

First Bell 2.0 Help

Std. 10 Episode 10

Activity 1

Read the part ' I didn't jump , I didn't tremble Was it trying to make an important decision about growing a moustache or using eyeshadow and mascara or wearing a vermilion spot on its forehead? ' from the story, Snake and the Mirror and answer the questions.

1. Why did the doctor say that he was turned to stone?
2. What made the doctor think about God?
3. Why was the doctor experiencing pain in his arm?
4. What are the two things to which the snake is compared?
5. Why can't the doctor move?
6. What brought that feeble smile on the doctor's face?

Activity 2

Attempt a short paragraph on the use of contrasts in the story to bring out the humour.

Answer Key

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1. He sat still holding his breath and he then looked like a stone image
2. The doctor was so scared that he felt the great presence of the creator of this universe,
3. He was experiencing pain because the snake was crushing his arm.
4. The snake is compared to a thick leaden rod and also to a rod made of molten fire.
5. The doctor can't move because at the slightest movement the snake would bite him.
6. The thought that he was a poor, foolish and stupid doctor made him smile feebly.

Activity 2

A contrast between dreams and reality is presented in this story. The contrast has been humorously depicted. The doctor in this story had just started practice and his earnings were megar. He wanted to be rich by marrying a rich lady doctor. While looking into the mirror, he thought to himself that he was handsome and young. When the snake coiled around his arm, he thought he was stupid and foolish.