

Class 10th English

Lesson - 1

Bodo Medium

The Midnight visitor हरगेजेरनि हाबफैग्रा

Textual Questions and Answers

Read and find out

1. How is Ausable different from other secret agents?
(गुबुन गुमुर संगालिफोरनिफ्राय आसबला माबोरै दस्रामोन ?)

Ans: Ausable is different from other secret agents in respect of his figure and accent. He is excessively fat and his accent is not proper. He speaks in an American accent.

2. Who is Fowler and what is his authentic thrill of the day ?
(फावलारा सोर आरो बिनि बै साननि थार रमान्सआ मा ?)

Ans: Fowler happens to be a writer. His first authentic thrill of the day is that he has found a man with a pistol in his hand inside Ausable's room.

3. How has Max got in ?
(मेक्सआ माबोरै हाबदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Max got in with the help of passkey. He wants to get a report concerning some new missiles.

4. How does Ausable say he got in? (आसबला गाव हाबनायखौ माबोरै बुंखो ?)

Ans: Ausable says that Max has got in through an ordinary window of the balcony that belongs to the next apartment. He would complain against it to the hotel authorities.

Thinking about it

"Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent Fowler had ever read/" What do secret agents in books and films look like, in your opinion? Discuss in groups or in class some stories or movies featuring spies, detectives and secret agents, and compare their appearance with that of Ausable in this story. (you may mention characters from a fiction in languages other than English. In English fiction you may have come across Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple. Have you watched any movies featuring James Bond?)
("फावलारा फरायना मोननाय बायदिब्ला आसबला गुमुर संगालि मह्रै बिजिर जाथावा।" नॉनि बायदिब्ला बिजाबफोराव एबा सावनफोराव गुमुर संगालिफोरखौ माबोरै नुयो ? खायसे सल' एबा सावथुनफोराव संगालि एबा बिजिरसंफोरनि सोमोनदै हानजायाव सावराय आरो बे सल 'आव आसबलनि महरजों रुजु।)

Ans: Secret agents in books and films look somewhat different. They wear robes and a hat on their head. This hat hides their faces partially. They have very keen and sharp eyes. They are not fat. But in our story Ausable is very fat but has excellent presence of mind. In fiction or film such characters are projected as men of extraordinary presence of mind.

Yes, I have watched some movies featuring James Bond titled. 007 James Bond, The Golden Eye, Tomorrow never dies etc.

2. How does Ausable manage to make Max believe that there is a balcony attached to his room? Look back at his detailed description of it. What makes it a convincing story?

(आसबला मेक्सखौ माबोरै फोथायहोदोंमोनदि बिनि खथाजों लोगोसे बेलकनि दं ? बेनि सोमोनदै गुवार बिजिरनायखौ नायफिन। माया बेखौ फोथायथाव सल' खालामदों ?)

Ans: Ausable, in an air of convincing tone, says that Max has entered his room through the balcony of the adjoining room that leads to his window. Ausable tells Max that there is police at the door when knocking is heard. At this, Max is frightened and asks Ausable to send back the police. He would go and wait on the balcony. But there is no balcony. Max falls down. The way Ausable speaks has made it a convincing story.

3. Looking back at the story, when do you think Ausable thought up his plan for getting rid of Max? Do you think he had worked out his plan in detail right from the beginning? Or did he make up a plan taking advantage of events as they happened?

(सल 'खौ उनथिं नायहरफिननानै आसबला मेक्सनिफ्राय बारग 'नो माब्ला सानदोंमोन होनना नां सानो ? नों सानो नामादि बियो जागायजेननायनिफ्रायनो थिक रोखोमै खामानिखौ मावबोदों ? एबा जाथाइनि सुबिदाखौ लानानै बियो थांखिखौ लादोंमोन ना ?)

Ans: When Ausable switched on the light, he startled to see Max in his room. Max had a pistol in his hand. Immediately he decided to get rid of him. He used his presence of mind.

No, he had not worked out his plan in detail right from the beginning. Only when he saw the pistol in Max's hand he planned. to get rid of him.

Talk about it

1. In this story, Ausable shows 'great presence of mind' or the ability to think quickly and act calmly and wisely, in a situation of danger and surprise. Give examples from your own experience or narrates a story. Which shows someone's presence of mind.

(बे सल 'आव आसबला गेदेर हरखाब सोलो दिनथिदों एबा खैफोदगोनां आरो हरखाब सोमोनांनायनि थासारियाव गोख्रायै, गोजोनै आरो गियानियै खामानि मावनायनि गोहो दिन्थिदों ? नोंनि

रोंमोनदांथिनिफ्राय बिदिनथि हो एबा सल 'खौ बिजिर जाय सोरनिबा
हरखाब सोलोखौ दिनथियो ।)

Ans: I remember a similar incident happened to me.
Once, I travelled to Chennai by train along with my
parents. On our way between Kolkata and Bhubaneswar
a daring dacoity happened in our compartment at
10P.M. The dacoits were in the guise of passengers.
Waving dangers and pistols they demanded money and
gold earrings.

The passengers were very frightened and for the fear of
their lives they began giving whatever they had.
Suddenly, I pulled the chain and the train came to a halt.

The dacoits escaped under the cover of the darkness.
The railway security came to our compartment. They
inquired of the incident but could not catch the dacoits.

2. Discuss what you would do in the situation described
below. Remember the presence of mind comes out of a
state of mental preparedness. If you have thought about
possible problems or dangers, and about how to act in
such situations, you have a better chance of dealing with
such situations if they do arise.

★ **A small fire starts in your kitchen.**

Ans: God forbid, if there is fire in my kitchen, I shall at once put a blanket over and put the gas cylinder off. Then I will use water to extinguish the fire.

In case of a short circuit, I will ask all members to go out at once.

★ A child starts to choke on a piece of food.

Ans: If a child starts choking on a piece of food, I will thump the back of the child slowly. This way the piece of food may be thrown out.

If it doesn't work the child should be taken to the hospital.

★ An electrical appliance starts to hiss and gives out sparks.

Ans: If an electrical appliance starts to hiss and gives out sparks, the main switch should at once be switched off. Then the appliance should be got repaired or its use should be stopped.

★ A bicycle knocks down a pedestrian.

Ans: In case of bicycle accident the pedestrian should at once be attended to with first aid. If needed, an

ambulance should be called in. Public help may be sought.

★ It rains continuously for more than twenty four hours.

Ans: In case of continuous rain for more than twenty four hours I will go to the room and contact the neighbours. Necessary things like food articles, medicines, books, etc. should be collected at one place. Disaster management should be maintained.

★ A member of your family doesn't return home at the usual or expected time. You may suggest other situations.

Ans: At first he should be contacted. The places he might visit may be contacted and at last the police should be informed.

Additional Questions-Answers

Very Short type Question-Answer

1. Who was Fowler?
(फाउलर सौरमोन ?)

Ans: Fowler was a writer.

2. Who was Ausable?
(आसबला सोरमोन ?)

Ans: Ausable was a secret agent.

3. Who was Max?
(मेक्सआ सोरमोन ?)

Ans: Max was another secret agent.

4. What is Fowler's first authentic thrill of the day?
(फाउलारनि गिबि थार रमान्सगोनां साना मामोन ?)

Ans: Fowler's first authentic thrill of the day is that he outwitted Ausable in a simple way.

5. How has Max got in?
(मेक्सआ माबोरै हाबदों ?)

Ans: Max has used a passkey to enter Ausable's room in his absence.

6. Why did Max enter Ausable's room?
(मेक्सआ आसबलनि खथायाव मानो हाबदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Max entered Ausable's room because he wanted to get a report on some new missiles.

6. Why did Fowler want to meet Ausable? (फाउलर आसबलखौ मानो लोगो हमनो सानदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Fowler was a writer. He wanted to meet Ausable to cover him up for writing.

7. What was in Max's hand?
(मेक्सनि आखाइयाव मा दंमोन ?)

Ans: Max had a pistol in his hand.

8. Who knocked at Ausable's door?
(आसबलनि खथायाव सोर टक टक बुदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Herry, the waiter of the hotel knocked at Ausable's door.

9. What did Ausable tell Max when he heard the knock?
(सौदावनाय सोदोबखौ खोनाब्ला आसबला मेक्सखौ मा बुंदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Ausable told that there was the police at the door.

10. What was the paper about?
(खौरांआ मानि सोमोन्दै मोन ?)

Ans: The paper was about some new missiles.

11. How did Ausable outwit Max?
(माबोरै आसबला मेक्सखौ थगायदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Ausable outwitted Max that there was police at the door and there was a balcony through which he could escape.

12. What is the mystery about the balcony?
(बेलकनिनि सोमोनदै गुमुरा मा ?)

Ans: There was no balcony. Max tried to escape through the balcony but fell down.

13. How did Max threaten Ausable?
(मेक्सआ माबोरै आसबलखौ सिगिदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Max threatened Ausable with his pistol and wanted his paper.

14. How did Ausable outwit Max?
(आसबला मेक्सखौ माबोरै थगायदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Ausable used his presence of mind and misled Max mentioning the balcony and the police.

15. How did Max enter Ausabl's room? (मेक्सआ आसबलनि खथायाव माबोरै हाबदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Max entered Ausable's room through the door by using a pass key.

16. Why was Fowler disappointed? (फाउलराला मानो गोनोगोथो मोनदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Fowler was disappointed because Ausable did not look like a spy as he was supposed to be.

17. Did someone knock at Ausable's door and who was it?

(सोरबा आसबलनि दरजायाव तक तक बुदोंमोन नामा आरो बियो सोरमोन ?)

Ans: Yes, someone knocked at Ausable's door and it was Henry, the waiter of the hotel.

18. What did the secret agent tell Max when he heard the knock?

(गुमुर संगालिया मेक्सखौ मा बुंदोंमोन जेब्ला बियो तक तक बुनायखौ खोनांदोंमोन ?)

Ans: The secret agent told Max that there was the police at the door.

19. Was there a balcony outside the window?

(खिरखिनि बायजोआव बेलकनि (गोजौनि बारान्दा) दंमोन नामा ?)

Ans: No, there was no balcony outside the window.

20. How did Max look?

(मेक्सखौ माबायदि नुयोमोन ?)

Ans: Max looked like a clever man. He was slim, not tall. He did not look dangerous.

Short type Question- Answer

1. How did Max enter Ausable's room? Why
(आसबलनि खथायाव मेक्सआ माबोरै हाबदोंमोन ? मानो ?)

Ans: Max entered Ausable's room through the door by using the passkey. He opened the lock with it and entered the room. He did so to have the report concerning missiles from Ausable.

2. What did Ausable do to Max when he saw him with pistol?
(आसबला मेक्सखौ मा खालामदोंमोन जेब्ला बियो बिखौ पिस्टल लानाय नुदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Though Ausable was surprised to see Max with a pistol in his room, he was not nervous. He is cool. He handled Max very tactfully with his great presence of mind and ultimately could get rid of Max.

3. What did the secret agent tell Max when he heard the knock?
(गुमुर संगालिया मेक्सखौ मा बुंदोंमोन जेब्ला बियो सौदावनाय सोदोबखौ खोनादोंमोन ?)

Ans: The secret Agent i.e. Ausable told Max that there was the police at the door.

4. How did Ausable get rid of Max?
(आसबला माबोरै मेक्सनिफ्राय बारग दोमोन ?)

Ans: When the sound of knocking at the door is heard, Ausable told Max a lie that there was police at the door. He had asked him to come for the protection of those papers. As there was knocking at the door Max went to the window to hide himself on the balcony. But there was no police, it was the waiter. But Max fell down to death from the window as there was no balcony. Thus Ausable got rid off Max.

5. What happened when Ausable entered his hotel room?
(जेब्ला आसबला हटेल खथायाव हाबदोमोन अब्ला मा जाथाइ जादोमोन ?)

Ans: Unlocking his room Ausable entered and closed the door. He did not suspect that any other person would be there. Then he switched on the light and to his utter surprise found a man holding a small automatic pistol in his hand.

6. What do you know about the intruder in Ausable's room?
(आसबलनि खथायाव एमब्रायै हाफैग्रानि सोमोन्दै नों मा मिथिगौ ?)

Ans: The intruder in Ausable's room was Max. He was also another secret agent. He was slender, not so tall. He looked like a clever man. He did not look dangerous but he had a pistol in his hand.

7. What happened to Max in the end? (मेक्सहा उनावहाय मा जादोंमोन ?)

Ans: Ausable misled Max by telling him about the balcony and the police. Max believed his words. To escape the police, he jumped on the balcony. But he fell down to death as there was no balcony.

8. Who was Fowler? What made him see Ausable? (फाउलारा सोरमोन ? माया बिखौ आसबल खौ लोगो हमहोदोंमोन?)

Ans: Fowler was a young writer. He wanted to know about the life of secret agents as he had read their lives in the books. With this intention in mind he met Ausable to know more about his life. He thought of secret agents as romantic and mysterious persons.

9. Did Fowler find this episode thrilling or disappointing? Give reasons for your answer? (फाउलारा बे जाथाइखौ गोनोंदुखांनाय एबा गोनो गोथो मोनदोंमोन नामा ? नोंनि फिननायनि थाखाय जाहोन हो ?)

Ans: Yes, Fowler found the episode thrilling. This can be perceived from the act of Fowler's jumping at the sudden knocking at the door. Secondly, Fowler stammers when the waiter places the try on the table. Fowler is white-faced and is shaking. These indicate that he found the whole thing exciting.

10. Why did Ausable say to Fowler. "You are disappointed"?

(आसबला मानो फाउलरखौ बुंदोंमोन, "नो गोनी-गोथो जादों" ?)

Ans: Fowler thought the secret agent to be a smart young man. But Ausable was not so. He was rather fat. He was the opposite of what Fowler had thought of the secret agents. So, Ausable said these words to him.

11. What did Ausable tell Max about the balcony and why ?

(आसबला मेक्स नो बेलकनि नि सोमोनदै मा बुंदोंमोन आरो मानो ?)

Ans: Ausable told Max that two persons had entered his room through the balcony. It was the balcony of the next apartment. He told Max that he would complain to the hotel authority against the balcony. He said so to Max in order to make him believe that the balcony was there.

12. What was the paper about which Ausable told Fowler ?

(आसबला फाउलरनो बुंनाय बिलाइया मा मोन ?)

Ans: Ausable disappointed Fowler in the latter's thoughts of secret agents. To cheer him up. Ausable said that he would show him an important paper on missiles for which several men and women had risked their lives to get that paper which would be brought to him that night.

13. How did Ausable, Max and Fowler react when there was a knock at the door ?

(आसबल, मेक्स आर फावलारमोना माबोरै फिनजाथाइ जादोंमोन जेब्ला दरजायाव टक टक सोदोब जादोंमोन ?)

Ans: On hearing the knocking at the door they were surprised. Fowler jumped at the sudden unexpected knocking. Max's face got black with anger. Ausable had told that it could be the police. He just smiled because he knew that it was a waiter.

14. What did someone expect to bring to Ausable's room ?

(आसबलनि खथायाव सोरबौबा मा लाबोगोन होनना आसा खालामनाय जादोंमोन ?)

Ans: Someone was expected to bring to Ausable's room an important paper. It was, in fact, so important that many could risk their lives to obtain it. The paper was about some new missiles.

15. How did Ausable outwit Max?

(आसबला मेक्सखौ माबोरै सोलोमोनै खालामदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Ausable, first, made Max believe about the balcony outside the window of the room. But actually there was no balcony. Then he made him believe that the police was knocking at the door, which was a lie. It was the waiter who knocked at the door. Being frightened Max jumped into the balcony but fell down to death. Thus Ausable managed to save himself by his skills from the inevitable danger.

Long Question Answer

1. Describe what happened when Ausable met Max in his room ?

(आसबला मेक्सखौ गावनि खथायाव लोगोमोनब्ला मा जाथाइ जादोंमोन बिजिर ।)

Ans: Ausable happened to be a clever secret agent. He was staying in a hotel. He was going to get some very important papers concerning missiles. Max, another secret agent entered Ausable's room stealthily to get those papers from Ausable. But Ausable handled Max very cleverly with his presence of mind. He told Max that he would complain to the Hotel authorities about the balcony through which one could enter his room.

But actually, there was no balcony. Just then, there was a knock at the door. Ausable told Max that he had asked the police to come for the protection of those papers. Max was frightened. He went to the window to hide himself on the balcony. But Max fell down from the window as there was no balcony. Thus Ausable got rid of Max.

2. Who was Max? Why did he enter Ausable's room?
(मेक्सऑन सौरमोन ? मानो बियो आसबलनि खथायाव हाबदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Max was another secret agent. Knowing that Ausable was going to have some important secret papers on missiles, he entered his room to get that report by force. He entered Ausable's room by using a passkey and threatened him with his pistol and demanded the papers. But Ausable used his presence of mind and outwitted Max with his great talent. He misled Max by telling him about the balcony and the police.

3. Give a character-sketch of Ausable.
(आसबलनि आखल बिजिर।)

Ans: Ausable is a secret agent. But Ausable does not look like that. He is rather fat and not much tall. He has an excellent presence of mind. Tactfully with his presence of mind he handles Max. He has an important

paper on missiles. Max enters his room with an automatic pistol to take that paper.

Ausable is not nervous. He is calm. He says that he would ask the hotel authorities to close the balcony outside the single window, But actually there is no balcony. Then a bearer knocks at the door. But Ausable says that it is the police. All on a sudden Max jumps into the balcony.

4. Describe how Ausable outwitted Max. (आसबला मेक्सखौ माबोरै सोलोमोनै खालामदोंमोन ?)

Describe the meeting between Ausable and Max.
(आसबल आरो मेक्सनि लोगोमोन लायनायखौ बिजिर।)

Ans: Ausable was a secret agent. He did not look like so with his rather fat and not much tall figure. But he did have an excellent presence of mind. He was staying in a French hotel and he had some very important papers on missiles.

Max, another secret agent entered Ausable's room stealthily to get those papers from Ausable.

He had a pistol in his hand and demanded the papers from Ausable, But Ausable handled Max very cleverly with his presence of mind.

He told Max that he would complain to the hotel authorities about the balcony through which one could enter his room. But actually, there was no balcony. Just then, there was a knock at the door, Ausable told Max that it was the police whom he had asked to come for the protection of those papers.

Max was frightened. All on a sudden, he went to the window to hide himself on the balcony. But Max fell down from the window as there was no balcony. Thus Ausable saved himself from the danger of his life. In this way, Ausable outwitted Max.