

English Literature Copybook Activities

Lesson: The Man Who Named the Clouds

Grade-5

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A. Write meaning of the following words.

1. wispy – consisting of small , thin pieces ; not thick
2. handy - easy to use or to do
3. half-brother- stepbrother
4. gauge - an instrument for measuring the amount or level of something
5. gale – an extremely strong wind
6. curious - having a strong desire to know about something
7. club - a group of people joined together for some special purpose
8. chemical - connected with chemistry
9. atmosphere - the mixture of gases that surrounds the earth
10. apprentice - learner: a young person who works for an employer for a fixed period of time in order to learn the particular skills needed in their job

B. Answer the following questions briefly.

1. What is meant by biography?

A biography is an account of a person's life written by another person.

2. Why would it be important for sailors and farmers to predict storms?

Sailors would not sail during a storm because it would be unsafe. Farmers might need to know if there was going to be a storm so they could protect their crops.

3. What did Luke's father teach his children?

Luke's father taught them the importance of working hard and learning.

4. Why was Luke unhappy as a chemist's apprentice?

Luke was unhappy, because he did not have time to study the weather as he had to work long hours at the shop.

5. Why was Luke's new house better for weather watching?

Luke's new house was in a village with wide spaces where he could see lots of sky, and he had a weather watching room with big windows.

C. Answer the following questions in detail.

1. Describe how did Luke record the weather conditions outside in the family garden?

Twice a day in his journal, he recorded the weather conditions. He used a thermometer to learn the temperature of the air, a weather vane to check the wind direction, a rain gauge to measure the rainfall, and a barometer to measure the pressure of the atmosphere on the Earth's surface.

2. Why did Luke and his brother attend the Quaker boarding school in Burford, England?

Luke and his family were members of a religion called the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers. Because Quakers didn't belong to the Church of England, they weren't allowed to go to the same school as people who did. Instead Luke and his younger brother attended a Quaker boarding school in Burford.

3. What reason did scientists point out to choose Latin cloud names over French ones?

Ans. Latin was the official language of the Roman Empire for over five hundred years. Because of Rome's widespread influence, many other European languages were based on Latin. So scientists pointed out that people would probably understand Latin cloud names more easily than French ones.