

Goodbye to the Moon

Name: _____ Grade7 _____ Date _____

Answer the questions in brief.

1. Who is Ann? Why is she crying?

Ans. Ann is a girl about Kepler's age and they are friends. She is crying when it's time for Kepler to leave the Moon for Earth as she will miss him for about six months.

2. How are Kepler and his father different physically?

Ans. Kepler and his father are different from each other in some ways. His father is a big muscular man but Kepler is thin and weedy.

3. How will you describe the Governor's feelings about his ties to Earth and to the Moon?

Ans. The Governor feels that he has strong cultural ties with the Earth. But, like all immigrants who went to the Moon and shaped into a nation, he would like to say that his present and future lie in the Moon.

4. What does 'blasé' mean? Is Kepler really a blasé traveler?

Ans. I think 'blasé' means uninterested or bored. No, he is not really blasé but as he traveled a long way from the Moon to Earth, he just feels very tired.

5. What can be the issues, the Governor has come to resolve you think?

Ans. I think the Governor has come to Earth to research the expenses and cost of water. We know that Kepler's father as well as the all the immigrants to the Moon have the experience of scarcity of water in the Moon.

Answer the questions in detail.

1. How is Kepler's view of Earth similar to your view of the moon?

Ans. Kepler's view of the Earth was as a shining silver disk that waxed and waned. The view of the moon from the Earth is very similar; it is a silver or white disk in our night sky, and it also has phases in which it seems to grow larger and smaller. So Kepler's view of the Earth is very similar to my view of the moon from the Earth.

2. "Good-bye to the Moon" is full of compare and contrast. Mention at least two similarities and two differences between life on the Moon and life on the earth.

Ans.

Similarities

1. Kepler's view of the Earth from the Moon is very similar to the view of the Moon from the Earth.

2. The words of the nursery rhyme of Earth "star-light, star-light" are only replaced by "Earth-shine, Earth-bright".

Differences

1. Water is precious on the moon but plentiful on Earth.

2. Kepler is overwhelmed by the loud voices of the Earth. He is comparing the sounds of the voices of the Earth people to a loud storm.

3. What does Kepler mean when he says, “Look out, Earth. Here comes Kepler Masterman – on a banana skin!”?

Ans. This line occurs in the story ‘Goodbye to the moon’. When the stewardess addressed Kepler as ‘Sonny’, he was rather embarrassed and surprised, thinking that he was already grown up. Kepler is alluding to the stock comic situation in which a person slips and falls on a banana peel. He is comparing that to his own embarrassment at resting on his couch with two black eyes from a reaction to the pressure of Earth’s atmosphere.

4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being the son of Lunar Governor according to Kepler?

Ans. The advantage is that Kepler could slip his letters into the diplomatic bag and they would go rocketing to Moon straight. Nobody will raise any questions regarding the contents of the bag as it is a diplomatic bag. On the other hand the disadvantage of being a governor’s son is that he is going to miss his friend Ann for six months. As it is an official visit to the Earth with his father, he won’t have any freedom to go back to Moon before the duration of the visit is over.

Learn the meanings of the words below and make sentences with them.

1. wane - to become gradually weaker or less important

Her enthusiasm for the whole idea was waning rapidly.

2. traverse - to cross an area of land or water

The region is more difficult to traverse than the Alps or the Himalayas.

3. wearisome - that makes you feel very bored and tired

I was beginning to find her endless chatter very wearisome.

4. glide - to move smoothly and quietly, especially as though it takes no effort

The skaters were gliding over the ice.

5. oblique - not expressed or done in a direct way

He made an oblique reference to the politician while canvassing for the Presidential election.

6. blurt - to say sth suddenly and without thinking carefully enough

She blurted it out before I could stop her.

7. squirm – wriggle; twist; turn

The children were squirming restlessly in their seats.

8. cripple – to damage sb’s body so that they are no longer able to walk or move

As a child she contracted polio and was crippled for life.

9. diplomatic – connected with managing relations between countries

Attempts are being made to settle the dispute by diplomatic means.

10. exotic – from or in another country

She travels to all kinds of exotic locations all over the world.

11. magnificent - extremely attractive and impressive; deserving praise

She looked magnificent in her wedding dress.

12. snuggle – to get into or put sb/sth into, a warm comfortable position

She snuggled into her sleeping bag and closed her eyes.

13. groggy – weak and unable to think or move well because of sickness or tiredness

The sleeping pills left her feeling very groggy.

Match the columns below.

S.N	Column A		Column B
1	The ferry shivered delicately and	2	was seven tenths water!
2	A world that	5	by electrostatic filters in the labs.
3	The hydroponic gardens	8	island-sprangled blueness of the Indian Ocean.
4	Every ounce of it was worth	9	they had charged us for every single cup.
5	Dirt was removed	10	Father's voice was sympathetic.
6	There was no free	7	North Africa and Arabia.
7	We orbited across	6	water on the moon.
8	From my port I could see the	4	its weight in Moon minerals.
9	Half a world made of water, and yet	1	then moved slowly out of it holding dock.
10	"You feeling groggy"?	3	were going.

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the text.

1. They are starting their **braking** orbit.
2. It will get worse **before** it gets better.
3. Their apparent weight increase to double and **momentarily** three times their normal weight.
4. It was like a barrier **separating** me from all these other people.
5. There was a bustle of **unstrapping** harnesses, collecting belongings.
6. That was **really** starting out on the right foot.
7. She **glided** back with the ice pack.
8. She looked no **heavier** than a grain of moon dust.
9. He swung himself up from his couch and **stretched**.
10. My head **throbbbed** a bit but it wasn't too bad.

True or false

1. Kepler was going to Mars with his father. FALSE
2. In the VIP lounge he could see Father surrounded by merchants. FALSE
3. The oblique sunlight etched blurrily in black shadow. TRUE
4. Down there at home the kids would be getting ready for the party. TRUE

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| 5. There was always a party at sunset. | FALSE |
| 6. The astronomers hated day time, except for the solar experts. | TRUE |
| 7. Letter rates to Earth were crippling. | TRUE |
| 8. The door swung open in front of him. | FALSE |
| 9. There was a waft of exotic perfume. | TRUE |
| 10. Kepler whispered to his father, "Is everything on earth this fancy?" | TRUE |

Answer the following questions in a phrase.

1. How long did it take for the old beat-up Moon ferry to reach the space station?

THREE DAYS

2. What fantastic things did Kepler read about in his book?

THE SPHYNX, THE TAJ MAHAL AND SKYSCRAPERS

3. What was the speed of the train in the moon?

500 MILES AN HOUR

4. What was one of the items on Kepler's father's agenda?

TO NEGOTIATE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

5. What is the relationship between Kepler and Ann??

FRIENDS

6. How long will it take to resolve their differences?

SIX MONTHS

7. How did Kepler describe the sky when he was walking on the landing pad?

A DELICATE, BLUE WITH FLUFFY CUMULUS CLOUDS

8. What did Kepler recognize as he craned his neck eagerly and looked through the port?

THE NARROW SPINDLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA

9. What did Kepler wish to reach out and touch from the Moon ferry?

FLUFFY CUMULUS CLOUDS

10. For what purpose will Kepler use the diplomatic bag?

TO SEND LETTERS TO ANN