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A Pact with the Sun

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SUMMARY OF THE LESSON

Saeeda's mother had been unwell for a long time. She complained of cough, fever and joint pains. She was treated by so many physicians. But she could not get over her sickness. One problem was followed by another. She was kept in a small room with door and windows closed. She could not get cool fresh air and warm sunshine.

Her condition became critical. She was too poor to consult a specialist. But life, after all, is more precious than money. She sold off her ornaments to pay the doctor's fees. He prescribed some medicines. But he advised the old lady to shift to a bigger room, keep her doors and windows open, and spend an hour every morning in the courtyard. She needed sunshine and fresh air as much as medicines. She acted on the doctor's advice.

It so happened that the clouds hid the sun in the sky. It happened so for two more days. Saeeda, the little girl, was worried. In her secret language she talked to the rays of the sun to help her sick mother with warmth and brightness. Her prayer was granted.

Next day the sun rays got ready to go down to the earth. But their father, the Sun, asked them to cancel their journey. The clouds were thick, dark and dirty. But the rays staged a revolt. They made their way through the thick clouds. And reached the old lady's bed. She felt the warm sun on her body after a long time. She breathed in fresh air. She felt fresh, strong and well. She recovered fully in a few days.

TEXTBOOK QUESTIONS SOLVED

EXERCISE

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1. What did the physicians ask Saeeda's mother to do to get well? Did their advice help her? If not, why?

Ans. The physicians advised Saeeda's mother not to take normal food, and to remain shut in a small dark room.

2. What did the specialist prescribe in addition to medicine?

Ans. The specialist prescribed some effective but costly medicines. He told her to eat chapati, vegetables, milk, fruits, etc. He asked her to shift to a bigger room with windows and doors open. Above all, she should sit in the sun every morning for an hour and breathe in fresh air.

3. What did Saeeda tell the sunrays to do?

Ans. Saeeda made a special request to the sunrays to help her mother get well. She asked them to come the next day with lots of warmth and brightness.

4. Why were the sunrays keen to go down to the earth the next day?

Ans. The sunrays had promised to help Saeeda. They had made a pact with her that they would bring down warmth and brightness. So they were keen to go down to the earth the next day. They forced their way through the dark, dirty clouds.