

STD V

THE REFUND

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Q1. Who came to visit the Principal and why?

A1. Wasserkopf came to visit the Principal , saying he was entitled to a refund of his tuition fee, which he had paid during his time as a student ,eighteen years ago,to the school.

Q2. What was the Principal's reaction to Wasserkopf's demand?

A2. The Principal was taken aback and shocked to hear Wasserkopf's demand of asking his tuition fees back. He thought this to be a senseless and meaningless demand!

Q3. Who gave Wasserkopf the idea of refund and why?

A3. Leadrer, who was Wasserkopf's friend gave him the idea of a refund of the tuition fees as Wasserkopf was not able to understand anything about the foreign exchange system that Leadrer was trying to explain. Thus Leadrer told him that he hadn't got any education from the school and so he should ask for his tuition fees back.

Q4. What did Wasserkopf ask the Principal to do? What did the principal do when he heard Wasserkopf's request?

A4. Wasserkopf put forward the request of taking a re examination. After hearing his request, the Principal was shocked and upset, later on he called the teachers (Geography, Mathematics, History, and the Physics teacher). of the school for an important meeting to think over the situation and find a way out.

Q5. How did the mathematics teacher checkmate Wasserkopf?

A5. The mathematics teacher was smart enough to trap Wasserkopf in his own web. His idea was to prove that Wasserkopf had received education.

He played a trick on Wasserkopf by asking the amount of money that the school needed to repay him. Wasserkopf correctly calculated the exact fees which he had paid over six years of his education and this correct detail of his, proved that he had got excellent education from the school.

Thus he was able to outwit Wasserkopf .

II. Catch the reference-

1. "But, look here - look here! I don't understand it at all ! I've never heard of anything like it. What an absurd idea".

Q1. Who said these words and to whom?

A1. The Principal said these words to Wasserkopf.

Q2. What did the speaker not understand ?

A2. The speaker did not understand that why was Wasserkopf asking for his tuition fees back.

Q3. How does the speaker sound like in the above lines?

A3. The speaker is confused and upset and thinks the idea of refund to be senseless.

2. "It's right. There is no question of it. It's right to the smallest detail".

Q1. Who said these words and to whom?

A1. The mathematics teacher said these words to Wasserkopf.

Q2. Who all were present when these words were said?

A2. During this conversation, the mathematics teacher, the history teacher, the physics teacher, the geography teacher , Wasserkopf and the Principal were present there.

Q3.What according to the speaker is 'right'?

According to the speaker, the calculation made by Wasserkopf regarding the refund money ,was right. This also showed the speaker's excitement as he had checkmated Wasserkopf.

A. Rewrite these sentences in indirect speech.

1. Hari said, " The Indian Cricket team is playing very well.'

- Hari said that the Indian Cricket team was playing very well.

2. The policemen said, "Turn left and then go straight."

- The policemen told to turn left and then go straight.

3. The farmer said, "It may not rain this week".

- The farmer said that it might not rain this week.

4. The teacher said to the class, "stop making so much noise".

- The teacher told the class to stop making so much noise.

5. He said, " Mother has been working since morning".

- He said that mother had been working since morning.

6. She said, " The weather is very pleasant today".

- She said that the weather was very pleasant that day.

7. My mother said to me, ' Grandma will knit a sweater for you".

- My mother told me that grandma would knit a sweater for me.

B. Change these sentences from indirect to direct speech.

1. The Prime minister said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.

- The prime minister said, ' It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening'.

2. My teacher told me that if didn't work hard, I would fail.

- My teacher said to me, 'If you don't work hard , you will fail".

3. Mother told me to bring her a cup of tea.

- Mother said , ' Get me a cup of tea'.

4. Kabira said he knew where the hospital was.

- Kabira said, " I know where the hospital is".

5. Arushi said she had been planning a road trip for a month.

-Arushi said, " I have been planning a road trip for a month".

6. Yasha said she could bake a cake for the party.

- Yasha said , " I can bake a cake for the party".

7. Grandfather said he had to attend the marriage the next day.

- Grandfather said, " I have to attend the marriage tomorrow".