

**Chapter 07**  
**The Inventions of Vita Wonk**

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**1. Choose the right answer.**

**(i) Mr Willy Wonka is (a) a cook, (b) an inventor, (c) a manager.**

**(ii) Wonka-Vite makes people (a) older, (b) younger.**

**(iii) Mr Wonka wants to invent a new thing which will make people (a) younger, (b) older.**

**Ans:** (i) Mr Willy Wonka is an inventor.

(ii) Wonka-Vite makes people younger.

(iii) Mr Wonka wants to invent a new thing which will make people older.

**2. Can anyone's age be a minus number? What does "minus 87" mean?**

**Ans:** No. No one's age can be a minus number. Here, "minus 87" means that the person has to wait eighty seven years before he can come back.

**3. Mr Wonka begins by asking himself two questions. What are they?**

**(i) What is \_\_\_\_\_?**

**(ii) What lives \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Ans:** (i) What is the oldest living thing in the world?

(ii) What lives longer than anything else?

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**1. (i) What trees does Mr Wonka mention? Which tree does he say lives the longest?**

**(ii) How long does this tree live? Where can you find it?**

**Ans:** (i) The trees that Mr Wonka mentions are the Douglas fir, the oak, the cedar, and the Bristlecone pine. He says that the Bristlecone pine lives the longest.

(ii) This tree lives for over 4000 years. It can be found upon the slopes of Wheeler Peak in Nevada, U.S.A..

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**2. How many of the oldest living things can you remember from Mr Wonka's list? (Don't look back at the story!) Do you think all these things really exist, or are some of them purely imaginary?**

**Ans:** Write the names of the oldest living things you remember from Mr Wonka's list yourself.

With the exception of the 4000-year-old Bristlecone pine, most of the things mentioned in Mr Wonka's list are purely imaginary.

**3. Why does Mr Wonka collect items from the oldest things? Do you think this is the right way to begin his invention?**

**Ans:** Mr Wonka collected items from the oldest living things because he wanted to create age; he wanted to invent something that would make people older. It was probably the right way to begin his invention as he wanted to make people older and therefore, the use of old things seems appropriate.

**4. What happens to the volunteer who swallows four drops of the new invention? What is the name of the invention?**

**Ans:** The moment the volunteer swallows four drops of the new invention, he begins wrinkling and shrivelling up all over. His hair starts dropping off and his teeth start falling out. Before Mr Wonka knew it, the volunteer suddenly becomes an old man of seventy-five. The name of the invention was Vita-Wonk.

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**1. What do you call these insects in your language?**



cockroach



mosquito



grasshopper



housefly



dragon fly



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**Add to this list the names of some insects common in your area.**

**Ans.** Answer it yourself.

**2. Fill in the blanks in the recipe given below with from the box.**

**shred, Cooker, times, tomatoes, half, onion, oil**

**Easy Palak-Dal**

**INGREDIENTS**

**(i) One \_\_\_\_**

**(ii) One cup dal**

**(iii) Two thin green chillies**

**(iv) \_\_\_\_ a teaspoon red chilli powder**

**(v) Eight small bunches of palak**

**(vi) Two \_\_\_\_**

**(vii) Salt to taste**

**Wash and cut the vegetables; \_\_\_\_ the palak. Put everything in a pressure \_\_\_\_ . Let the cooker whistle three \_\_\_\_, then switch it off. Fry a few cumin seeds in \_\_\_\_ and add to the palak-dal.**

**Ans:** Easy Palak-Dal

**INGREDIENTS**

**(i) One onion**

**(ii) One cup dal**

**(iii) Two thin green chillies**

**(iv) Half a teaspoon red chilli powder**

**(v) Eight small bunches of palak**

**(vi) Two tomatoes**

**(vii) Salt to taste**

**Wash and cut the vegetables; shred the palak. Put everything in a pressure cooker. Let the cooker whistle three times, then switch it off. Fry a few cumin seeds in oil and add to the palak-dal.**

**Chapter - 6**  
**Mystery of the Talking Fan - Poem**

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**Working with the Poem**

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**1. Fans don't talk, but it is possible to imagine that they do. What is it then, that sounds like the fan's chatter?**

**Ans:** The poet imagined that the sound coming from the fan was its chatter. Actually, there was a sound due to friction between the parts of its motor. They needed oiling.

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**2. Complete the following sentences.**

**(i) The chatter is electrical because .....**

**(ii) It is mysterious because .....**

**Ans: (i)** The chatter is electrical because it is the sound of the parts of motor that runs on electricity .

**(ii)** It is mysterious because the sound produced by the fan seems to say something but the poet is unable to understand it.

**3. What do you think the talking fan was demanding?**

**Ans:** The talking fan was demanding oiling of its motorparts.

**4. How does an electric fan manage to throw so much air when it is switched on?**

**Ans:** When an electric fan is switched on, its motor starts whirling i.e. rotating which makes the metallic blades move, cutting the air and we can feel the moving air.

**5. Is there a 'talking fan' in your house? Create a dialogue between the fan and a mechanic.**

**Ans:** Yes, i have a metallic fan in my house.

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Mechanic: How are you doing?

Fan: Not well, Suffering from the heat and friction. Can you do something?

Mechanic: I will try to help you. Let me check you first.

Fan: Yes, sure. Please do your best and help me.

Mechanic: I will. Please wait, let me finish my job.

Fan: Go ahead.

(After repairing)

Mechanic: Now, are you okay?

Fan: Yes, now i am feeling well. It feels so good.

Mechanic: That is great. Remember me when you are in trouble.

Fan: Yes, i will. Thanks for helping me. Greetings to you.

Mechanic: You are welcome. Bye. Take care.

Fan: Bye. You too take care.

**Chapter - 7**  
**Dad and The Cat and The Tree - Poem**

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**Working with the Poem**

**1. Why was Dad sure he wouldn't fall?**

**Ans:** Dad felt assured that he wouldn't fall as he considered himself to be a climber and thought that climbing trees was a child's play.

**2. Which phrase in the poem expresses Dad's self-confidence best?**

**Ans:** The phrase 'Child's play, this is!' expresses Dad's self-confidence.

**3. Describe Plan A and its consequences.**

**Ans:** Plan A was to use the ladder to climb up the tree and carry down the cat, but the ladder slipped and Dad fell into the flower bed.

**4. Plan C was a success. What went wrong then?**

**Ans:** Plan C was a success as Dad successfully jumped onto the tree from the top of the garden wall, but he landed right on the cat. The cat gave a yell and sprang down onto the ground but poor old Dad was left stuck on the tree.

**5. The cat was very happy to be on the ground. Pick out the phrase used to express this idea.**

**Ans:** The phrase used to express this idea is 'Pleased as Punch to be'.

**6. Describe the Cat and Dad situation in the beginning and at the end of the poem.**

**Ans:** In the beginning of the poem, the cat was stuck on the tree and Dad was trying his plans to bring it down but at the end of the poem the cat was on the ground, safe and sound, and Dad was left stuck on the tree.

**7. Why and when did Dad say each of the following?**

**(i) Fall?**



**(ii) Never mind**

**(iii) Funny joke**

**(iv) Rubbish**

**Ans: (i)** Dad said 'Fall?' when Mum showed concern that he may fall while climbing the tree. He said it scornfully making fun of Mum's concern.

**(ii)** Dad said 'Never mind' when he fell from the ladder as it slipped, during the first attempt to rescue the cat. He said so to clarify that everything was alright and he was okay and wanted to try again.

**(iii)** Dad said 'Funny joke' when Mum warned him about falling again. He said it boastfully feeling quite over confident of being successful in his Plan B of rescuing the cat.

**(iv)** Dad said 'Rubbish' when Mum asked him to stop trying again for the fear that he may break his neck, after his Plan B failed. He said so because he thought that his Plan C will work and he will climb the tree easily and if he gave up, it might ruin his reputation.

**8. Do you find the poem humorous? Read aloud lines which make you laugh.**

**Ans:** Yes, the poem is humorous. It draws out funny situations Dad comes across with, while trying to climb a tree, to rescue a cat. Moreover, Dad's over confidence (about being able to climb the tree very easily as if it were a child's play adds humour to the poem) and the scepticism of Mum adds humour that reaches its height when at the end Dad remains stuck in the tree while the Cat jumps down safely on its own.