

HOLY CROSS CONVENT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL,
AMBIKAPUR.

CLASS - 4th

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

NOTE- Students are requested to write the following notes in their English notebook.

Students are instructed to write with a blue gel/ball pen.

CHAPTER-1

THE GIVING TREE

I. Word meaning-

- a) Climb - to go up.
- b) Company - being with someone.
- c) Hardly - almost not.
- d) Joy - happiness.
- e) Pluck - to pick a fruit.
- f) Sailed - travelled on water.
- g) Swing - move forward and backward.
- h) Tired - needing rest.

II. Read and Answer -

1. What did the boy do under the tree?

Answer- The boy played and slept under the tree.

2. Why did the boy not want to climb the tree and swing from the branches?

Answer- The boy did not want to climb the tree and swing from the branches because he was too big to climb and play.

3. What did the tree give the boy instead of money?

Answer- The tree gave the boy its apples, instead of money.

4. Why did the boy, now a young man, need a house?

Answer- The boy, now a young man, was getting married and wanted a house to live in with his wife and children.

III. Think and Answer-

1. Why did the little boy visit the tree everyday?

Answer- The little boy visited the tree every day because he enjoyed its company.

2. Why do you think the tree was happy to see the boy after some years?

Answer- The tree was happy to see the boy after some years because the tree loved him.

3. Who do you think, was the better living being the tree or the man?
Discuss.

Answer- The tree was a better living being because it loved the boy selflessly and helped the boy at all stages of his life. On the other hand the boy became very selfish as he grew older. He did not realise even once that he had exploited The Giving Tree.

IV. Reference to context-

Read this sentence and answer the questions that follow:

“ I want a boat to take me away.....”

a) Who said this and to whom?

Answer- This was said by the boy to the tree.

b) Why did the speaker want a boat?

Answer- The boy wanted to go on a business trip and wanted a boat to take him away.

c) Did the speaker get the boat?

Answer- Yes, the boy got the boat.

d) What happens next?

Answer- The tree offers the boy to cut down his trunk and make a boat.

V. HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills)-

1. Do you think young man went to the tree because he loved it?
Support your answer with a reason.

Answer- No, the young man did not love the tree at all. He went to the tree only when he needed something. This shows that he was a selfish man who himself and wanted to fulfil his worldly need.