

Grade VI

Lesson : 1. A House, A Home

Poetry

Soul of the Poem

The poem points out the difference between a house and a home. They differ in many ways. A house consists of rooms, a kitchen, a balcony etc which are made up of bricks, stone, wood and glass. Some house may have a yard, chimneys and tiled floors. These may have lots of doors depending on requirement. There are cemented structure but without any sign of life.

But a house is a lifeless structure unless it is full of people. A home is a place where a family lives with love and affection. A house becomes a home when parents along with brothers and sisters live together and care for each other. They understand each other well. The family members work for the welfare of the family selflessly. They are kind towards each other and help each other in all ups and downs.

Stanzawise Explanation of The Poem

Stanza 1

What is a house ?

It's Brick and stone and wood that's hard.

Some window glass and perhaps a yard.

It's eaves and chimneys and tile floors.

And stucco and roof and lots of doors.

Reference : The given lines have been taken from the poem ' A House, A Home', It has been written By Lorraine M Halli, where the poet has brought out a difference between a house and a home.

Context : The poet has given a brief description about a house and mentioned that it is a lifeless structure. It consists of doors, windows and a roof. A House and mentioned that it is a lifeless structure. It consists of doors, windows and a roof. A house is different from a home in many ways.

Explanation : The poet says that a house is a non-living object made up of bricks, stones, woods and glasses. It will probably have a small ground and a roof. Some house may have eaves, chimneys and tiled floors.

They consists of many doors and their walls and roofs are well – plastered

Stanza 2

What is a home ?

It's loving and family and doing for others.

It's Brothers and sisters and fathers
and mothers

It's unselfish acts and kindly sharing

And showing your loves ones

You're always caring

Reference : Same as above

Context : In the above lines, the poet has defined a home which is entirely different from a house. Parents and their children stay together in a home with love and affection.

Explanation : The poet here defines a home which consists of family members such as a father, mother, sister and brother. They love and care for each other without any selfish motive . They convert a house into a home with their kindness and caring for each other. Without them a house cannot be called a home. The poet clearly defines a house and a home,

NCERT Corner

Working with the Poem

1. Do you agree with the poet says? Talk to your partner and complete these sentences.

(i) A house is made of.....

(ii) It has

(iii) A home is made by

(iv) It has

(i) hard bricks stone and wood

- (ii) Window glass, a yard, chimneys, tile floors. Doors and a roof.
- (iii) Loving and caring parents, brothers and sisters
- (iv) Family members who care for each other without any selfish motives

2. Now complete these sentences about your house and home

- (i) My house is
- (ii) The best thing about my home is
 - (i) Made up of bricks, marbles and tiles . It has beautiful windows made up of glass with a balcony and a roof.
 - (ii) That all of us understand and help each other in any distress. We live together peacefully and take out time for each other. We care for each other.

Chapter Practice

Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. Who all are parts of a family?

Parents, Sisters and brothers are parts of family They stand together in all ups and downs in life.

2. Define a house

A house is a non-living structure made up of bricks, stones and woods. It consist of windows doors and a yard.

Short Answer Type Questions

1. Differentiate between a house and a home on the basis of the poem.

A house is a structure made up of bricks and stones. It has windows, doors, chimneys and a roof. On the other hand, a home is a place where family members live together selflessly. They love and care for each other.

2. What is the basic idea of the poet?

The basic idea of the post in the poem. A House, A Home is to show the importance of a home over a house. While doing this she compared a house with a home. According to her, a house is just an infrastructure which is built up of bricks, stones and woods.

There may be windows, tile floors, stucco and lots of doors but it is of no use until it is made a home. A home, according to the poet can be made by a family of father, mother, sister and brother who cares and love each other without any selfish interest . They share and are together in each other's happiness and sorrow.

Valued Based Question

Why family plays an important role in a home?

A home becomes a home due to the presence of a family which consists of father, mother, brothers and sisters.

They do unselfish acts and takes a care of each other in happy then there will not be any home.

Extract Based Questions

Directions (Q.Nos.1-6) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

Extract 1

What is a house?

I t's brick and stone and wood that's hard

Some window glass and perhaps a yard

I t's eaves and chimneys and perhaps a yard

and stucco and roof and lots of doors

1. Name the poem and the poet of the above lines

The above lines have been taken from the poem . 'A House A home', written by Lorraine M Halli.

2. What is a house made of ?

A house is just a structure made up of bricks, stones and woods, according to the poet.

3. What is a house made of?

A house is made of bricks, stones and woods.

4. Find synonym for the word 'perhaps'.

- a) Probably b) Exactly c) Softly d) swiftly

(a) Probably

5. A house consists of

- a) People b) family c) animals d) doors and windows

(d) doors and windows

6. Bricks, wood and stones are used to make

- a) School b) house c) home d) building

(b) house

Exact 2

Directions (Q.Nos.1-6) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

What is a home?

I t's loving and family and doing for others

I t's brothers and sisters and fathers and mothers

I t's unselfish acts and kindly sharing

And showing your loved ones

You're always caring

1. From where the above lines, have been taken, Name the poet and the poem

The above lines have been taken from the poem 'A House, A Home' written by Lorraube M. Hall

2. What is a home, according to the poet?

A home is where a family lives lovingly and easily according to the poet.

3. Who all live in a home?

Brothers, sisters, mother and father live in a home

4. Find the synonym for the word 'loving'

- a) Adorable b) kind c) Hateful d) Sweet

(a) Adorable

5. Mother, father sister and brother make and completes a

- a) house b) building c) home d) store

(b)building

6. A house is measured in

- a) yards b) centimetres c) Kilometres d) miles

(a) Yards



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