

NCERT Solutions for Class 7 English (Poorvi)

Unit 2- WIT And Humor: Chapter 4- Animals, Birds And Dr. Dolittle

Let us discuss

I Complete the following sentence by selecting a suitable reason. The

Cat's-food-Man suggests to Doctor Dolittle that he should become an animal doctor because he believes that Dolittle

_____.

1. earns less fee by treating human patients
2. enjoys the company of animals as they speak less
3. dislikes spending time with human patients
4. knows more about animals than the local veterinarians

Ans. 4. knows more about animals than the local veterinarians

II Fill in the blanks by choosing the suitable option given in the brackets.

Doctor Dolittle reacts to Polynesia's information about animal languages with both excitement and _____(certainty/curiosity). He rushes to _____(write/memorise) the bird words she provides and is interested in learning more.

Ans. Curiosity, write

III Do you think Doctor Dolittle would be famous as an animal doctor? If yes, why? If not, why not?

Ans. Yes, Dr. Dolittle would be a famous as an animal doctor. He understood animals well. And after learning their language it would become easy to treat them. As birds flew all over the world they would spread this news globally.

I What became a common sight in Puddleby after Doctor Dolittle started treating animals?

1. Humans talking to farm animals
2. Farm animals wearing glasses
3. Farm animals learning bird language

4. Birds riding atop farm animals Ans. 2. Farm animals wearing glasses

What challenges do you think Doctor Dolittle might face if more and more animals come to him for help?

Ans. Dr. Dolittle would definitely face many challenges if more animals come to him. First, he may have to spend more time checking each animal. He has to learn many more languages to cure the patients. He may also face space problems for their treatment.

1. How might he overcome these challenges to ensure that he provides good treatment? Ans. He can overcome challenges by keeping more doctors and teaching them the animals' languages. He has to build a hospital with all the equipment and machines for checkups. He has to fix a timetable for different animals.

III Arrange the following events in correct order according to the story. Two have been done for you. Share your answers with your classmates and the teacher.

1. Doctor Dolittle decides to stop being a doctor for people and becomes a doctor for animals.	
2. Animals from near and far come to Doctor Dolittle for help, crowding his garden.	
3. A man with a stomach-ache visits Doctor Dolittle and suggests he should treat animals instead of people.	(i)
4. Polynesia teaches Doctor Dolittle animal languages, and he starts understanding and communicating with animals.	
5. A plough horse with vision problems visits Doctor Dolittle, who prescribes green spectacles to improve the horse's eyesight.	

6. The parrot, Polynesia, encourages Doctor Dolittle to become an animal doctor, revealing that animals can talk.	(ii)
7. Doctor Dolittle installs special doors for different animals to enter his house for treatment.	

8. Doctor Dolittle's ability to communicate with animals helps him diagnose and treat their illnesses effectively.	
9. Doctor Dolittle gains fame among animals worldwide, and they come to him from various places for his help.	
10. Word spreads, and people start bringing their sick pets and farm animals to Doctor Dolittle for treatment.	

Ans. (iv) (viii)

(i)

(iii)

(vi)

(ii)

(ix)

(vii)

(x)

(v)

Let us think and reflect

I Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

1. “If I say, ‘Polly wants a cracker’, you understand me. But hear this: Kaka oi-ee, fee-fee?”

“Good Gracious!” cried the Doctor. “What does that mean?” “That means, ‘Is the porridge hot yet?’—in bird language.”

“My! You don’t say so!” said the Doctor. “You never talked that way to me before.”

“What would have been the good?” said Polynesia, dusting some cracker crumbs off her left wing. “You wouldn’t have understood me if I had.”

(i) Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option.

In the line, “Good Gracious!” cried the Doctor, the expression ‘Good Gracious’ can be replaced by _____!

A. bravo B. gosh C. alas D. hurray Ans. B. gosh

(ii) Why had Polynesia never used bird language with the Doctor earlier?

Ans. Polynesia had never used bird language with the Doctor, as she knew the Doctor would not understand her language

(iii) Identify whether the following statement is true or false. Polynesia had been munching on a food item while talking to Doctor Dolittle.

Ans. False

(iv) How did Doctor Dolittle feel according to the extract?

A. anxious B. surprised C. angry D. relaxed Ans. B. surprised

2. “I would like a pair like yours,” said the horse—“only green. They’ll keep the Sun out of my eyes while I’m ploughing the field.”

“Certainly,” said the Doctor. “Green ones you shall have.”

“You know, the trouble is, Sir,” said the plough horse as the Doctor opened the front door to let him out—“the trouble is that anybody thinks he can

doctor animals—just because the animals don't complain. As a matter of fact, it takes a much cleverer man to be a really good animal doctor than it does to be a good people's doctor."

(i) Choose a word from the extract to complete the analogy. digging: flower bed:: ____: field

Ans. ploughing

**(ii) Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.
Doctor Dolittle's attitude in the extract is ____.**

A. respectful B. sentimental C. understanding D. careful Ans. C. understanding

(iii) Complete the sentence with an appropriate reason.

Based on the extract, we can conclude that doctors take animals for granted because ____.

Ans. they don't try to understand the animal's actual pain as they are unaware of their language.

They give different medicines, few times, which do not cure the animals.

(iv) Do you agree with the concluding sentence of the extract? Why/why not?

Ans. Yes, I agree 'it takes a much cleverer man to be a really good animal doctor than it does to be a good people's doctor'. Only an intelligent and caring person like Dr. Dolittle can understand their language. Moreover, he had lots of love and attachment towards animals.

II Answer the following questions.

1. How can we say that Polynesia was a good trainer of animal language?

Ans. We can say that Polynesia was a good trainer because she patiently explained the different languages of animals to the doctor, one by one. For instance, she told him that parrots have two languages. That afternoon, while it was raining outside, she sat at the kitchen table and taught him the A, B, C of the birds' language.

2. Explain how Doctor Dolittle gave equal and individual attention to each animal who came to him for treatment.

Ans. Doctor Dolittle was a caring and understanding doctor. He listened to the animals who came to him for treatment. When they told him their exact problem and the location of their pain, he listened patiently. He gave proper time to each animal and

treated them according to their ailment. Everyone was cured and left happily.

3. How does Doctor Dolittle's readiness to follow the parrot's advice highlight the importance of listening to different viewpoints?

Ans. After the cat-food-man left advising Dr. Dolittle to become an animal doctor, his pet parrot, Polynesia, advised him the same. She told him that those humans who did not give him much regard, would soon realise that he was the best animal doctor. The parrot also cleared his doubt that the other animal doctors were not as good. He listened to the parrot when she taught him animal languages, which helped him become a famous animal doctor. This shows sometimes listening to different view points is beneficial.

4. Which qualities of Doctor Dolittle made him famous among the animals? Explain with evidence from the text.

Ans. Doctor Dolittle became famous among the animals because he was a caring, understanding and was able to understand their language. He listened carefully to the animals about their exact problems and the location of their pain. He gave proper time to each animal and treated them according to their ailments. When the plough horse told him he had a sight problem and needed green glasses to protect his eyes from the sun, the doctor gave him spectacles. Secondly he could talk with other animals in their language. So, with these type of qualities Doctor Dolittle became famous.

5. What changes do you think would happen in the world if people suddenly gained the ability like Doctor Dolittle, to understand and communicate with animals?

Ans. The world could become a better place for animals. They could be given exact treatment as per their problem. Time and life could be saved. Moreover, animals could perform more tasks given by humans.