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Packing

Jerome K. Jerome

Characters:-

- 1- Narrator
- 2- George
- 3- 3- Harris
- 4- 4- Montmorency

Q.1 What preparations would you do before going on a trip?

Answer- form student (Packing)

Summary

The narrator feels that he knows the best packing. For impressing his friends George and Harris, he told them to leave the entire packing on him. Both friends agreed with a redefines. George put on pipe and spread himself over an easy chair and Harris cocked his legs on the table and lit a cigar. The narrator only wanted to instruct them and he wanted to be boss. It irritated the narrator seeing his friends sitting idle.

When the narrator finished packing he sat on it and strapped it then Harris reminded him of the boots that he had forgotten outside. George laughed at this which made the narrator angry. The narrator packed boots in them the idea of toothbrush streak into his mind. Which he had already packed. His toothbrush always gave him trouble. Sometimes he would pack it before using and had to unpack the luggage. Sometimes he would have to carry to the railways station wrapped in his handkerchief. On that day also he had to do the same thing. He searched it everywhere but could not find. Although he found George and Harris's toothbrush several times. At last he found his own inside a boot. He repacked again.

The narrator had to reopen the bag for his tobacco pouch finally it got packed at 10.05pm.

Then Harris and George expressed their wish to pack the hampers. They began it with breaking of cups. Harris packed strawberry jam on top of the tomatoes and smashed it. George trod on the butter and put heavy things on tie and smashed it. George got the butter off his

slippers and tried to put it inside the kettle. It would not go in and what was in wouldn't come out. They scrapped it and then put it on the chair. On which Harry sat and got it stuck behind. Both went looking for it all over the room. At last George saw it sticking behind Harris.

Montmorency a dog had been another trouble for them in packing. A dog feels his day has not been wasted if someone throws thing on his head and scolds him. He feels pride if people stumble over him and curse him for an hour.

Montmorency got into the hampers; put his leg into the jam. He played with lemons with lemons as if they were rats; He soiled the lemons before Harris could put them into the pan. The narrator said I didn't encourage the dog because it's quite natural and inborn quality of a dog.

They had a bit of row over the walking time after the packing was done at 12.50. Harris and the narrator told George to wake them up at 6.30 but found George already asleep. They put bath tub where George could tumble into it in the morning and went to bed them.

Difficult Words-

- 1- cocked – to turn up
- 2- Uncanny – strange
- 3- irritate – to provoke anger
- 4- loll – to act lazily
- 5- strapped – to fastened
- 6- Haunts – To make uneasy
- 7- Rummaged – searched in a hurried or careless way
- 8- Chaos – disorder
- 9- Reigned – to rule
- 10- Hamper – large baskets for carrying food
- 11- evidently – clearly
- 12- slammed – shut with sudden force
- 13- lighthearted – joy, glad
- 14- squash – to crush
- 15- trod on – stepped on
- 16- oath – pledge, vow
- 17- squirm – pride in himself
- 18- accomplish - to complete
- 19- damp – wet moist
- 20- reflection – thought
- 21- sin – crime
- 22- rows – qurrel, agreement

Answer these questions-

- 1- How many characters are there in the narrative?
- 2- Why did the narrator want to do the packing?
- 3- What was his intentions?
- 4- What made narrator so wild?
- 5- Why did Harris not tell Jerome about the boots before strapping the bag?
- 6- Which thing haunts the narrator while travelling? How?
- 7- How many times Jerome reopened the bag?
- 8- Where did he find his toothbrush?
- 9- How did he carry his toothbrush at last to the railway station?
- 10- What did Harris and George pack?
- 11- How was Montmorency a perfect nuisance in packing?
- 12- What got stuck at the back of Harris?
- 13- Where did George find the butter?
- 14- What was Montmorency's ambition in life?
- 15- Why did Harris say that the dog like that doesn't want any encouragement?

Activity:-

- 1- List out the past form of the verbs from the chapter.
- 2- Pick out the non-finites and use them in your sentence.
- 3- Make sentences of the underlined words.

Answers

- 1- There are four characters in the narratives.
1- Harris 2- George 3- Jerome K Terome 4- Montmorency (dog)
- 2- The narrator thought that he knows the best way of packing.
- 3- The narrator wanted to be boss over them.
- 4- Harris did not George laughed at the narrator when he forgot to pack his boots before strapping the bag.
- 5- Harris did not tell Jerome about the boots because he wanted to make Jerome realize that he was not the only one who knew packing.
- 6- Toothbrush haunts the narrators while travelling.
- 7- He found his toothbrush inside the boot.
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- 9- At last he carried his wrapped in his handkerchief to the railway station.
- 10- Harris and George packed hampers.
- 11- Montmorency the dog got into the hamper and spoiled their packing.
- 12- Harsis sat on the butter and it got stuck at his back.
- 13- George found butter at the back of Harsis.

14- Montmorency's ambition in life was to get scolede with the people he felt hside if someone throws things on his head and stumble over him.

15- Harris said that the dog like that does'nt want an encouragement because, it is dog's natural trait tp come on the way and soil things.