

Real English

Supplementary Reader

Lesson-5

The Adventure with the Windmills

Q-1 Do you think Don Quixote was a strange gentleman? Why?

Ans Yes, he was a strange gentleman. He had an odd appearance. He forgot almost everything like his meals, baths and also his friends while reading. Apart from this, he used to mix reality with fiction. That was why he considered himself an adventurous knight after reading a lot of adventurous stories.

Q-2 Did you find the life of Don Quixote appealing?

Ans No, life of Don Quixote was not appealing, because he used to mix reality with fiction and used to live in his own world of imagination forgetting about everything.

Q-3 Why did Don Quixote mistake the windmills for giants?

Ans He thought so because his imagination ran wild. All through his life he read only stories about the mighty adventures of the knights. He considered himself a valiant knight seeking adventure. This is what made him think of the windmills as living and breathing giants.

Q-4 Why did Don Quixote think he was defeated by the giants?

Ans Din Quixote believed that the windmills were actually giants.



So when he attacked them, a wicked enchanter named Freston, whom Don accused of stealing his books, bewitched the giants to turn into windmills. That was why he thought he was defeated.

Q-5 Compare the characters of the squire Sancho Panza with Don Quixote.

Ans The squire Sancho Panza and Don Quixote were quite opposite characters. The former lived in reality and the latter in his imaginations. Don Quixote, as a result of his voracious reading, believed himself as a knight looking for adventures. That was why he thought the windmills were giants. But Sancho Panza knows that they were actually windmills and tries to convince his master but fails miserably.

