Chapter 11: A Journey to the Magical Mountains

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11.1 Let us Think — Answer the following

Q1 Who was Minam, and what did she enjoy to do with her grandfather?

Minam was a young girl who lived in a small village at the foot of the Himalayas. She enjoyed listening to her grandfather's stories about the mountains and going on long walks with him.

Q2 What did Minam's grandfather say to her one sunny morning?

One sunny morning, Minam's grandfather said that she had grown strong and could walk a long distance. He told her he would take her on a special journey to see the beauty of the Himalayas up close.

Q3 What items did Minam pack for her journey to the mountains?

Minam packed rotis with achaar, two water bottles, and her favourite fruit, apples.

Q4 Where did Minam and her grandfather stop for lunch? What did they do there?

They stopped by a small river with clear water. They ate their rotis, watched fish swim, and Minam dipped her feet in the cool water and laughed with joy while eating an apple.

Q5 What was Minam's reaction when she saw snow for the first time?

Minam was amazed and very happy when she saw so much snow. She and her grandfather made a small snowman, laughed, and played together, making memories she would value forever.

Q6 What did Minam promise her grandfather at the end of their journey?

Minam promised to take care of the mountains and share their magic with everyone she met.

11.2 Let us Think — Think and discuss

Q1 Minam enjoyed learning from her grandfather during their walk. Is there someone in your family or community who teaches you special things? What have you learned from them?

Sample answer: Yes, my grandmother teaches me special things. She tells me stories about our family and shows me how to grow plants in our garden. I have learned how to water plants, keep them healthy, and care for the things around me.

Q2 Minam saw yaks and mountain goats helping people in the mountains. Can you think of animals or things in your surroundings that are very important to the people around you? How do they help?

Sample answer: In my area, cows are very important. They give us milk, which we use to make curd, butter, and ghee. Dogs help by guarding our homes. Trees give us shade and clean air and are home to many birds.

Q3 Minam promised to protect the mountains. Is there something in nature around your home, school, or neighbourhood that you feel should be protected? What would you do to keep it safe?

Sample answer: There is a big old tree near my school that gives shade and is home to many birds. I think it should be protected. I would make sure no one harms it, keep the area around it clean, and tell others why it is important to take care of trees.

11.3 Let us Think — Match the following

Q1 Match: Minam's favourite fruit → (a) Yaks (b) Apples (c) River (d) Mountain goats (e) Mount Everest

Minam's favourite fruit → (b) Apples

Q2 Match: Place where they had lunch → (a) Yaks (b) Apples (c) River (d) Mountain goats (e) Mount Everest

Place where they had lunch → (c) River

Q3 Match: Animals that live in snowy mountains → (a) Yaks (b) Apples (c) River (d) Mountain goats (e) Mount Everest

Animals that live in snowy mountains → (a) Yaks

Q4 Match: The tallest mountain in the world → (a) Yaks (b) Apples (c) River (d) Mountain goats (e) Mount Everest

The tallest mountain in the world → (e) Mount Everest

Q5 Match: Animals good at climbing rocks → (a) Yaks (b) Apples (c) River (d) Mountain goats (e) Mount Everest

Animals good at climbing rocks → (d) Mountain goats

11.4 Let us Learn — Fill in the blanks

Q1 Minam saw the tall peaks of the _____.

Himalayas

Q2 Her grandfather was once a _____.

Sherpa

Q3 They went on a long _____ to the mountains.

journey

Q4 Yaks are used by mountain people to carry heavy _____.

loads

Q5 They saw the snow-covered mountains. She and her grandfather made a small _____.

snowman

Q6 The day created beautiful _____ for Minam.

memories

11.5 Let us Learn — Crossword puzzle

Q1 Across 2: Guide who helps climbers in the Himalayas.

SHERPA

Q2 Across 5: A low area of land between mountains.

VALLEY

Q3 Across 7: A trip from one place to another.

JOURNEY

Q4 Down 1: The pointed top of a mountain.

PEAK

Q5 Down 3: The tallest mountain range in the world.

HIMALAYAS

Q6 Down 4: White cover on the top of mountains.

SNOW

Q7 Down 6: A large animal used in mountain regions for milk and wool.

YAK

11.6 Let us Learn — Match words with meanings

Q1 Match: Himalayas → (a) Guides and helpers in mountain climbing (b) Large, strong animals found in mountains (c) A series of connected events or travel from one place to another (d) The tallest mountain range in the world (e) Something wonderful, amazing, or enchanting (f) Things we remember and cherish

Himalayas → (d) The tallest mountain range in the world

Q2 Match: Sherpa → (a) Guides and helpers in mountain climbing (b) Large, strong animals found in mountains (c) A series of connected events or travel from one place to another (d) The tallest mountain range in the world (e) Something wonderful, amazing, or enchanting (f) Things we remember and cherish

Sherpa → (a) Guides and helpers in mountain climbing

Q3 Match: Journey → (a) Guides and helpers in mountain climbing (b) Large, strong animals found in mountains (c) A series of connected events or travel from one place to another (d) The tallest mountain range in the world (e) Something wonderful, amazing, or enchanting (f) Things we remember and cherish

Journey → (c) A series of connected events or travel from one place to another

Q4 Match: Yaks → (a) Guides and helpers in mountain climbing (b) Large, strong animals found in mountains (c) A series of connected events or travel from one place to another (d) The tallest mountain range in the world (e) Something wonderful, amazing, or enchanting (f) Things we remember and cherish

Yaks → (b) Large, strong animals found in mountains

Q5 Match: Magical → (a) Guides and helpers in mountain climbing (b) Large, strong animals found in mountains (c) A series of connected events or travel from one place to another (d) The tallest mountain range in the world (e) Something wonderful, amazing, or enchanting (f) Things we remember and cherish

Magical → (e) Something wonderful, amazing, or enchanting

Q6 Match: Memories → (a) Guides and helpers in mountain climbing (b) Large, strong animals found in mountains (c) A series of connected events or travel from one place to another (d) The tallest mountain range in the world (e) Something wonderful, amazing, or enchanting (f) Things we remember and cherish

Memories → (f) Things we remember and cherish

11.7 Let us Learn — Body parts match

Q1 Match: _____ of the river → (a) Eye (b) Mouth (c) Arm (d) Heart (e) Ear

Mouth of the river — (b) Mouth

Q2 Match: _____ of the chair → (a) Eye (b) Mouth (c) Arm (d) Heart (e) Ear

Arm of the chair — (c) Arm

Q3 Match: _____ of the city → (a) Eye (b) Mouth (c) Arm (d) Heart (e) Ear

Heart of the city — (d) Heart

Q4 Match: _____ of corn → (a) Eye (b) Mouth (c) Arm (d) Heart (e) Ear

Ear of corn — (e) Ear

Q5 Match: _____ of a needle → (a) Eye (b) Mouth (c) Arm (d) Heart (e) Ear

Eye of a needle — (a) Eye

11.8 Let us Write — Geography word meanings

Q1 Find the meaning of: Plain

A large, flat area of land with very few trees.

Q2 Find the meaning of: River

A natural stream of water that flows across the land into a sea or lake.

Q3 Find the meaning of: Valley

A low area of land between hills or mountains, often with a river flowing through it.

Q4 Find the meaning of: Summit

The highest point or top of a mountain.

Q5 Find the meaning of: Foot

The bottom or base part of a mountain or hill.

Q6 Find the meaning of: Slope

A surface that goes up or down at an angle, like the side of a hill or mountain.

Q7 Find the meaning of: Plateau

A large, flat area of land that is higher than the surrounding land.

Q8 Find the meaning of: Hill

A raised area of land that is smaller than a mountain.

Q9 Find the meaning of: Mountain range

A series or group of connected mountains.

11.9 Let us Write — Join sentences with conjunctions

Q1 Join: She was hungry. She ate a sandwich. (or/but/because)

She ate a sandwich because she was hungry.

Q2 Join: I wanted to go out. It was too late. (or/and/but)

I wanted to go out but it was too late.

Q3 Join: He was happy. He got a new toy. (or/and/because)

He was happy because he got a new toy.

Q4 Join: We can go to the zoo. We can go to the aquarium. (or/but/because)

We can go to the zoo or we can go to the aquarium.

Q5 Join: Aman has a pen. Aman has a pencil. Aman has an eraser. (or/because/and)

Aman has a pen, a pencil and an eraser.

Q6 Join: Simran loves to eat mangoes. She loves bananas. (or/and/but)

Simran loves to eat mangoes and she loves bananas.

Q7 Join: He ran fast. He missed the bus. (and/but/because)

He ran fast but he missed the bus.

Q8 Join: She stayed home. She was not feeling well. (or/and/because)

She stayed home because she was not feeling well.

Q9 Join: I love chocolate. I love vanilla. (and/but/or)

I love chocolate and I love vanilla.

Q10 Join: The baby is crying. He is hungry. (but/or/because)

The baby is crying because he is hungry.

11.10 Let us Speak — Sentence Completion game

Q1 Complete the sentence: On a bright summer morning, _____

Sample answer: On a bright summer morning, the birds sang cheerfully and the flowers bloomed in the garden.

Q2 Complete the sentence: One day, a clever squirrel decided _____

Sample answer: One day, a clever squirrel decided to collect as many nuts as possible before winter arrived.

11.11 Let us Do — Mountain animal project

Q1 Pick one mountain animal or bird (Snow Leopard, Himalayan Tahr, Red Panda, Himalayan Brown Bear, Blood Pheasant, Yak). Find out about its habitat, adaptation, life cycle, and how it survives in harsh conditions. Make a colourful chart and present it.

Choose one animal, such as the Snow Leopard. Find facts about where it lives (rocky mountain slopes), how it stays warm (thick fur), what it eats, and how it raises its young. Draw and label a picture, write short captions, and present your chart to the class.

11.12 Let us Explore

Q1 Collect pictures and facts about the first woman to climb Mount Everest twice.

Santosh Yadav is the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest twice. She is from India and is known for her courage and love of mountaineering. Collect her pictures and facts about her climbs to share with your class.