

Class 7 - English

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The Day the River Spoke

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Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

1. Describe Jahnavi's family and village setting.

Hint: Use details about place, family and work.

2. How does the opening contrast setting and emotion?

Hint: Compare the riverbank with Jahnavi's mood.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

3. Why is Jahnavi called bright?

Hint: Use her observations and questions.

4. Explain why Jahnavi has not gone to school earlier.

Hint: Trace the repeated delays.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

5. Why does Jahnvi want to learn to read?

Hint: Link reading with her brothers and curiosity.

6. What do her questions about spiders, bamboo and frogs reveal?

Hint: Name the character trait.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

7. How does Jahnvi identify the River as the speaker?

Hint: Mention the sounds she compares.

8. Explain personification in the chapter.

Hint: Give two human actions of the River.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

9. How does the River comfort Jahnavi before advising her?

Hint: Focus on listening and reassurance.

10. Why is 'It's up to you' central to the chapter?

Hint: Connect support with action.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

11. How does the River challenge gender inequality?

Hint: Use its statement about girls and boys.

12. Why does the River mention the snake, lizard and trains?

Hint: Explain the persuasive method.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

13. What role does the description of ships play?

Hint: Connect it to curiosity and horizons.

14. Describe Jahnvi's first approach to the classroom.

Hint: Trace her movement.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

15. Why is Little Appu on her shoulder an important detail?

Hint: Link duty and desire.

16. How does the Ashoka lesson affect the scene?

Hint: Explain why a specific lesson matters.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

17. Define courage using Jahnavi's action.

Hint: Do not define it as fearlessness.

18. Compare Jahnavi's fear with the teacher's actual response.

Hint: Use expectation and reality.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

19. Why is the teacher's response effective?

Hint: Look for practical action.

20. What does the teacher's home visit prove?

Hint: Connect promise and follow-through.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

21. Why is the mother's childhood memory significant?

Hint: Discuss the generational pattern.

22. How do personal courage and adult support work together?

Hint: Use both Jahnavi and the teacher.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

23. What does writing her name represent?

Hint: Give practical and symbolic meanings.

24. Why does Jahnavi mention sums and frogs?

Hint: Show the range of learning.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

25. How does Jahnavi's dream change by the end?

Hint: Compare the beginning and ending.

26. Why does she plan to go from house to house?

Hint: Link the plan to her own barrier.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

27. What does the River symbolise?

Hint: Use its effect on Jahnavi.

28. Explain the title of the chapter.

Hint: Connect speech with change.



Solve the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

29. Write a theme statement about education.

Hint: Use evidence from the resolution.

30. Summarise Jahnavi's character arc.

Hint: Use beginning, turning point and ending.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

1. Describe Jahnavi's family and village setting.

Solution: Jahnavi lives in a coastal village in India with her parents and three brothers. Her parents work on the farm, and the natural surroundings include a river, birds, bamboo and other creatures.

2. How does the opening contrast setting and emotion?

Solution: The riverbank is bright and alive with a kingfisher, lizard and sunlight, while Jahnavi is crying. This contrast draws attention to her private sadness.

3. Why is Jahnavi called bright?

Solution: She is called bright because she notices details, listens carefully and asks many questions about nature, the moon and living things.

4. Explain why Jahnavi has not gone to school earlier.

Solution: Her mother first says she is too small. Later, Jahnavi is asked to care for Ramu and then Little Appu while the adults work, so school keeps being postponed.

5. Why does Jahnavi want to learn to read?

Solution: She wants to read like Ettan and Meena and gain access to knowledge that can answer her many questions about the world.

6. What do her questions about spiders, bamboo and frogs reveal?

Solution: They reveal a curious, observant and enquiring mind that naturally seeks explanations.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

7. How does Jahnavi identify the River as the speaker?

Solution: She rules out the lizard and kingfisher and notes that parrots shriek, unlike the sleepy murmuring voice. With no person visible, she realises the River is speaking.

8. Explain personification in the chapter.

Solution: The River is personified because it speaks, listens, laughs, gives advice and describes its journey as though it were a human companion.

9. How does the River comfort Jahnavi before advising her?

Solution: It tells her not to cry or fear a familiar place, then invites her to explain everything. This makes her feel heard and less alone.

10. Why is 'It's up to you' central to the chapter?

Solution: The phrase shows that advice can guide Jahnavi, but she must decide to take the first step herself.

11. How does the River challenge gender inequality?

Solution: The River says little girls can do as much as little boys, directly rejecting the idea that Jahnavi's gender should limit her opportunity.

12. Why does the River mention the snake, lizard and trains?

Solution: It reminds Jahnavi of dangers she already faces, using her own experience as evidence that she is braver than she thinks.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

13. What role does the description of ships play?

Solution: The ships expand Jahnavi's imagination and suggest a larger world of knowledge beyond her village, while the River still tells her to begin with school.

14. Describe Jahnavi's first approach to the classroom.

Solution: She first stands at the doorway listening, then creeps nearer and nearer until she sits in the back row on the earthen floor.

15. Why is Little Appu on her shoulder an important detail?

Solution: It shows that Jahnavi's family responsibility has not disappeared. She pursues education while still caring for the child entrusted to her.

16. How does the Ashoka lesson affect the scene?

Solution: The lesson gives Jahnavi an immediate experience of learning and makes the classroom feel like a real doorway to history and knowledge.

17. Define courage using Jahnavi's action.

Solution: Courage is acting for a valued goal despite fear. Jahnavi expects rejection but goes to school and stays long enough to be noticed.

18. Compare Jahnavi's fear with the teacher's actual response.

Solution: Jahnavi expects to be scared and chased out, but the teacher calmly asks her name and offers to help her attend regularly.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

19. Why is the teacher's response effective?

Solution: The teacher respects Jahnvi's desire and offers a concrete next step: speaking with her father and finding a way.

20. What does the teacher's home visit prove?

Solution: It proves that the teacher means what she says and is willing to bridge school and family to support Jahnvi.

21. Why is the mother's childhood memory significant?

Solution: Her mother also wanted school but was refused. Remembering that loss helps her support a different opportunity for Jahnvi.

22. How do personal courage and adult support work together?

Solution: Jahnvi's courage brings her into the classroom, while the teacher and mother help remove the family barrier. The change depends on both initiative and support.

23. What does writing her name represent?

Solution: It is a basic literacy skill and also symbolises identity, confidence and Jahnvi's entry into formal learning.

24. Why does Jahnvi mention sums and frogs?

Solution: She expects education to teach practical skills such as mathematics and help explain scientific questions arising from everyday life.



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Check your answers with the solutions below.

25. How does Jahnavi's dream change by the end?

Solution: At first she wants education for herself. By the end, she wants to become a teacher and bring other village girls into school.

26. Why does she plan to go from house to house?

Solution: She knows family decisions can keep girls from school, so she plans to persuade families directly and widen access.

27. What does the River symbolise?

Solution: The River symbolises comfort, guidance and an encouraging inner voice that helps Jahnavi recognise her own power to act.

28. Explain the title of the chapter.

Solution: The title refers to the personified River speaking to Jahnavi. Its words begin the movement from tears and fear to courage, school and future purpose.

29. Write a theme statement about education.

Solution: The chapter presents education as empowerment: it answers curiosity, builds confidence and can inspire a learner to help others gain the same opportunity.

30. Summarise Jahnavi's character arc.

Solution: Jahnavi begins as a curious but discouraged girl. Encouraged by the River, she enters school despite fear, receives support and ends with confidence and a plan to educate other girls.



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