

Class 9th Subject – English

Moments Book

Chapter 2 - The Adventures of Toto

WORD MEANINGS:

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Feeding-trough	a container containing food for the animal
Pickled	Dried
Wicked	Could create mischief
Sccoping	Picking
Wrenched	Pulled out violently
shreds	Pieces torn apart

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Made his escape	Escaped
Servant's quarters	Living place given to servants
Very sociably	In a friendly manner
Turnstile	Exit gate
Taken aback	Shocked
Annoyance	Irritation
In vain	Without success
Qualify	Fall in the category of
Quadruped	Any four footed animal
triumphant	Jubilant

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Halter	Rope/strap placed around her head for tying the animal
Fastened to	Bit into
Treat	Pleasurable activity
Cunningly test	Cleverly feel

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Feelings would be hurt	Would become unhappy
With nothing better to do	Idle
Spite grandmother	Make grandmother miserable

THINK ABOUT IT (page 11)

1. Toto was in the capacity of a tonga owner. Grandfather got sympathetic with the monkey and thought that his private zoo would be a better place for Toto. So, he purchased Toto for Rs. 5.
2. A). Toto was a pretty monkey because his bright eyes sparkled with mischief beneath the deep-set eyebrows and his pearly white teeth were usually displayed in a smile that frightened the life of elderly Anglo- Indian ladies.

b). But, his hands looked dried up, yet his fingers were quick and wicked.

c). His tail added to his good looks, served as his third hand. He could use it to hang from the branch and scoop up any dish that might be out of his reach.

3. Toto was a real problem for every living soul in the household. So, Grandfather decided to take Toto to Saharanpur. A big black canvas kit-bag was provided for Toto, when the bag was closed there was no escape.

The ticket collector called Toto a dog as the monkey did not qualify as the category of human beings.

4 Toto takes bath in a tub of warm water. He puts his legs in the water one by one and applies soap as well. As monkeys are good at imitating others, so Toto had learnt the proper steps of bathing.

So, having tested the warmth of water in the kettle put on the stove for making tea.

Toto climbs into the kettle. Probably he is not intelligent enough to understand the effects of boiling water, so he pops his head up and down in the kettle until grandmother comes and rescues him.

5. Though Toto was pretty and clever, he was very mischievous. He created a lot of nuisance by his actions and done a lot of damage in the house by breaking dishes, tearing up clothes, damaging the walls, ripping curtains.

The family cannot afford these loses therefore, grandfather thought that Toto ws not the sort of pet we could keep for long.