

Passage Comprehension-10

Grade 4

The Young Revolutionary

One cold December morning in 1928, a sixteen-year-old boy named Bhagat Singh sat in his classroom in Lahore, his mind far from the lesson being taught. He had just learned about the death of the great freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai, who had succumbed to injuries sustained during a peaceful protest against the Simon Commission. The news had shaken young Bhagat Singh deeply, as Lala Lajpat Rai had been not just a leader but also his inspiration.

Bhagat Singh had always been different from other children his age. While they played games during breaks, he would gather his classmates and tell them stories of India's brave freedom fighters. His teachers noticed how he would spend hours in the school library, reading about revolutionaries from around the world. At home, his family supported his patriotic spirit, sharing tales of their own participation in the freedom movement.

One particular incident changed young Bhagat Singh's life forever. During a school event, British officials were invited as chief guests. As was customary, everyone was expected to stand and sing "God Save the King," the British national anthem. However, Bhagat Singh remained seated. When his teacher angrily demanded an explanation, he replied with remarkable composure, "My conscience doesn't allow me to sing praises of those who have enslaved my motherland."

This act of defiance earned him both admirers and critics. His principal, though secretly proud of the boy's courage, had to publicly reprimand him to appease the British officials. However, this incident sparked a movement among other students, who began questioning the colonial rules they were expected to follow. Bhagat Singh's peaceful protest that day became a talking point in Lahore's revolutionary circles.

As he grew older, Bhagat Singh's commitment to India's freedom only strengthened. He would often say, "Freedom is not something that can be begged for; it must be fought for." His early experiences in school laid the foundation for his future role in India's struggle for independence, proving that even young hearts could harbor the deepest love for their nation.

Comprehension Questions

1. How did Bhagat Singh show his patriotism differently from other students during his school days?

2. What impact did Lala Lajpat Rai's death have on young Bhagat Singh? Explain with reference to the passage.

3. Describe the incident during the school event and its consequences.

4. What qualities of Bhagat Singh are highlighted in this passage? Support your answer with examples.

Vocabulary Questions

5. Find words from the passage that mean the following:

- a) Gave in to (paragraph 1) _____
- b) Traditional or usual (paragraph 3) _____
- c) To calm or satisfy someone (paragraph 4) _____
- d) People who criticize (paragraph 4) _____

6. Make sentences using these words from the passage:

- a) defiance _____

- b) composure _____

- c) conscience _____

- d) remarkable _____

Grammar Questions

7. Identify the type of sentences:

a) "Freedom is not something that can be begged for; it must be fought for."

b) "How did the principal react to Bhagat Singh's protest?"

c) "His teachers noticed how he would spend hours in the school library."

8. Find and write two examples each of:

a) Proper nouns from the passage

b) Adjectives from the passage

c) Adverbs from the passage

Answer Key

1. Bhagat Singh showed his patriotism by gathering classmates during breaks to tell them stories about freedom fighters, spending time in the library reading about revolutionaries, and displaying courage through peaceful protest against colonial rules.
2. Lala Lajpat Rai's death deeply affected Bhagat Singh as he was not just a leader but his personal inspiration. The news of his death due to injuries sustained during a peaceful protest made young Bhagat Singh more determined in his revolutionary path.
3. During a school event, Bhagat Singh refused to stand and sing the British national anthem "God Save the King." When questioned, he stated that his conscience wouldn't allow him to praise those who had enslaved his country. This led to both admiration and criticism, inspired other students, and became famous in revolutionary circles.
4. The passage highlights Bhagat Singh's courage, patriotism, leadership, and conviction. He demonstrated these qualities through his refusal to compromise his principles, his ability to inspire other students, his dedication to learning about revolutionaries, and his mature understanding of freedom at a young age.

Vocabulary Answers:

5. a) succumbed
b) customary
c) appease
d) critics

Grammar Answers:

7. a) Compound sentence
b) Interrogative sentence

c) Simple sentence

8. a) Proper nouns: Bhagat Singh, Lahore, Lala Lajpat Rai

b) Adjectives: cold, young, peaceful, remarkable

c) Adverbs: deeply, secretly, angrily, forever

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