

26. A School Teacher's Thoughts



A Monologue

Oh dear, a traffic jam ! Will I reach late ? Children will wonder why I haven't turned up. I wish I could have started a little earlier today. But how? It's difficult with all the house work, cleaning, cooking, getting my children and their tiffins ready for school. But still, I see to it that I'm never late to school.



I wonder if students know that teachers have 'homework' too. Correcting their notebooks, test papers, planning how to make their lessons interesting and happy. It's not easy to keep so many children busy in their work. They seem so restless.

In class, half my time is spent in solving their little problems, quarrels. And complaints ! They're endless.



Now, don't think I'm complaining. Not at all. I love all the children in my class. I think of them all the time. How eager they are to show me what they do. How happy they look when I praise their work. They depend on me so much ! That is why, even when I'm not well, I don't feel like missing school.

I love being a school teacher. Where else could I be like a 'Mom' to so many loving kids for a few hours every day ?

Things to do :

1. Say where the teacher is when she has these thoughts :
(a) at home (b) on her way to school (c) in school.
2. Answer the following questions :
 - (a) What work does the teacher do at home ?
 - (b) What is the teacher's homework ?
 - (c) What does this teacher think about her students ?
 - (d) Why does she not feel like missing school ?
3. What thoughts do you have on your way to school ? Write them down in short.
4. Write a few lines about your teacher.
5. Guess the meaning of 'traffic jam'.

