

Answer the following questions.

a. What did the child do to the scab on his knee?

→ The child examined his knee cap's scab at first. He pondered much and decided to pick it up. He gently picked that scab with his fingernail and put it on his thigh. Finally, he flipped it with his finger.

b. What kind of effect did the carpet have on the child?

→ The child was amazed by the red carpet and had never noticed it before in such a way. The different colors of the carpet seemed to brighten mysteriously and spring out at him, captivating his imagination.

c. What was he afraid of while walking across the carpet?

→ While walking on the carpet, the child was afraid of the red and black spots, imagining them as burning coals and poisonous snakes. He only stepped on the yellow spots which he deemed safe, fearing he would be burnt or bitten.

d. What motivated and encouraged the child to start and continue on his journey?

→ His wish of getting a puppy on his birthday or as a birthday gift motivated and encouraged the child to start and continue on his journey.

e. What did the child see as he looked down on the black patterns of the carpet?

The child was captivated by the different colors and their patterns on the carpet. He imagined a poisonous snake with an oily body arising from the black patterns of the carpet, ready to bite or catch him.

Reference to the context

a. The writer creates two voices in the story. Who are they?

→ Yes, the writer creates two voices in the story and they were (a narrator) and the voice of the young boy i.e the child.

b. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. “...the black parts are snakes, poisonous snakes, adders mostly, and cobras, thick like tree-trunks around the middle, and if I touch one of them, I’ll be bitten and I’ll die before tea time. And if I get across safely, without being burnt and without being bitten, I will be given a puppy for my birthday tomorrow.”

i. What does ‘the black part’ mean?

→ The black path means the difficulty, challenges and suffering in the journey.

ii. Who is the speaker?

→ The speaker was a young boy i.e the child.

iii. Why doesn’t the speaker want to be burnt?

→ The speaker doesn’t want to be burnt because he wants to get a birthday gift as a puppy tomorrow.

c. Which images and metaphors are used in the story?

→ Images:

i. Scab (knee of the boy).

– It represents the boy’s curiosity, desire, interest to go ahead in his journey.

ii. Black parts of carpet (snake).

– It depicts hardship, difficulty, suffering and troubling in life.

iii. Read patches (fire)

– it shows about fire i.e danger because it can burn a little child.

iv. Yellow patches (happiness)

– the yellow patches of the carpet represents relief, pleasure, hopefulness, happiness, and self-confidence in his life.

Metaphors:

The carpet can symbolize a conflict in the child's life, where making the wrong decision or choice can lead to significant suffering. However, making the right choice can lead to a smoother path without as many difficulties. It's important to choose wisely and avoid taking the wrong path, or we may face the consequences of our choices.

d. Summarise the short story “The Wish” in about 200 words.

→ Visit “[The Wish by Roald Dahl Summary](#)” for the short summary of about 200 words.

e. The story shows the events through the eyes of the narrator and the child. Comparing the two styles, who presents a more interesting or effective view for the readers? Why?

→ The child's perspective in the story is more engaging and impactful than the narrator's because the child faced and overcame various obstacles. Despite facing hardships, the gift of a puppy on his birthday motivated and encouraged him to keep going. He was resilient enough to complete his journey and not only faced but also conquered the challenges that came his way.

f. Is “The Wish” a story about self-confidence overcoming fear or about greed? Give your arguments.

→ "The Wish" is a story that emphasizes the importance of self-confidence and overcoming fear. The child, initially fearful of picking his scab, faces his fear when he confronts the carpet, imaginatively turning it into a game with obstacles. With a wish for a puppy as a birthday gift, he bravely tries to overcome his fears by moving across the carpet, but unfortunately falls down on the black color. Nonetheless, the story can serve as a motivational tale, as the child's determination and confidence to overcome obstacles can inspire readers to do the same.

Reference beyond the text

a. Do you think our wish can be fulfilled? Why or why not?

Not all wishes and desires can be fulfilled, and hard work and practice are necessary to achieve them. It's important to remain calm when making decisions, and choosing

the right path is essential for fulfilling our needs and desires. Although not all wishes can come true, it's important to keep trying and put in the necessary effort. The help of a higher power can also be beneficial. Ultimately, practicing and working towards our goals is necessary for achieving satisfaction and happiness.

b. Why do you think some people might have a frightening nature? What would you suggest to them to overcome it?

Individuals who lack self-confidence may struggle with fear, but there are various ways to overcome it. Firstly, it's important to learn more about the specific fear to tackle it head-on. Secondly, using imagination in positive ways can help to overcome fear. Thirdly, using the brain in different ways than usual can help to rewire thought processes. Fourthly, focusing on breathing can be beneficial. Fifthly, practicing mindfulness can help to reduce anxiety and promote relaxation. Lastly, using nature as therapy can also be effective in overcoming fear.

c. Write a folktale that you have heard or read.

→ Folktale (Nepali: Dantya Katha) is a story originating in popular culture, typically passed on by word of mouth. Write one you have heard or read.

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