

A Simple Support to First Bell Online Class

Std. 10 - English on 17-11-2020

The Ballad of Father Gilligan

By W. B. Yeats

Dear children,

Today's class is dealt with the 5-10 stanzas of The Ballad of Father Gilligan.
written by W. B. Yeats.

Summary of the 1 to 10 stanzas:

Father Peter Gilligan was an old priest. He was tired of continues work. Half of his parishioners were either in bed or dead and buried. He had to administer the funerals. So he was tired. One evening, he was sitting on a chair. He was sleepy and tired. Then , the father was called to treat a poor sick man. Father Gilligan was unhappy to be called at this time.

He murmured that he had no rest ,nor joy , nor piece because people were going on dying. Then he thought that he should not have said so. He asked forgiveness to the god. He said that it was his body , not his mind that made him say so. He knelt. Leaning on a chair , he started praying. He fell asleep there. Night came. Stars appeared in the sky.

Father Gilligan could not go to the poor man's house. He was very weak. So he knelt down and prayed. He leaned in the chair and slept.

Night came. Millions of stars appeared in the sky. Next morning , he got up. He rode to the poor man's house on his horse very fast.Father Gilligan was sorry for he could not go previous night. When he reached there, the poor man's wife was surprised to see Father again. She said that the man had already passed away and that he was happy at the time of death because of the comfort given by Father Peter Gilligan.

Father Gilligan cried out in joy, saying that God heard his words and sent down an angel to do his job for him.

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(Answer key is given at the end of this document)

Activity - 1 : Answer the following questions.

1. Which time of the day mentioned in the expression ' the moths came once more ' ?
2. Some other expressions are there about the morning . Find it out.
3. They slowly grew into millions. What is 'they' referred to here ?
4. Did Father Peter Gilligan go to the poor man's house immediately ?
5. What did he do ?
6. Why did Gilligan fall asleep ?
7. Who began to peep ?
8. When is the time of sparrow chirp ?
9. What did Father Gilligan do after waking up from sleep ?
10. What did the poor man's wife ask Father Gilligan ?
11. How did Father Gilligan ride his horse to the poor man's house ?
12. Why did he ride his horse very fast ?
13. Why was the woman surprised ?

Activity - 2 : Frame examples for similes using the following words.

Frame sentences with examples of simile using the following words.

- * beautiful
- * smart
- * big
- * strong
- * simple
- * intelligent
- * tall

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New words**Million** : ten lakh**Whisper** : to speak softly into one's ears (മന്ത്രിക്കുക)**Sparrow chirp** : Sound of a sparrow.**Mavrone** : Alas ! (കഷ്ടം !)**Sway** : Move (ആടി ഉലയുക)**Activities given in the Course Book:****Activity - 1 (Page No. 92)**

Answer the questions by choosing the most appropriate answer from the options given.

i. The people of Father Gilligan's parish were _____.

- a) toiling in the field b) suffering from an epidemic
- c) celebrating Easter d) nodding their chairs

ii. The old priest was _____.

- a) energetic b) weary c) fresh d) angry

iii. Mavrone means _____.

- a) My dear one b) An expression of sorrow
- c) God bless you d) God be with you

iv. Father Gilligan awoke with a start, realising that he had not _____.

- a) done his duty b) roused his horse
- c) finished his homework d) said his prayers

v. The word 'flock' in the context of the poem means:

- a) a flock of sheep b) sparrows
- c) stars in the sky d) people in the parish

vi. Who is 'wrapped in purple robes'?

a) Father Gilligan b) The stars c) God d) Sparrows

vii. The expression 'green sods' refers to

a) graves covered over by green grass b) the stars in the sky
c) the people in the parish d) God's angels

viii. What is referred to as 'moth-hour of eve'?

a) dawn b) noon c) evening

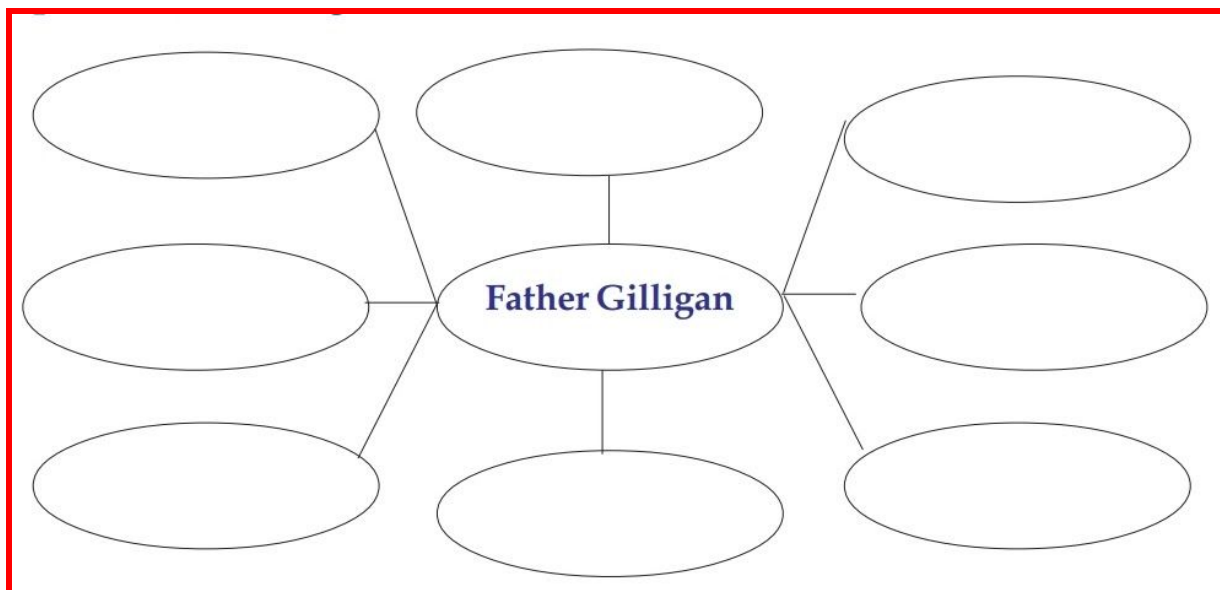
Activity - 2 (Page No. 92)

The poem is in the form of a ballad. A ballad is a poem or song narrating a story in short stanzas. Ballads are usually musical and dramatic. What are the features that make this poem a typical ballad?

Activity - 3 (Page No. 93)

How does Yeats describe the character of Father Gilligan in the poem?

Complete the following word web.



Activity - 4 (Page No. 93)

Read the poem again and pick out an instance of simile used in the poem

Activity - 5 (Page No. 93)**Activity 5**

Yeats uses a number of images in the poem to provide a sensory experience to the readers.

Pick out instances of visual and auditory images from the poem.

Visual	Auditory
Green sods	Sparrow- chirp

Activity - 6 (Page No. 93)

Pick out the Rhyming words and identify the Rhyme scheme.

Answer Key

Activity 1

1. Morning
2. Upon the time of sparrow chirp
3. They refers to stars
4. No
5. He leaned on the chair. He prayed and he fell asleep.
6. He was very tired
7. Stars began to peep
8. Morning
9. He rode to the poor man's house on his horse.
11. He rode his horse very fast.
12. Father felt sorry for he could not go to the poor man's house previous night
13. She was surprised to see the father again.

Activity - 2 :

- She is as beautiful as a rose
He is as brave as a lion
It is as big as an elephant
He is as strong as a tiger
It is as simple as walking on a straight road
You are as intelligent as a scientist.
It is as tall as an elephant.

Activities given in the Course Book:

Activity - 1 (Page No. 92)

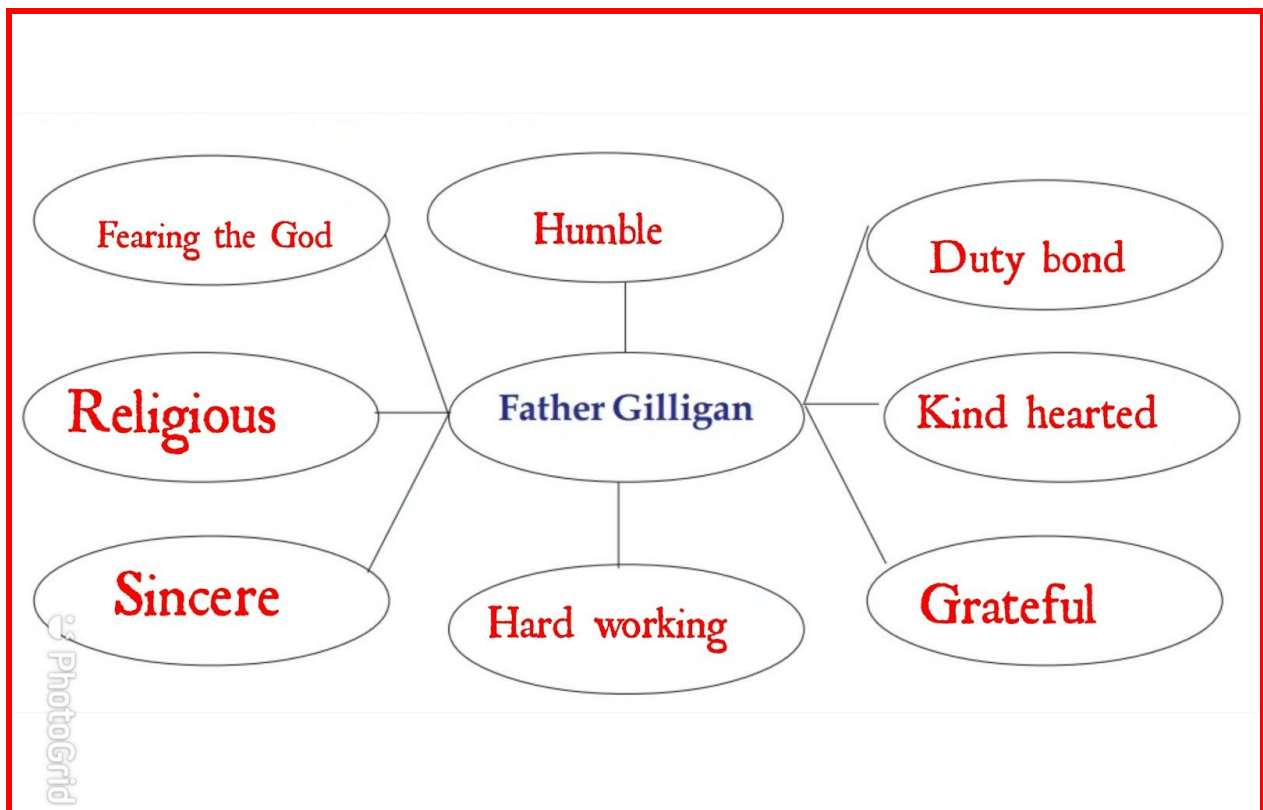
1. b
2. b
3. b
4. a
5. d
6. c

7. a

8. c

Activity - 2 (Page No. 92)

The Ballad of Father Gilligan by W. B. Yeats is a typical ballad. It uses simple language. It tells the story of a priest. It has fine rhythm and musical quality. The rhyme scheme followed in the ballad is abcb. It owns almost all qualities of a ballad.

Activity - 3 (Page No. 93)**Activity - 4 (Page No. 93)**

Simile : as merry as a bird

Activity - 5 (Page No. 93)

Visual Images	Auditory images
Green sods Father leaning on the chair Millions of stars Leaves shaking in the wins Horse Moth Riding	Sparrow chirp Cry

Activity - 6 (Page No. 93)

Rhyming words :

Die -- I

Asleep -- Peep

Wind -- Mankind

More -- Floor

Chair -- Care

Fen -- Again

Bleed -- Need

Rhyme scheme : *abcb*

Activities 7 and 8 : Do with the help of your teachers and friends