

Std V
English Literature
Worksheet 17
Heart of Gold

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Q 1. What sight is not very common in America?

Ans. Beggars begging on streets are not very common in America.

Q 2. What did the policeman notice?

Ans. The policeman noticed that the girl was really looking sick with swollen eyes and shaven head.

Q 3. What did the policeman do?

Ans. The policeman had received a good bonus which he had withdrawn from the bank. He gave away all the money to the begging woman.

Q 4. What were his thoughts before giving away the money?

Ans. The policeman thought that he had a warm house, a caring wife and a loving son but these poor people had nothing.

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Q 5. What had he promised his wife and son?

Ans. He promised his wife and son that he would buy many things for them when he will get the bonus.

Q 6. What was his wife's and son's reaction when he narrated the incident to them?

Ans. When he narrated the incident to them his wife was silent and smiled, but his son was very angry because he thought that his father was cheated by the beggars.

Q 7. How did the policeman react to his son's anger?

Ans. The policeman told his son that he does not realize what poverty is. He sees beggars everyday.

Q 8. What was the news item all about?

Ans. The news was about the greedy mother who starved her daughter to look thin and shaved her head and pretended that she was a cancer patient.

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Q 9. Why was the son upset?

Ans. The son was upset because his father was duped by the same people.

Q 10. What was the reaction of the policeman's wife after listening the whole conversation?

Ans. The policeman's wife was very happy and proud of her husband because he was not worried about loss of money but happy knowing that someone's child was healthy.

Q 11. What did she tell her son?

Ans. The policeman's wife told her son that he was fortunate to have such an extraordinary father. He should be proud of his father and learn from him to help others without expecting anything in return.