

Lesson 5 – Grandfather’s Holiday

1. Copy the question from the textbook

a. Who is the speaker in the poem?

The speaker in the poem is the grandfather.

b. Who is ‘your’ referring to in these lines?

The word ‘your’ in these lines refers to the grandchild.

c. What is the meaning of the quoted lines?

The quoted lines beautifully describe nature where the grandfather lives. The grandchild can enjoy his/her vacation in the lap of nature among the blue skies, green meadows, by the deep lake, and under the breezy shade of the tamarind tree.

2. Copy the question from the text book

a. Who is the ‘I’ referred to in these lines?

The ‘I’ in these lines refers to the grandfather.

b. What do you understand about the speaker by reading these lines?

The given lines reveal that the speaker is very busy with his work.

3. Write down the lines from the poem that tell you that the grandchild’s holiday is spent in a fun way.

The lines that tell us that the grandchild’s holidays are spent in a fun way are:

‘Your holiday’s a ferry-boat’, ‘You leap, you run around my room’, and so on.

4. How does the grandchild’s holiday influence the grandfather’s holiday? Mention lines from the poem.

Since the grandfather has a busy life, he hardly gets an opportunity to take a break. However, the arrival of the grandchild gives him the scope to enjoy the holiday together.

The lines that tell this are: ‘My holiday goes in the garb/Of your own holiday’, ‘At the heart of your holiday, My holiday lies hid’, and ‘My holiday I gain from you’.