

Some word meanings illustrated with picture:



Crinkly Old books- Words printed on pages.

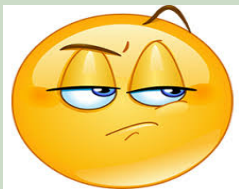
Pages were **crinkly or with many folds** and lines.

Pages turned yellow as they were too old.



Attic- A space just below the roof, often used as store room.

Tommy found the book in their attic.



Scornful- disrespectful. Margie was scornful about her school.

Some important points to remember:

1. Margie wrote her diary on 17th May, 2157.
2. Margie is eleven and Tommy is thirteen years old.
3. Tommy found an old book in the attic. To them the book was very amusing as it was not like their telebooks. (Telebooks- Books that can be read on screen)
4. The book was about old schools. The pages were yellow and crinkly.
5. Margie and Tommy had mechanical teacher and computerized school or virtual classroom. (Virtual classroom- It is not an actual classroom but a class room where teaching and learning is done through computer.)
6. Margie's school was next to her bedroom. She did not have any classmate. She did not like her school.
7. According to the story they studied three subjects-History, Geography and Arithmetic.
8. Mrs. Jones was Margie's mother. She was worried about Margie's progress in Geography.
9. Margie had schools at regular hours except Saturday and Sunday. It is because Mrs.Jones thought that little girls learned better at regular hours.
10. Margie reluctantly (half- heartedly) joined her teacher and kept thinking about old schools that her grandfather's grandfather had.

Subject- English.

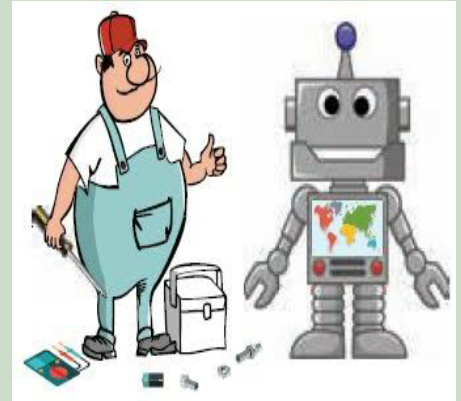
Chapter-1

The Fun They Had

Class-IX

Answer the following questions briefly.

1. How was the old kind of book?
2. What kind of teacher did Margie and Tommy have?
3. Why did Margie hate her mechanical teacher?
4. Why was Margie doing badly in geography?
5. Why was Margie disappointed to see her mechanical teacher alright?



Answers:

1. The old kind of book was funny and strange to them. The stories were printed on paper. The pages were yellow and crinkly. The words printed on the pages, stood still even when the pages were turned back.
2. Margie and Tommy had mechanical teachers. The mechanical teacher had a big black screen where all lessons used to appear and the questions were asked. It had a separate slot where Margie and Tommy had to submit their homeworks and test papers using punch codes.
3. It was because, Margie was scornful about giving test. The mechanical teacher was taking test after test and she was performing badly in Geography. She did not like to put her homework and test papers, using punch codes. This part she hated the most.
4. Margie was doing badly in geography because the geography sector of her mechanical teacher was too fast and advanced for Margie. The County Inspector slowed up the system to the level of a ten-year old.
5. It was because, she expected her mechanical teacher to be taken away for a month. It happened with Tommy's teacher, earlier. In this way she would be relieved from the monotony of computerized school. However her teacher was quickly reset by the County Inspector.