

Chapter 2: The Rebel

Working with the Poem

Question 1:

Answer the following questions.

- (i) If someone doesn't wear a uniform to school, what do you think the teacher will say?
- (ii) When everyone wants a clear sky, what does the rebel want most?
- (iii) If the rebel has a dog for a pet, what is everyone else likely to have?
- (iv) Why is it good to have rebels?
- (v) Why is it not good to be a rebel oneself?

Answer:

- i) If someone does not wear a uniform to school, the teacher would scold him and probably ask him to stand outside the class.
- (ii) When everyone wants a clear sky, the rebel wants rain the most.
- (iii) If the rebel has a dog for a pet, then everyone else is likely to have a cat.
- (iv) It is good to have rebels because they are different from others and provide a source of mischief and amusement to others.
- (v) It is not good to be a rebel oneself because then the others would laugh at us and we would be scolded and met with indifference by everyone we disagree with.

Question 2:

Find in the poem an antonym (a word opposite in meaning) for each of the following words.

- (i) Long _____
- (ii) Grow _____
- (iii) Quietness _____
- (iv) Sober _____
- (v) Lost _____

Answer:

- (i) Short
- (ii) Cut
- (iii) Disturbance
- (iv) Fantastic
- (v) Find

Question 3:

Find in the poem lines that match the following. Read both one after the other.

- (i) The rebel refuses to cut his hair.
- (ii) He says cats are better.
- (iii) He recommends dogs.
- (iv) He is unhappy because there is no sun.
- (v) He is noisy on purpose.

Answer:

- (i) The rebel lets his hair grow long.
- (ii) The rebel expresses a preference for cats.
- (iii) The rebel puts in a good word for dogs.
- (iv) The rebel regrets the absence of sun.
- (v) The rebel creates a disturbance.

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