

Class 10th English

Lesson- 5

Bodo Medium

MADAM RIDES THE BUS आइजोआ बासाव गाखोयो

Oral Comprehension Check - 1

1. What was Valli's favourite pastime?

(भेल्लिनि मोजां मोननाय हुदाया मा मोन ?)

Ans: Valli's favourite pastime was standing in the front doorway of her house and watching what was happening in the street outside.

2. What was a source of unending joy for Valli? What was her strongest desire?

(भाल्लिनि थाखाय जोबनो गैयै रंजानायनि फुंखाया मामोन ? बिनि गोख्रोंसिन लुबैनाया मामोन ?)

Ans: The sight of the bus with a new set of passengers was a source of unending joy for Valli. Her strongest desire was to ride on the bus.

3. What did Valli find about the bus journey? How did she find out these details?

(बास दावबायनायनि सोमोनदै भाल्लिया मा मोनदोंमोन ? बियो बेफोर गासैबो बाथ्राखौ माबोरै दिहुनदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli found out various small details about the bus journey after hearing the conversation of the passengers. She found out that the town was six miles from her village and the fair was thirty paise one way.

4. What do you think Valli was planning to do?
(भाल्लीखौ मा मावनो थांखि लादोंमोन होनना नों सानो ?)

Ans: Valli was planning to ride on the bus. She would take the one-o'clock afternoon bus. She would reach the town at one forty-five and back home by about two forty-five.

Oral Comprehension Check - 2

1. Why does the conductor call Valli 'madam'?
{बास सामलायगिरिया भाल्लीखौ मानो मेदाम (गेदेमाजो) होनना बुंखो ?}

Ans: Seeing Valli behaving like a very great woman. The conductor addressed her as 'Madam' jokingly. She was smart enough to answer the conductor's questions. She also spoke with a great confidence. So, the conductor called her 'madam'.

2. Why does Valli stand up on the seat? What does she see now?
(भाल्लिया मासियाव मानो गसंखो ? बियो दा मा नुदों ?)

Ans: Valli stood up on the seat in order to see the outside view. She found her view cut off by a canvas blind. It covered the lower part of her window.

3. What does Vallie tell the elderly man when he calls her a child?

(भाल्लिया बैसोगोरा मानसिखौ मा बुंखो जेब्ला बियो बिखौ गथ' होनना बडो ?)

Ans: When the elderly man called Valli a child she retorted that there was nobody there who was a child. She said that she had paid her full fare like others.

4. Why didn't Valli want to make friends with the elderly woman?

(बैसो रानाय हिनजावजों मानो भाल्लिया लोगोजानो नागिराखैमोन ?)

Ans: Valli did not want to make friends with the elderly woman. She found the woman absolutely repulsive and smelled foul.

Oral Comprehension Check - 3

1. How did Valli save up money for her first journey?

Was it easy for her?

(बिनि गिबि दावबायनायनि थाखाय भाल्लिया माबरै रांखौ बुथुमदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli had thriftily saved whatever stray coins came her way for her first journey. She resisted the charm to buy peppermints, toys, balloons etc. Finally, she had saved a total of sixty paise,

In the village fair that day she had killed her strong desire to ride the merry-go-round. This way she saved the money for her first journey.

2. What did Valli see on her way that made her laugh?
(भाल्लिया लामायाव मा नुदोंमोन जाय बिखौं मिनिहोदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli saw a young cow came running with her raised tail. It was running right in the front of the bus. The driver sounded the horn again and again. But the more he honked the horn, the more frightened the cow became and the faster it galloped. It made Valli laugh.

3. Why didn't she get off the bus at the bus station?
(बास स्टेसनाव बियो मानो ओंखाराखैमोन ?)

Ans: Valli did not get off the bus at the bus station because she was going back on the same bus.

4. Why didn't Valli want to go to the stall and have a drink? What does this tell you about her?
(भाल्लिया मानो ग 'लासिम थांनो नागिराखैमोन आरो लोंनो नागिराखैमोन ? बेयो बिनि सोमोनदै मा खोनथायो ?)

Ans: Valli did not want to go to the stall and have a drink because she did not have enough money for that. The conductor offered her a cold drink.

But she declined the offer. The conductor said that would be his treat. But she firmly declined the offer. This tells us that Valli was a wise and self respecting girl.

Thinking About The Text

1. What was Valli's deepest desire? Find the words and phrases in the story that tell you this?

{भाल्लिनि गोथौसिन लुबैनाया (हाबिलासा) मामोन ? बेनि सोमोनदै सल 'आव बुंनाय बाथ्रा आरो बाथ्राखोनदोबफोरखौ दिहुन ।}

Ans: Valli's deepest desire was to ride on the bus. It ran through her village to the nearby town. The following words and phrases in the story tell us this: 'Day after day she watched the bus', she wanted to ride on that bus. "This wish became stronger and stronger, until it was an overwhelming desire."

2. How did Valli plan her bus ride? What did she find out about the bus and how did she save up the fare?

(भाल्लिया माबोरै गावनि बास गाखोनायखौ थांखि लादोंमोन ? बासनि सोमोनदै बियो मा दिहुनदोंमोन आरो बियो माबोरै भाराखौ बुथुमदोंमोन ?)

Ans: After knowing about various small details about the bus journey, Valli planned her ride. These were like the fares, the time and the distance from her village to the town. She found out all these details about the bus from the talk of the passengers and asked the people about all these things to know about them.

She thriftily had saved up the fare. Because of this, she had to resist the charm of buying peppermints, toys, balloons etc. Thus she had saved a total of sixty paise.

3. What kind of a person is Valli? To answer this question, pick out the following sentences from the text and fill in the blanks. The words you fill in are clues to your answer.

(भेल्लिया मा रोखोमनि मानसिमोन ? बे सोंथिखौ फिननाय होनो थाखाय फरानिफ्राय गाहाइनि बाभ्राफोरखौ सायख'। नो आर्बु खालामनाय सोदोबफोरा जाबाय नोंनि फिननायनि गुमुर।)

(i) "Stop the bus! Stop the bus!" And a tiny hand was raised.....

Ans: commandingly.

(ii) "Yes, I..... go to town." Said Valli, still standing outside the bus.

Ans: simply have to.

(iii) "There's nobody here....." She said haughtily. "I've paid my thirty paise like everyone else."

Ans: who's child.

(iv) "Never mind" she said, "I can.....you don't have to help me," "I'm not a child, I tell you," She said.....

Ans: get on by myself; haughtily/ irritably.

(v) "You needn't bother about me. I....."Valli said, turning her face toward the window and staring out.

Ans: can take care of myself.

(vi) Then she turned to the conductor and said, "Well, sir, I hope....."

Ans: to see you again.

4. Why does the conductor refer to Valli as 'madam'?
(कनदाक्टरा भेल्लिखौ मानो गेदेमाजों होनना मुंख दों ?)

Ans: Seeing Valli behaving like a great woman the conductor addressed her as Madam in air of joking tone. She was smart enough to answer the conductor's questions. She also spoke with great confidence. So,

the conductor called her madam. She knew more about things than other children of her age.

5. Find the lines in the text which tell you that Valli was enjoying her ride on the bus? (फरायाव सारिफोरखौ दिहुन जायफोरा भेल्लिनि बास गाखोनायाव रंजानाय फोरमायदों)

Ans: The lines that tell that Valli was enjoying her ride on the bus are: "Suddenly Valli clapped her hands with glee" 'Somehow this was very funny to Valli, "She laughed and laughed...'. 'Struck dumb with wonder, Valli gaped at everything.

6. Why does Valli refuse to look out of the window on her way back?
(मानो भेल्लिया गावनि उनथिंजाय खिरखिजों बायजोआव नायहरनो नागिराखै ?)

Ans: Valli refuses to look out of the window on her way back because the memory of the dead cow haunted her and dampened her enthusiasm.

7. What does Valli mean when he says, " I was just agreeing with what you said about things happening without our knowledge? (भेल्लिया मा ओंथि खालामदों जेब्ला बियो बुडो "जोंनि गियाननि बायजोआव सोलिबाय थानाय जाथाइफोरनि सोमोनदै नों जा बुंदों आं थिक बेजों राजि दं ।")

Ans: Valli means to say that many things happen in our midst and in the world outside without our knowledge. We do not know all about them and even if we do know about something. We often can't understand them completely.

8. The author describes the things that Valli sees from eight an year-old's point of view-Can you find evidence from the text for this statement?

(लिरगिरिया भेल्लि नुनाय मुवाफोरखौ दाइन बोसोर बैसोनि गथ 'नि साननायजों बिजिरदों ? बे बाथ्रानि थाखाय फरानिफ्राय जों फोरमान मोननो हागौना ?)

Ans: We can find the following evidence from the text:
The most fascinating thing of all was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town. Valli devoured everything with her eyes. One side there was the canal and beyond it, palm trees, grassland, distant mountains the blue-blue sky. It was all so wonderful.

Additional Questions Answer

short type Question- Answer

1. Name the girl about whom this short-story is written?
(हिनजावसानि मुंखौ लिर जायनि सोमोनदै बे सुंद' सल 'खौ लिरनाय जादों ?)

Ans: The name of girl is Valliammai in short Valli.

2. How old was Valliammai?
(Valliammai आ बेसेबां बैसोनिमोन ?)

Ans: Valliammai was eight years old.

3. What was Valli's favourite pastime?
(भेल्लिनि मोजां मोननाय हुदाया मामोन ?)

Ans: Valli's favourite pastime was standing in the front doorway of her house and watching what was happening in the street outside.

4. What did Valli enjoy the most?
(भेल्लिया माखौ बांसिन रंजायोमोन ?)

Ans: Valli enjoyed the most standing in her house's doorway.

5. What was the reason behind Valli's standing like that?
(भेल्लिनि बेबादि गसंनायनि जाहोना मा मोन ?)

Ans: The reason behind Valli's standing like that was that she had no playmates.

6. What did Valli get by standing this way? (बेबादि गसंनानै भेल्लिया मा मानोमोन ?)

Ans: By standing this, way Valli got many new unusual experiences of life.

7. What was the source of unending joy for Valli?
(ભેલ્લિનિ થાઁાઁ ઝોબનો ગૈઁ રંઝાનાઁનિ ફુંઁાઁા મામોન ?)

Ans: The sources of unending joy for Valli was the sight of bus with new passengers.

8. What was the most fascinating thing for Valli?
(ભેલ્લિનિ થાઁાઁ બાંસિન ગોસોબોનાઁ મુઁાઁા મામોન ?)

Ans: The most fascinating thing for Valli was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town.

9. What was Valli's tiny wish?
(ભેલ્લિનિ ફિસા લુબૈનાઁા મામોન ?)

Ans: Valli's tiny wish was to ride the bus.

10. What did Valli do when her wish had become an 'overwhelming desire' ?
(ભેલ્લિઁા મા ઁાલામંદોમોન ઝેલ્લા બિનિ લુબૈનાઁા બારાઁ્રાઁ સાગ્લોબદોમોન ?)

Ans : She stared longingly at the people.

11. How were Valli's dreams and hopes excited?
(ભેલ્લિનિ સિમાં આરો આસાઁા માલ્લા બારા ઝાદોમોન ?)

Ans: Valli's dreams and hopes were excited by the faces of the passengers.

12. When would Valli be jealous?
(भेल्लिया माब्ला हिंसा जायोमोन ?)

Ans: Valli would be jealous when one of his friends described the town sights.

13. When would Valli ask questions?
(भेल्लिया माब्ला सोंथि सोडोमोन ?)

Ans: Valli would ask questions when she heard the conversation of the bus riders.

14. What was the distance of the town from Valli's village?
(भेल्लिनि गामिनिफ्राय टाउननि जानथाया बेसेबांमोन ?)

Ans: The distance of the town from her village was six miles.

15. When did Valli plan to ride the bus to the town?
(माब्ला भेल्लिया टाउननिसिम बास गाखोनो थांखि लादोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli planned to ride the bus to the town when she heard the conversation of bus riders.

16. How many times did the bus take to reach the town from Valli's village?

(बासा भेल्लिनि गामिनिफ्राय टाउनसिम मोनहैनो बेसेबां सम लायोमोन ?)

Ans: It took forty-five minutes to reach the town from Valli's village.

17. What does the author mean by "the slack time of day"?

(The slack time of day जों लिरगिरिया मा ओंथि खालामदों ?)

Ans: By the slack time of day the author means when not many passengers are riding the bus.

18. Give the meanings of the -

(i) fascinating (ii) gradually (iii) discreet

Ans : (i) fascinating_____ charming.

(ii) gradually_____ slowly

(iii) discreet_____ careful.

19. How did the conductor address Valli as?

(भेल्लिखौ कनदाक्टरा मा होनना सोमोनदो खारिदोंमोन ?)

Ans: The conductor addressed Valli as madam.

20. How was the bus look like?
(बासखौ माबादि नुयोमोन ?)

Ans: The bus was a new one. Its outside was painted a gleaming white with some green stripes along the sides.

21. Why did Valli stand up on the seat?
(भेल्लिया मानो मासियाव गसंदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli stood up on the seat because she could not see anything outside due to the canvas blind.

22. Who asked Valli to sit down?
(भेल्लिखौ सोर ज 'नो खोनथादोंमोन ?)

Ans: An elderly man had been concerned for her she asked her to sit down.

23. What annoyed Valli?
(भेल्लिखौ माया रागा जांहोदोंमोन ?)

Ans: An elderly man's telling Valli not to stand up in her seat annoyed her.

24. Why is Valli 'a grown-up madam' for the conductor?
(कनदाक्टरनि बायदिब्ला भेल्लिया मानो बैसोगोरा गेदेमाजो ?)

Ans: Because she pays her own full fare and travells all alone.

25. What did the conductor say to Valli when she stood up on her seat?

(गावनि मासियाव गसंनाय समाव कनदाक्टर भेल्लिखौ मा बुंदोंमोन?)

Ans: He cautioned her that she would fall down.

26. When did everybody in the bus laugh?

(माब्ला बासाव थानाय मानसिया बयबो मिनिदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Everybody in the bus laughed when the conductor mimicked Valli.

27. What was Valli's reaction when the conductor called her as 'madam'?

(कनदाक्टर भेल्लिखौ 'गेदेमाजो' होनना बुंनायाव भेल्लिनि फिनजाथाइया मामोन ?)

Ans: When the conductor called Valli as madam she looked at him angrily.

28. How did Valli save the money? (भेल्लिया रांखौ माबोरै बुथुमदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli saved the money by resisting her temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons etc..

29. What did Valli usually use to buy?
(सरासनस्रायै भेल्लिया मा बायोमोन ?)

Ans : Valli usually used to buy peppermint, toys, balloons etc.

30. How much money had Valli finally saved?
(जोबनायाव भेल्लिया बेसेबां रां बुथुमदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Finally Valli had saved a total of sixty paise.

31. What was the first problem before Valli, before the bus ride?
(बास गाखोनायनि सिगां भेल्लिनि गिबि जेंनाया मामोन ?)

Ans: The first problem before Valli before the bus ride was to save the money for the bus fare.

32. What was Valli's next problem after she had enough money saved?
(थोजासे रां बुथुमनायनि उनाव भेल्लिनि उननि जेंनाया मामोन ?)

Ans: Valli's next problem after she had enough money saved was how to slip out of the house without her mother's knowledge.

33. When did the bus speed up?
(बासा माब्ला खारथाय लादोंमोन ?)

Ans: The bus speed up when it drove through a tiny helmet.

34. Why did Valli clapped her hands?
(भेल्लिया मानो आखाइ खबदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli clapped her hands with joy at seeing a cow running in front of the bus.

35. Why did the bus slow down?
(बासा मानो लासै खालामदोंमोन)

Ans: The bus slowed down to save the cow from being crushed.

36. Why didn't Valli feel bored while riding the bus?
(बास गाखोनायाव भेल्लिया मानो बानाय मोनाखैमोन ?)

Ans: Valli didn't feel bored while riding the bus because there were wonderful sights before her.

37. When did the cow die? (मोसौआ माब्ला थैदोंमोन ?)

Ans: The cow died when she was struck by some vehicles.

38. When did the bus journey lose its charm for Valli?

(बास दावबायनाया भेल्लिनि थाखाय माब्ला रंजानाय गैयि जादोंमोन?)

Ans: The bus journey lost its charm for Valli when the dead cow looked horrible.

39. What dampened Valli's enthusiasm?
(भेल्लिनि थुलुंगाखौ माया गैया खालामदोंमोन ?)

Ans: The dead cow looking horribly dampened Valli's enthusiasm.

40. When did Valli reach her village?
(भेल्लिया माब्ला गामि सहैदोंमोन ?)

Ans : Valli reached her village at three-forty.

41. What kind of a woman was that aunt of Valli?
(भेल्लिनि बिमादैया मा रोखोमनि हिनजावमोन ?)

Ans: Valli's aunt was a sort of chatterbox.

42. How did Valli answer her aunt's question?
(बिमादैनि सोंथिनि फिननायखौ भेल्लिया माबोरै होदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli answered her aunt's question very carefully.

43. Why can't we know about everything?

Ans: We can't know about everything as many things happen and we cannot keep them in mind.

44. How did Valli become when he saw the dead cow?

Ans: Valli became very wise, sober and sad when he saw the dead cow.

45. Give the meanings of

(i) gobbled up

Ans: eaten up whole.

(ii) haunted

Ans: returned again and again.

(iii) conversation

Ans: talk.

(iv) ventured out.

Ans : went out.

46. Why were there only six or seven passengers on the bus?

(बासाव मानो साद 'एबा सास्त्रिसोल' दावबायरिफोरदंमोन ?)"

Ans: Because it was the slack time of the day.

47. How were the seats of the bus?
(बासनि ज 'ग्रा मासिफोरा माबायदिमोन ?)

Ans: The seats of the bus were comfortable.

48. What was it that kindled in her longing?
(बिनि लुबैनायखौ माया जोंखां होदोंमोन ?)

Ans: The faces of the passengers kindled in her longing.

49. What was the wish that crept into her head?
(बिनि खर 'आव मा लुबैनाया हाबदोंमोन ?)

Ans: The wish to go to the town crept into her head.

50. What did Valli usually like to buy?
(भेल्लिया सरासनम्रायै मा बायनो मोजां मोनोमोन ?)

Ans: Valli usually liked to buy peppermints, toys, ballons etc.

51. Why didn't she ride the merry-go-round?
(बियो मानो मेरिंग' रावण्डआव गाखोआखैमोन ?)

Ans: She didn't ride the merry-go-round in order to save money.

52. What type of man was the conductor? (कण्डाक्टरा मा रोखोमनि मानसिमोन ?)

Ans: The conductor, was a jolly man and he was fond of joking.

53. How was Valli different from other children? (भेल्लिया गुबुन गथ 'फोरनिखुइ माबोरै दस्रामोन ?)

Ans: Other children of her age enjoyed playing games while she enjoyed watching the street.

54. What did Valli long for? (भेल्लिया माखौ हास्थायदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli longed for riding the bus,

55. What was Valli's next problem after she had enough money saved?

(थोजासे रां बुथुमखांनायनि उनाव भेल्लि नि इयुननि जेंनाया मा मोन?)

Ans: After she had enough money saved, her next problem was how to slip out of the house without her mother's knowledge.

Short Question Answer

1. What was the most fascinating thing for Valli?
(भेल्लिनि थाखाय जोबोद गोसो बोकथाबनाय मुवाया मा मोन ?)

Ans: The most fascinating thing for Valli was the bus. The bus worked very mysterious for her. It travelled between her village and the nearest town.

It passed through her street each hour, once going to the town and then coming back. The sight of the bus with passengers gave her unending joy.

2. Who was Valliammai?
(भेल्लिमाइआ सोरमोन ?)

Ans: Valliammai was a girl of eight years. She was called Valli for short. Though she was young, she was intelligent enough and very curious to know about things.

She had no playmates of her age. So, she used to stand in the front doorway and would watch what was happening outside.

3. How did Valli board the bus?
(भेल्लिया माबोरै बासआव गाखोदोमोन ?)

Ans: One fine afternoon the bus was just on the point of leaving the village. Valli raised her hand commandingly

and shouted to stop the bus. The bus stopped and she got into it without anyone's help.

4. How did Valli come to know every detail about the bus?

(माबोरै भेल्लिया बासनि सोमोनदै गासैबो बाथ्राखौ मिथिना मोनदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli listened carefully to conversations between her neighbours and people who regularly used the bus. She asked a few discreet questions here and there. This way she picked up various small details about the bus journey.

5. What happened when an elderly woman entered the bus and sat beside Valli?

(सासे बैसो जानाय हिनजावा बासाव गाखोनायाव आरो बिनि खाथियाव जनायाव मा जोदों ?)

Ans: An elderly woman entered the bus and finding the seat vacant by Valli's side sat down there. Valli found the woman absolutely repulsive.

She had big car holes in her lobes. The earrings were ugly. Valli smelt the betel nut which the woman was chewing. The juice was coming over her lips. Valli thought that no one could be sociable with such a person.

6. What did Valli do when the bus reached the town?
(बासा टाउन मोनहैब्ला भेल्लिया मा खालामदोंमोन ?)

Ans: On reaching the town the passengers got off the bus. But Valli did not do so. She continued to sit. She told the conductor that she would go back on the same bus. She paid fare.

7. How did Valli's aunt react to Valli's comment?
(भेल्लिनि बिबुंधियाव भेल्लिनि बिमादैया मा फिनजाथाइ जादोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli agreed to what her mother said about general things. She did this like a matured girl. So, her aunt was astonished at such comment and remarked that such a little girl interfered in the talks of adults.

8. How did Valli plan her first bus journey? (माबोरै भेल्लिया बिनि गिबि बास दावबायनायखौ थांखि लादोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli made careful and elaborate plan to make her first bus journey. She thriftily saved money resisting every temptation to buy prepperments, toys etc. Finally, she decided to go out after lunch when her mother took a nap.

9. Why did valli clap her hands in glee?
(मानो भेल्लिया रंजानायाव गावनि आखाइखौ खबदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Suddenly a young cow began to run along the middle of the road. She ran before the bus. The driver of the bus sounded the horn. But the more he honked, the faster she ran in front of the bus. Valli enjoyed the scene and clapped her hands in glee.

10. What did the woman chewing betel nut say to Valli?
How did Valli react to it?

(गय सावसुबनाय हिनजावा भेल्लिखौ मा बुंदोंमोन ? भेल्लिया बेयाव मा फिनजाथाइ जादोंमोन ?)

Ans: The woman chewing betel nut asked Valli if she was alone. Valli replied in positive. Again the woman asked her where exactly she was going to. At this Valli got angry and asked her not to bother about her.

11. Why did Valli not accept the conductor's offer of a cold drink to her? What does this tell you about her?
(मानो भेल्लिया कण्डाक्टरनि होनायखौ नाजावाखौमोन ? बेयो बिनि सोमोनदै नोंनो मा खोनथायो ?)

Ans: The conductor offered Valli a cold drink. Valli declined. She frankly said that she had no enough money. The conductor said that would be his treat. But Valli firmly declined the offer. This shows that Valli was a self respecting girl.

12. What happened when Valli reached home after the bus ride?

(बास गाखोनायनि उनाव भेल्लिया न 'मोनफैब्ला मा जादोंमोन ?)

Ans: After having a bus ride, Valli reached home. She found her mother awake. She was talking to one of Valli's aunts who was a real chatterbox. She went on talking and talking. She asked Valli where she had gone. Valli did not reply, just smiled.

13. Describe the inside and outside of the bus?

(बासनि सिं आरो सानि नुथाइखौ बिजिर ?)

Ans: The bus was a new one. Its inside shone like silver. The seats were soft and comfortable. Above the windscreen there was a beautiful clock. Its outside was painted. It had a shining white colour with some green stripes along the sides.

14. What made Valli sad? Why didn't she want to look out of the window anymore?

(माया भेल्लिखौ दुखु होदोंमोन ? मानो बियो आरोबाव खिरखिनि बायजोआव नाहरनो नागिराखैमोन ?)

Ans: Valli was sad to see the dead cow on the road on her return journey. It was the same cow which Valli met on the way to the town. The horrible scene of the dead cow dampened her enthusiasm. So, she no longer wanted to look out of the window.

15. How did Valli's aunt react to Valli's agreeing to what her mother stated about general things?

(भेल्लिनि बिमाया सरासनस्रा बाथ्रानि सोमोनदै भेलिल्या राजि जानायाव बिमादैया माबोरै फिनजाथाइ जादोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli agreed to what her mother stated about general things. Valli's aunt reacted. She called Valli a chit of girl. She took interest in things that did not concern her. She behaved as if she were a grown lady. Valli smiled to herself. But she did not want them to understand her smile.

Long Question Answer

1. What did Valli see on her way back home? How did she react?

(भेल्लिया न 'आव गिर्दिबोफिननायाव लामायाव मा नुदोंमोन ? बियो माबोरै फिनजाथाइ जादोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli did not get down from the bus. She continued to sit on the same seat and made her return journey on the same-bus.

But suddenly she saw a young cow lying dead by the roadside. It had been struck by some fast moving vehicle. She asked the conductor if it was the same cow that had run before their bus carlier.

The conductor nodded his head. Valli was overcome with sadness. The scene of the dead cow haunted her. She no longer wanted to look out of the window. She sat glued to her seat until the bus reached her village.

2. Describe how Valli reacted to the elderly man and woman in the bus?

(माबोरै भेल्लिया बासाव बैसो जानाय हौवा आरो हिनजावनि फारसे फिनजाथाइ जादोंमोन ?)

Ans: One spring afternoon Valli got into the bus to the town. She wanted to see the scene outside. But the canvas blind of the bus covered the lower part of her window.

So, she stood up on her seat. Suddenly an elderly person asked her not to stand up calling her 'child'. Valli got angry. She replied proudly that she was not a 'child' and she paid the full fare. again, an elderly woman entered and sat beside her. She told Valli that it was not proper for her to travel alone. She asked Valli about her house. Valli replied that she needn't bother about her. Then she turned her face towards the window.

3. What did Valli long for? What did she do to fulfil her desire?

(भेल्लिया माखौ हास्थायदोंमोन ? बिनि लुबैनायखौ सुफुंनो थाखाय बियो मा मावदोंमोन ?)

Ans: Valli was eight years old. She wanted to know about many things. She had no playmates of her age. Her favourite pastime was to stand in the front door way of her house and watch what was happening outside. A bus ran from her village to the nearest town. She developed a strong desire to ride the bus.

Gradually, she began to long for the bus ride to the world outside. Soon she started to put her desire in action. She collected every details of the bus. She thriftily had saved up the change of buying peppermints, toys, balloons etc. She also finalised the time of her bus journey and one afternoon she boarded the bus to the town.