

NCERT QUESTIONS WITH SOLUTIONS

Think About It

1. Why do the courtiers call the prince 'The Happy Prince'? Is he really happy? What does he see all around him?

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Why do the courtiers call the prince 'The Happy Prince'? Is he really happy? Why / Why not?

Ans. The Happy Prince was a beautiful statue. The courtiers called him happy because there was no sorrow in the palace. But he is not happy at all. He sees misery of the people around him. This makes him sad. He wants to do something for them to make them happy.

2. Why does the Happy Prince send a ruby for the seamstress? What does the swallow do in the seamstress' house?

Ans. The seamstress' little baby is ill. The baby wants oranges. But the seamstress has no money. The Happy Prince sends a ruby to help her.

3. For whom does the prince send the sapphires and why?

Ans. The Prince sends a sapphire for the young playwright. He has to finish a play for the Director of the Theatre. But he can't do so. There is no fire in his grate. He is hungry also. He has fainted due to it. He also sends a sapphire for the match girl. All her matches had fallen in the gutter.

4. What does the swallow see when it flies over the city?

Ans. The swallow flew over the city. He saw the rich making merry in their beautiful houses. There were beggars sitting at the gates. He saw the white faces of the hungry children. He also saw the watchman asking two hungry boys to run off.

5. Why did the swallow not leave the prince and go to Egypt?

Ans. The swallow did what the Happy Prince had told him to do. He took out the sapphires from the statue of the Prince. He went blind due to this. So, he couldn't see. The swallow did not leave the Prince in his blindness. So, he did not go to Egypt.

6. What are the precious things mentioned in the story? Why are they precious?

Ans. These two precious things are: the heart of the Happy Prince and the dead swallow. They are precious because they have understood the misery of the people. They have also helped them. They sacrifice themselves for the sake of other people. To help others is the most precious thing in the world.