

Chapter 22 : The World in My Home

Let us talk:

Question 1:

In your home too, do people quarrel over fans, TV, newspapers, chairs or anything else?

Answer 1:

Yes, Many people at my home do quarrel over things like TV remote, fans , newspaper, channels of T.V to be seen, especially my brother and I quarrel over TV.

Question 2:

In your home, who settles such quarrels?

Answer 2:

Quarrels which take place between my brother and me are settled by my mother and the quarrels which take place between my parents are settled by them only.

Question 3:

Talk about an interesting incident at home when there was a quarrel over such things.

Answer 3:

A similar incident happened one day a couple of days back, when my brother and I were fighting over TV. I wanted to watch a movie and my brother wanted to watch the cricket match. After a lot of quarrel, we decided that whenever there will be advertisements in between the movie, we would watch the match scores.

Question 4:

Have you ever seen people quarrelling over something else where? What?

Answer 4:

Yes, I have seen people quarrelling over little things. For instance, I had once seen two of my cousins fighting over who will use the laptop or maybe over some other issues such as property etc.

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Question 5:

Does this kind of thing happen in your house or in any of your friend's house? What do you think about this?

Answer 5:

Yes, this happens in one of my neighbours' house. His daughter Riya is supposed to get back home by 6.30 in the evening while his son is allowed to stay out till 10 o'clock. This sort of discrimination is very unfair and harsh on girls/women and often results in a fight in their home..

Question 6:

Do you think that there should be different rules for girls and boys, women and men?

Answer 6:

No, I think the rules should be same for all boys and girls, women and men. God has created everyone same .Moreover the laws of the country also emphasis on equality of all, so women or girls should also be treated equally and at par with the male members or boys.

Question 7:

Think – what would happen if girls had to follow rules made for boys and boys had to follow rules made for girls.

Answer 7:

In both the cases, it would result in unequal rules which would be unjust to one or the other gender. That's why it's best to have same rules for one and all. But still if something like this would have happened then boys would be suffering and the girls would be enjoying as the boys do now.

Pilloo Aunty:

Question 8:

If you were to write a different ending for this story, how will you end it?

Answer 8:

If I were to write a different ending for this story, I would end it like that impressed by Pilloo Aunty's honesty, the kulfi-seller gave one extra kulfi to her. Pilloo aunty insisted that she just did what was right and thus he didn't need to return any favour."

Question 9:

Is there anyone in your family who is like Pilloo Aunty? Who?

Answer 9:

Yes, my mother is like Pilloo aunty. She is a very simple lady with a true and a very honest heart who never cheat anyone.

Question 10:

What would the children have thought if Pilloo Aunty had paid less money to the kulfi-seller? What do you think about this?

Answer 10:

The thoughts which the children had were that if Pilloo aunty had paid less money to the kulfi-seller, that they can cheat anyone and would not be punished also for the same. The children would have got a wrong message that it is not wrong to take advantage of someone and in being dishonest. We always need to set good examples in front of children, as their thoughts and habits largely depend on the elders around them.

Talk About it**Question 11:**

What do you think Akshay will do?

Answer 11:

I think Akshay will drink the water because he may be very tired and exhausted. He might be thirsty too.

Question 12:

Why was Akshay confused?

Answer 12:

Akshay was confused because his grandmother had told him not to drink or eat anything from Anil's house.

Question 13:

Why do you think Akshay's grandmother warned him not to drink even water in Anil's house?

Answer 13:

I think Akshay's grandmother warned him not to drink even water in Anil's house because both the families were very different from each other. grandmother didn't want Akshay to develop this habit of taking anything from others.

Question 14:

Do you know of anybody who thinks like Akshay's grandmother?

Answer 14:

Yes, one of my friend's grandparents are also like Akshay's grandmother. They are also very fussy and always warn him not to talk much with anyone in his area. As a result he has only few friends.

Question 15:

Do you agree with Akshay's grandmother?

Answer 15:

No, I do not agree with Akshay's grandmother as creates a gap between children and develops inferiority amongst them.

Question 16:

What do you think Akshay should do?

Answer 16:

I think Akshay should not create any sort of discrimination between Anil and himself. He should drink the water offered by Anil.

Talk about it:

Question 17:

If you were in Dhondu's place what would you do?

Answer 17:

If I were in Dhondu's place, I would have spoken to the elder uncle and fulfilled my wish.

Question 18:

Has it ever happened with you that you wanted to do something but the elders in the family did not allow you?

Answer 18:

Yes, once I wanted to attend a camp with my friends which was at a faraway place but I was not allowed to do so by my father.

Question 19:

Who takes important decisions in your family? What do you feel about this?

Answer 19:

The important decision in my family are taken by both my parents. My father and mother together take all the decisions. I think it is a good way as my mother also gets a chance to speak what she wants to and my father readily agrees to my mother's suggestions or decisions.

Question 20:

How would you like if only one person made all the decisions for your family?

Answer 20:

I would not appreciate it much if only one person made all the decisions for my family. Any decision should be taken after consulting all the adults in the family.

Talk about it:

Question 21:

Have you ever disliked anybody's touch? Whose touch did you dislike?

Answer 21:

Yes, I have disliked the inappropriate touch of the fellow passengers when I was travelling in a public bus.

Question 22:

If you were in Ritu's place, what would you do?

Answer 22:

I would have raised my voice and created a huge scene so that the person doing the wrong actions would realize his mistake. I would not have gone to Meena's home.

Question 23:

What else can be done when such things happen? Discuss.

Answer 23:

We can discuss such things with our teachers, parents and elder brother or sister. We can also take help of the police in such cases if the things are worse.

Question 24:

Everybody's touch is not the same. Ritu did not like it when Meena's uncle held her hand, but she liked to hold Meena's hand. Why do you think there was this difference?

Answer 24:

There was this difference because Meena's touch was a friendly touch but Meena's uncle's touch was inappropriate.