sunshine and fresh air. No, their advice did not help her. Lack of sunshine and fresh air even worsened her health.

Question 2. What did the specialist prescribe in addition to medicine?

Answer: The specialist prescribed her effective but costly medicine. He told her to eat anything which she likes.

In addition to this, he told her to leave the dark room and shift to a bigger room with doors and windows open. He told her to sit under the sun every morning and inhale fresh air.

Question 3. What did Saeeda tell the sunrays to do?

Answer: Saeeda requested the sunrays to come the next day with lots of warmth and brightness. She said her mother was unwell and needed the help of the sunrays.

Question 4. Why were the sunrays keen to go down to the Earth the next day?

Answer: The sunrays had made pact with little Saeeda and could not stay back. They promised Saeeda that they will help her mother with warmth and brightness to get well. They were keen to go down to the earth the next day else they would be called liars.

- What is your own formula for keeping good health?
- Who would you recommend to a patient in your neighbourhood – the physicians contacted first or the specialist contacted next? Give reasons for your choice.
- When would you make a pact with the sun? When you are going on a picnic or when you are playing a cricket match? Think of other occasions.

Answer: Do it yourself.