

Chapter-2 Children at Work

- Comprehension check:-

1. *Velu stood on the platform but he felt "as he was still on a moving train" Why?*

He felt that he was still on a moving train because he was exhausted and his legs felt wobbly.

2. *What made him feel miserable?*

The two days journey that he had made on foot and train without adequate food to run off from his village made him feel miserable.

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- a. *Velu travelled without a ticket. Why?*

Velu travelled without a ticket because he had no money to buy a ticket.

- b. *How did he escape the ticket collectors attention?*

Luckily the ticket collectors did not come to the unreserved compartment.

4. *Why had Velu run away from home?*

Velu had run away from home because his father would snatch all the money that he and his sister would earn and would spend all the money on drinks, if Velu would not arrange the money he would beat him.

5. *Why did he decide to follow the strange girl?*

He decide to follow the strange girl because he had no idea what to do or anywhere to go.

6. Can Velu read Tamil and English? How do you know
Velu cannot read English but only Tamil. We know this as he could not read the advertisement, but he could read Tamil as he read the 'central jail' written in Tamil.
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7. "If you are not careful, you will be soon counting bars there.", the girl said.
a. What is she referring to?

She is referring to the central jail.

- b. What does she mean when she says. "If you are not careful?"(she says the same thing later which means the same thing. Find that sentence).
When she says if you are not careful she means don't get caught. The sentence is "just, don't get caught".
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8. What work did she do? Think of a one-word answer.
Ragpicking.
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9.
a. What materials are the strange huts made of?
The strange huts are made up of metal sheets, tyres, bricks, wood, and plastic.
b. Why does Velu find them strange?
He finds them strange because in his village they are made up of palm leaves and mud.
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10. What sort of things did Jaya and children like her collect and what do they do with those things?
Children like Jaya collected things like plastic bottles, cups, glass and paper. They then sell these things to a recycling dealer like Jaggu.
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11. Is Velu happy or unhappy to find a work? give a reason for your answer?
Velu is not happy to find a job, because he is looking for a better one.