

Class 7 - English

Poorvi

The Day the River Spoke

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The Day the River Spoke - Revision Guide

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1. Jahnavi's setting

Jahnavi lives with her parents and three brothers in a coastal village in India.

2. Family work

Her parents work on the farm, shaping the responsibilities given to children at home.

3. A bright young girl

Jahnavi's close observation and many questions reveal intelligence and curiosity.

4. The riverbank opening

The story begins with Jahnavi crying beside a lively natural setting of birds, a lizard and bamboo.

5. A mysterious voice

A sleepy murmuring voice surprises Jahnavi because she thinks she is alone.

6. Identifying the speaker

She rules out the creatures around her by comparing their sounds with the voice she hears.



7. Personified River

The River speaks, listens, laughs and advises, giving nature human qualities.

8. Comfort before advice

The River first notices Jahnavi's tears and invites her to explain her trouble.

9. Jahnavi's dream

She wants to attend school and learn to read like Ettan and Meena.

10. Repeated postponement

Promises of school are delayed as Jahnavi is asked to care for Ramu and later Little Appu.

11. Fear of being late

Near the age of ten, Jahnavi worries that she is now too old to begin school.

12. Her many questions

Questions about spiders, bamboo, the moon, fish and frogs show why learning matters to her.



13. The River's equality claim

The River says little girls can do as much as little boys.

14. A practical suggestion

It advises Jahnavi to enter the school, sit quietly and listen to the lesson.

15. It's up to you

The repeated phrase stresses that encouragement must be followed by Jahnavi's own choice.

16. Evidence of bravery

The River reminds her that she already faces lizards, a snake and noisy trains without fleeing.

17. The world of ships

The River's description of large, lit ships expands Jahnavi's imagination beyond the village.

18. Try school first

The River directs her to the nearest achievable step before distant adventures.



19. Jahnavi acts

The next day, she reaches the school panting and listens from the doorway.

20. Appu on her shoulder

She pursues learning while still carrying the younger child she is responsible for.

21. The Ashoka lesson

Her first classroom experience is a story about Prince Ashoka becoming a great king.

22. Growing confidence

She moves nearer until she sits quietly in the back row on the earthen floor.

23. The teacher notices

Instead of chasing her away, the teacher asks her name and welcomes her interest.

24. A concrete offer

The teacher promises to speak with Jahnavi's father and find a way for her to attend.



25. The home visit

The teacher follows through by visiting Jahnavi's family the next evening.

26. Mother's memory

Jahnavi's mother recalls being denied school herself and supports a different future for her daughter.

27. School and future purpose

Jahnavi is allowed to attend and plans to learn writing, sums and answers to her science questions.

28. A wider resolution

She hopes to become a teacher and invite other village girls to learn, turning personal success into service.



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