

Chapter-16
I MUST KNOW THE TRUTH
Worksheet

1) Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions:

I know what she was going to say— “Fair, Fair.” I felt anger rise inside me. Fair! As if that was all that mattered, mattered most, more than a good figure, a chiselled face, more than the beauty that lies within. I knew I wasn’t as beautiful as she was, with her fine, regular features, and I wasn’t even half as talented as her. How did it matter if she was darker than me?

- Why did Aradhana think she was not beautiful?
- What do you understand by the phrase that “beauty lies within”?
- What do you understand by the phrase “chiselled phrase”?

2) Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions:

“Time is flying,” sighed Grandma and turning to aunt Pramela she asked, “isn’t it, Pramela?” “It certainly is,” my aunt nodded. “It seems it was just yesterday when Sunita brought her home. How skinny she was, skinny and dark.” I gasped and stared aghast at Aunt Pramela. How on earth could she say such hurting words in front of Aradhana?

- Who was Aunt Pramela? How was she related to Aradhana?
- What was the ‘mean’ thing that Aunt Pramela said?
- What was Aradhana’s parents reaction?

3) Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions:

I shouldered my way through the crowd of silent onlookers. When I reached the door, I heard my sister’s voice, torn with grief, “Leave me alone. Leave me alone all of you. Oh, why don’t you leave me alone?”

- What words of Aunt Pramela’s hurt Aradhana the most?
- How did Aradhana learn the truth?
- Did it shatter her completely?

4) What gift had Aradhana’s parents got for her? Why did Aradhana’s mother give it to her on the day of the school’s Annual function?

5) Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions:

She danced, not for her teacher, not for the audience. She danced for one person only, who followed every single movement of hers with bright, burning eyes;

- ‘She danced for one person only.’ Who was this person? Why did she dance only for her?
- Can you express Aradhana’s state of mind? Why does she seem sad?

6) Which of the qualities do you think is important in a dancer?

7) Read the story carefully and briefly explain the main ideas of the text in about 150 words.

8) Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions:

“For almost 18 years I have cared for you. I have laughed with you and I have cried for you. I have given you 18 years of my life. Don’t you think that counts more than being carried 9 months inside my womb.”

- Who is the speaker?
- For how many years did Aradhana stay with her parents?
- Analyse Aradhana’s mother’s reaction from the above lines.

9) Write an application to the Principal of your school to request him to open a well equipped library in your school.

10) Fill in the blanks using a suitable word in each.

Once upon a time there was a man called Harry. He was a florist (a) _____ lived in Ohio. He (b) _____ 2 daughters, (c) _____ eldest was called Elizabeth after the queen and (d) _____ was arranged that she (e) _____ inherit his father’s shop. So (f) _____ school she went to special Botany classes.