

Class 5 English

Unseen Passage

The Power of Reading

Maya was a curious girl who loved spending time with books. Every evening after finishing her homework, she visited the small library near her house. The library was quiet and filled with shelves of colorful books. Maya enjoyed reading stories about adventures, animals, space travel, and famous explorers. Reading different books helped her learn new words and imagine exciting worlds beyond her own.

One day, Maya's English teacher announced that the school would conduct a storytelling competition. Many students in the class felt nervous because they had to speak in front of everyone. However, Maya felt excited because she had read many interesting stories in the library. She carefully selected her favorite story and began practising it every day at home. She stood in front of a mirror and spoke clearly so she could improve her confidence.

When the day of the competition arrived, Maya walked onto the stage with a smile. She told her story with great expression and imagination. The audience listened quietly and enjoyed every moment. At the end of her performance, everyone clapped loudly. The judges announced that Maya had won first prize. Maya realized

that her habit of reading books had helped her become a confident speaker.

Questions

1. Where did Maya spend time every evening?
 - a) Playground
 - b) Library
 - c) Market
 - d) Garden

2. What kind of books did Maya enjoy reading?
 - a) Only science books
 - b) Adventure, animals, and space stories
 - c) Only history books
 - d) Only poems

3. What did Maya's teacher announce?
 - a) A dance competition
 - b) A storytelling competition
 - c) A singing contest
 - d) A drawing contest

4. Why were many students nervous?
 - a) They had to write a test
 - b) They had to speak in front of the class
 - c) They had to run a race
 - d) They had to draw pictures

5. How did Maya practise her story?
 - a) By reading silently
 - b) By practising in front of a mirror
 - c) By asking friends to help
 - d) By watching television
6. What happened when Maya finished telling her story?
7. What prize did Maya win in the competition?
8. How did reading books help Maya?
9. Find the synonym of the word “excited” from Paragraph 2.
 - a) Nervous
 - b) Happy
 - c) Bored
 - d) Tired
10. Find the antonym of the word “quiet” from Paragraph 1.
 - a) Silent
 - b) Calm
 - c) Noisy
 - d) Peaceful

Answers

1. b
2. b
3. b
4. b
5. b
6. The audience clapped loudly.
7. First prize.
8. It helped her become a confident speaker.
9. b (Happy)
10. c (Noisy)