

Question 7.

What made Greta disappointed? How did her father try to console her? Was his explanation convincing?

Answer:

When she clicked bowl, the word peaches appeared. She thought she would get real peaches to eat and when they did not come she was disappointed. Her father says to get real peaches one has to go to the store. Her father further adds that when people see words like peaches or apples on the screen they are reminded of them and people like it. His explanation was convincing.

Question 8.

Why doesn't Greta intend to have a bathroom in her house?

Answer:

Greta does not intend to have a bathroom in her house because it is not a real house and so people would not use it.

Question 9.

Why does she give a furtive smile when she saw the word 'peaches' on the computer screen? What does it indicate?

Answer:

Greta clicked and the word peaches appeared on the computer screen and then she smiled. It was a furtive smile -the smile she got when she pretended to have understood something which made no sense to her. It indicates the appearance of the word without the actual thing has no meaning for her.

Question 10.

Can you identify the words that tell you that she is disinterested?

Answer:

When her father says there could be other fruit – apples, pears and there could be flowers, she responds by saying, "Sure, there could be anything." These words of hers tell us that she is disinterested.

Question 11.

What are the thoughts of the father? Do you think that they are touching? Why?

Answer:

The father knows that Greta would never have a house of her own. She would live in a group house with other people like her. He only hopes the house would be large and have sheer white curtains in all the rooms. He hopes it would have an orchard with fruit in real blue bowls: apples, pears, peaches – whatever Greta wanted.

His thoughts are touching as they are the sincere wishes of a loving father who knows her daughter is differently-abled and can't have what she wants. He represents all fathers with differently-abled children.

Question 1.

Read the last paragraph. If you were the author of the story, how would you end the story? Write an alternative ending of the story.

Answer:

Greta and her father continued the conversation. Her father told her that she was doing well with her typing. If she practiced a little more she could soon become art adept at it. Once she has the necessary speed, she could easily get a word processing job.

He further told her that the government has schemes to employ differently abled people in good positions with high salaries. The government also will give housing loans for such people on very easy terms. Once she has a job, she can buy a house of her choice and fulfil her dreams.

"Please bring my laptop, Dad," Greta said. "I'm going to practice for more time from today."
"I wish you all the luck in the world, beautiful girl," her father said. As he was bringing her laptop to her his eyes were brimmed with tears.

Question 1.

An email to a relative (telling him about the story)

Answer:

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Today I want to tell you about a story I read. There is this girl named Greta. She is a differently-abled girl. She goes to a special school. She is 16, but is at a much lower class than her younger brother. She could tie her shoes only by the age of 10. Still she has some desires. She wants to have a big house. She loves peaches. She also loves cats. Her father is quite a loving father. He tries hard to make his daughter happy. He can't buy her a real house. Instead he makes her a house on the cyberspace.

Greta wants a blue bowl in every room. She wants peaches in the kitchen and living room and all the bedrooms. She wants 11 windows covered with sheer white curtains. She has a kitchen, a dining room, a living room, a bedroom for a cat. Her mother and brother are not so understanding and compassionate like her father. As the girl and the father make their plans for the house they make eyes to mean that he is just wasting his time. Greta is happy with her imaginary house. The father hopes and prays that one day Greta may live in a house of her dreams! I felt moved by the emotions of the loving father.

Hope you are keeping well. Write back to me at your earliest.

Lovingly,
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