

Chapter-3 The Selfish Giant

- Comprehension check:-

1. *Why is the giant called selfish?*

The giant was called selfish because he had build a large wall around his garden so that no one should be able to get into his garden or play there.

2. *On one occasion the children said: "How happy we are here!". Later they said "How happy we were there!". What are they reffering to in both cases?*
They are referring to the giants garden in the past and in the present and how happy they were there.

3.

a. *When springs came, it was still winter in the garden. What does winter stand for or indicate here?*

It was still winter in the garden. It indicates the absense of children in the garden, those who played there and made the garden blossom.

b. *Winter has been presented like a story with its own characters and their activities. Describe the story in your own words.*

The story of the winter has four characters, the snow, the frost, the north wind, and the Hail.

4. *Was the giant happy or sad over the state of the garden?*

The giant was not happy over the state of the garden.

5. *What effect did the linnets song have over Hail and the north wind?*

The Hail stopped dancing over his head and the north wind ceased roaring with the effect of the linnet's song.

6.

a. *The giant saw the most wonderful sight. What did he see?*
He saw that the spring has arrived in his garden and the children were playing there.

b. *What did he realise on seeing it?*
He realised that the spring has arrived in his garden because of the children who were playing there like the garden was celebrating the return of the children with beautiful spring.

7. *Why was it still winter in one corner of the garden?*
It was still winter in one corner of the garden as the little boy could not help him to get on the tree and the tree as well.

8. *Describe the first meeting of the little boy and the giant?*
In the first meeting of the boy and the giant, the giant who saw the child in tears came to him, lifted him up in his hand and placed him on the branch of the tree. The child was so happy that he kissed the giant and from that day onwards, the giant remained no selfish.

9. *Describe their second meeting after a long interval?*
During the winters the giant was the child he loved under a tree covered with white blossoms. The giant rushed to the child to see him but he grew red with anger when he saw some injury wounds on the child. The child was an avatar of the christ, he has come to take the giant to his garden which is paradise. As the giant lay dead white blossoms fell on him.

10. *The giant lay dead, all covered with white blossoms. What does this sentence indicate you about the selfish giant?*
It indicated that the god had mercy on the giant and took him to the heaven.