

Class 10 - English

Words and Expressions - II

A Letter to God

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A Letter to God: Chapter Worksheet

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

1. What was Lencho's occupation, and what did his family depend on for survival?

Hint: Think about his daily work and his family's only source of income.

2. Describe the setting of Lencho's home at the beginning of the story.

Hint: Consider where the house was located and how isolated it was.



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

3. What happened to Lencho's crop, and how did this event change the direction of the story?

Hint: Think about the storm and its immediate effect on the field.

4. Explain why Lencho decided to write a letter to God instead of seeking help elsewhere.

Hint: Consider his deep faith and his belief in divine providence.



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

5. How much money did Lencho request, and for what specific purpose?

Hint: Recall the exact figure and the reason given in the letter.

6. Describe how Lencho addressed and sent his letter.

Hint: Think about what he wrote on the envelope and how he posted it.



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

7. How did the postmaster initially react upon reading Lencho's letter?

Hint: Consider both his amusement and his surprise.

8. What decision did the postmaster make after reading the letter, and why?

Hint: Think about his feelings of sympathy toward Lencho.



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

9. How much money did the postmaster and his colleagues manage to collect?

Hint: Recall the amount compared to what Lencho had requested.

10. Explain the cause-and-effect relationship between the hailstorm and Lencho's letter.

Hint: Think about how one event directly leads to the next.



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

11. Explain the cause-and-effect relationship between the postmaster's sympathy and the money collected.

Hint: Consider what motivated the postmaster's action.

12. What did Lencho do when he arrived at the post office to collect the money?

Hint: Think about his confidence and his actions upon arrival.



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

13. How did Lencho feel when he first saw that money had arrived for him?

Hint: Consider his initial emotional reaction before counting it.

14. What did Lencho discover after carefully counting the money, and how did this change his mood?

Hint: Think about the shortfall and his shift in emotion.



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

15. Whom did Lencho blame for the missing thirty pesos, and why is this conclusion ironic?

Hint: Consider who actually helped him versus whom he blamed.

16. What did Lencho do after realising the amount was short of his request?

Hint: Think about his habitual response to problems.



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

17. What request did Lencho make for the future in his second letter?

Hint: Recall his instruction about how money should be delivered next time.

18. Compare Lencho's faith at the beginning of the story with his faith at the end.

Hint: Think about what changes and what stays the same.



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

19. Compare the postmaster's kindness with Lencho's later accusation against him.

Hint: Consider the contrast between the postmaster's actions and Lencho's belief.

20. Analyse Lencho's character based on his actions throughout the story.

Hint: Think about his faith, his innocence, and his response to hardship.



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

21. Analyse the postmaster's character based on his response to the letter.

Hint: Consider his initial reaction and his eventual decision to help.

22. Discuss the theme of faith as it is presented through Lencho's actions in the story.

Hint: Think about how his faith shapes his decisions from beginning to end.



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

23. Discuss the theme of human compassion as shown through the post office staff.

Hint: Consider how their actions reflect kindness beyond their normal duties.

24. Write a short paragraph explaining why the story's ending is considered ironic.

Hint: Focus on the contrast between what readers know and what Lencho believes.



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

25. In your own words, summarise the main events of 'A Letter to God' in sequence.

Hint: Think about the order: crop, storm, letter, response, money, and reaction.

26. Do you think Lencho was justified in blaming the post office workers? Explain your view.

Hint: Consider both his perspective and the actual facts of the story.



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

27. What does the story suggest about how people interpret help they receive?

Hint: Think about how Lencho interprets receiving less than he asked for.

28. Write a brief character sketch of Lencho, covering his occupation, faith, and key actions.

Hint: Include his job, his belief in God, and his major decisions in the story.



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

29. Write a brief character sketch of the postmaster, covering his reaction and his actions.

Hint: Include his initial response to the letter and his eventual decision.

30. Explain how the setting of the story, a rural valley and a small post office, shapes the events.

Hint: Consider how isolation and limited resources affect what happens.



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

31. If you were the postmaster, how might you have explained the shortfall to Lencho? Write a short response.

Hint: Think about how honesty and clarity could have prevented the misunderstanding.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

1. What was Lencho's occupation, and what did his family depend on for survival?

Solution: Lencho was a farmer, and his family depended entirely on the corn crop he grew for their food and income.

2. Describe the setting of Lencho's home at the beginning of the story.

Solution: Lencho lived with his wife and children in a lonely house set in a valley, away from the nearest town.

3. What happened to Lencho's crop, and how did this event change the direction of the story?

Solution: A violent hailstorm destroyed Lencho's entire corn crop, pushing him toward the desperate act of writing a letter to God.

4. Explain why Lencho decided to write a letter to God instead of seeking help elsewhere.

Solution: Lencho's unwavering faith led him to believe that God, more than anyone else, could and would provide the help he needed.

5. How much money did Lencho request, and for what specific purpose?

Solution: Lencho requested one hundred pesos to sow his field again and support his family until the next harvest.



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6. Describe how Lencho addressed and sent his letter.

Solution: He wrote 'To God' on the envelope and posted the letter through the ordinary postal system, just like any other letter.

7. How did the postmaster initially react upon reading Lencho's letter?

Solution: The postmaster laughed at first but was genuinely surprised and touched by the depth of Lencho's faith.

8. What decision did the postmaster make after reading the letter, and why?

Solution: Moved by sympathy, the postmaster decided to collect money from himself and his colleagues to help Lencho.

9. How much money did the postmaster and his colleagues manage to collect?

Solution: They managed to collect seventy pesos, which was thirty pesos short of Lencho's original request.

10. Explain the cause-and-effect relationship between the hailstorm and Lencho's letter.

Solution: The hailstorm destroyed Lencho's crop, which caused desperation that led directly to his decision to write the letter to God.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

11. Explain the cause-and-effect relationship between the postmaster's sympathy and the money collected.

Solution: The postmaster's sympathy for Lencho's faith caused him to organise a collection, which resulted in seventy pesos being gathered.

12. What did Lencho do when he arrived at the post office to collect the money?

Solution: Lencho confidently went to the counter, collected the envelope, and began counting the money inside.

13. How did Lencho feel when he first saw that money had arrived for him?

Solution: Lencho initially felt happy and satisfied, believing that his faith in God had been rewarded.

14. What did Lencho discover after carefully counting the money, and how did this change his mood?

Solution: He discovered only seventy pesos instead of the requested hundred, which changed his happiness into suspicion and disappointment.

15. Whom did Lencho blame for the missing thirty pesos, and why is this conclusion ironic?

Solution: Lencho blamed the post office workers for stealing the money, which is ironic since they were the ones who personally helped him.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

16. What did Lencho do after realising the amount was short of his request?

Solution: True to his character, Lencho wrote a second letter to God, explaining his belief that the post office workers had taken part of the money.

17. What request did Lencho make for the future in his second letter?

Solution: He asked that any future money be sent to him directly, rather than through the post office.

18. Compare Lencho's faith at the beginning of the story with his faith at the end.

Solution: Lencho's faith in God remains completely unshaken throughout; what changes is his trust in the people who actually helped him.

19. Compare the postmaster's kindness with Lencho's later accusation against him.

Solution: The postmaster acted with genuine kindness and generosity, yet Lencho wrongly accused him and his colleagues of dishonesty.

20. Analyse Lencho's character based on his actions throughout the story.

Solution: Lencho is hardworking, deeply faithful, and innocent, though his simple worldview also leads him to an unfair and mistaken judgment.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

21. Analyse the postmaster's character based on his response to the letter.

Solution: The postmaster is portrayed as kind and compassionate, moved enough by a stranger's faith to personally contribute money to help him.

22. Discuss the theme of faith as it is presented through Lencho's actions in the story.

Solution: Faith drives Lencho to trust that divine help will come, motivating both his original letter and his continued belief despite the shortfall.

23. Discuss the theme of human compassion as shown through the post office staff.

Solution: The postmaster and his colleagues go beyond their official duties, personally contributing money out of genuine sympathy for a stranger.

24. Write a short paragraph explaining why the story's ending is considered ironic.

Solution: The ending is ironic because readers know the kind postal workers personally helped Lencho, yet he wrongly accuses them of theft, unaware of their true generosity.

25. In your own words, summarise the main events of 'A Letter to God' in sequence.

Solution: Lencho's crop is destroyed by a hailstorm, he writes a letter to God for help, the postmaster collects seventy pesos, and Lencho later blames the post office for the shortfall.



Check your answers with the solutions below.

26. Do you think Lencho was justified in blaming the post office workers? Explain your view.

Solution: Answers may vary, but a strong response should note that while Lencho's suspicion is understandable given the shortfall, his conclusion is factually mistaken and unfair to those who helped him.

27. What does the story suggest about how people interpret help they receive?

Solution: The story suggests that people may misinterpret the true source or intent of help when it does not match their exact expectations.

28. Write a brief character sketch of Lencho, covering his occupation, faith, and key actions.

Solution: Lencho is a farmer whose deep faith leads him to write directly to God after a hailstorm destroys his crop; though sincere and hardworking, his innocent worldview later causes him to wrongly blame the post office.

29. Write a brief character sketch of the postmaster, covering his reaction and his actions.

Solution: The postmaster reacts to Lencho's letter with surprise and amusement, then genuine sympathy, ultimately organising a personal collection of money to help a stranger in need.

30. Explain how the setting of the story, a rural valley and a small post office, shapes the events.

Solution: The rural, isolated setting explains Lencho's total dependence on his crop and the limited funds available at the small post office, both of which shape the story's central conflict.



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31. If you were the postmaster, how might you have explained the shortfall to Lencho? Write a short response.

Solution: A strong response might explain that only seventy pesos could be gathered from personal contributions, honestly clarifying that no theft occurred and reassuring Lencho of the group's goodwill.



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