

Question 1.

How does the wife, and the son, react to the man's excitement? What does this tell us about their character?

Answer:

The wife and the son react to the man's excitement in a negative way. They are uninterested in the whole thing. This tells that they are not much concerned with the happiness of Greta who is a differently-abled child.

Question 2.

Why are the son and the wife uninterested? Do you approve of their attitude?

Answer:

The son is not interested because he wants to devote all his life to karate. The wife says she has been sitting in front of the computer and she wants to spend her evenings in the garden. Both of them are not bothered in the welfare or happiness of Greta. I don't approve of their attitude.

Question 3.

Greta is a special child. How do you know that? Have you ever visited a special school?

Answer:

I know that Greta is a special child because she had worked hard to tie her shoes by age ten. Although she was 16, she is in the 5th grade-level. Her younger brother who is 11 is in a higher grade. She went to a special school.

I have visited a special school and I have seen how differently-abled children are taught various skills.

Question 4.

What is the father's expectation of his daughter's future prospects?

Answer:

Greta could type very slowly. Her father expected that by the time she left her school, she might be able to type fast enough to get a job at some word processing centre. But he was not sure about it as Greta was a differently-abled child.

Question 5.

Who is Sam? Why he is mentioned here? Do you have any friend who has done interesting things in the field of computers?

Answer:

Sam is the person who set up the whole library of classics on the Internet. He is mentioned here to show that people can do wonderful things if they worked with the computer diligently. I have a friend who has done interesting things in the field of computers. He works on cryptology – a secret language.

Question 6.

How is Greta described in these lines? What does this convey about the character of Greta?

Answer:

Greta is a young girl of 16. She is a differently-abled child. She is doing 5th grade-level. Her younger brother is in a higher level. She goes to a special school. She has blonde hair and blue eyes and she wears a sweater. She has the habit of repeating things * she hears. She picks at the sweater when she knows she has got something right. She makes a furtive smile when she pretends that she understood something that made no sense to her. She likes a big house with 11 windows. She wants sheer white curtains for all of them. She wants bowls of different fruits everywhere. She loves peaches very much. She wants her bowls to be blue. She can type a bit. People hope when she leaves school she can work at word processing job. She is a helpful girl. When her mother is cutting blackberries she goes to help her.