

**Class- V**  
**Subject- English**  
**Chapter - My Elder Brother**

### **Summary of My Elder brother**

The story begins with two brothers and how they are very different from each other. The younger brother tells the story from his perspective and lets us inside his life with his elder brother. The narrator is five years younger than his older brother. Similarly, the elder one is three grades ahead of the younger ones.

The brothers live together in a hostel and have very contrasting opinions. The elder brother is a hardworking fellow who studies hard. He wishes to build a strong foundation through his education. On the other hand, the younger one prefers playing all day long and doesn't give much time to his studies. Thus, the elder brother always scolds his little one to be more sincere. Moreover, he shows himself as an example of a disciplined student.

However, in a turn of events, the younger brother secures the first position in class while the elder brother fails. This makes the younger brother too proud of himself. Even then, the elder brother keeps trying to discipline him and make him work hard. The big brother works harder this time while the little one does the opposite. To everyone's surprise, the younger one scores first position again while the elder one failed again.

The little one got prouder while the elder one started working harder. One day, the younger one starts running after a kite when the elder brother gets angry. He scolds him for being too careless and gives him a lecture. The elder one tells him that even though the younger one may catch up to him in studies, he will never be able to catch up experience-wise.

The elder brother tells him that that grade gap can be erased but the five years age gap cannot be. The younger brother then realizes that his elder brother will always remain older to him. Thus, he will always scold him and help him get on the right path. Finally, the younger brother realizes the importance of his elder brother and they start running together after the kite.

### **Conclusion of My Elder Brother**

This story teaches us that no matter how intelligent we become, we must not forget to respect our elders and listen to their scolding if it is for the right reason as they want our goodwill.

### **Textual solutions**

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1. What are the things that Munna liked to do?

Ans. Munna liked to play marbles, fly kites, play volleyball and kabaddi, drawing pictures of animals and birds.

2. What did Bhaiya do all day?

Ans. Bhaiya reads books all day.

3. Why was Munna not happy with the timetable that Bhaiya made for him?

Ans. Munna was not happy with the timetable that Bhaiya made for him because there was no time to play.

4. How do you think Munna felt when his brother was so strict with him? Why was Bhaiya so strict with him?

Ans. Munna became sad and began to cry. When his brother was strict with him. Bhaiya was strict with him because it was his duty to care that Munna would not waste his time. He wanted Munna to study hard.

5. Whose character do you like more – Munna's or Bhaiya's? Why?

Ans. I like Bhaiya's character more than Munna's. It appears Bhaiya was a bookworm. Still he did not pass his classes. But in fact, Bhaiya had more qualities than Munna. He felt that Munna was his responsibility. He was strict with Munna because he loved him. Because he was not good at studies, but he had more experience.

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Question 1:

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Oliver was a nine-year-old boy. He lived with other homeless boys in an orphanage. He was pale and thin as were the other boys living there. This was because they had to work hard but were never given enough to eat. The owner of the orphanage, Mr Bumble, was a cruel man and he ill-treated the boys.

The boys were always hungry. It was true that they were given three meals a day but each meal consisted only of a bowl of watery soup. They were almost starving. So it was decided by them to ask the master for more soup. But who would bell the cat? Finally the task fell to Oliver.

When all the boys had assembled in the cold stone hall for their evening meal, the soup was served. It soon disappeared. The boys whispered to one another and one boy pushed Oliver a little. Oliver, making a brave effort, stood up, walked up to the master with his bowl and spoon in his hand, and said tremblingly, "Please sir, I want some more."

1. Why did Oliver live in the orphanage?

2. Who was Mr Bumble?

3. What meal were the boys given?

4. What did Oliver say to Mr Bumble?

5. The boys were given three meals a day. Then why were they always hungry?

(i) Because the soup they were given was never enough.

(ii) Because they worked very hard all day long.

(iii) Because the older boys drank up their soup.

6. Find the words from the passage that mean the same as

(i) Very hungry (para 2) .....

(ii) to vanish (para 3) .....

7. 'All the boys assembled in the cold stone hall.' Here the word assembled means.

(i) moved away

(ii) collected

(iii) worked together

8. From the word 'assembled' remove the last two letters. Add one letter to make a word which means a time at the school when the whole school gathers.

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9. Give a suitable title to the passage.

Answer

1) Oliver lived in the orphanage because he was homeless.

2) Mr. Bumble was the owner of the orphanage.

3) The boys were given only a bowl of watery soup.

4) Oliver requested Mr. Brumble to give him more soup.

5) (i) Because the soup they were given was never enough.

6) (i) starving (ii) disappear

7) (ii) collected

8) Assembly

9) Oliver: The Orphanage Leader

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Question no 1:

- (i) Will you \_\_\_\_\_ me chess?
- (ii) Mr Sharma \_\_\_\_\_ Class VIII.
- (iii) The students have \_\_\_\_\_ about 'road safety'.
- (iv) My sister has \_\_\_\_\_ me how to ride a horse.
- (v) I have \_\_\_\_\_ some of the customs of India.
- (vi) I \_\_\_\_\_ how to cycle when I was just four years old.

Answer

- (i) teach (ii) teaches (iii) learned (iv) taught (v) learned (vi) learned

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Question 2:

Choose the correct word and complete the paragraph.

All the class V students of our school \_\_\_\_\_ (were/was) gathering in front of the Principal's office. They \_\_\_\_\_ (were/was) going for the inter-school race. The bus \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive/ arrived) and they \_\_\_\_\_ (leave/left) for the stadium. The runners were \_\_\_\_\_ (taking/ taken) to the starting point. The runners \_\_\_\_\_ (take/ took) their positions. Sir \_\_\_\_\_ (blow/ blew) the whistle. One student of our school \_\_\_\_\_ (run/ran) fast and \_\_\_\_\_ (come/ came) first. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (do/did) their best and our school \_\_\_\_\_ (won/ wins) the trophy. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (feel/ felt/ fell) joyous.

**Answer**

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Question 3:

Read the following sentences.

- Bhaiya has been studying in the same class for two years. (for a period of time)
- Munna was flying kites since morning. (from a time in the past till the present)

Fill in the blanks using for or since .

(i) I have lived in this house \_\_\_\_\_ I was a baby.

(ii) This big jar has been in our family \_\_\_\_\_ many years.

(iii) The old banyan tree in the village has been there \_\_\_\_\_ the last 200 years.

(iv) Nobody has seen him \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.

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## [Chapter 2]

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### Text Based Questions

1. State 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements.

- (i) Both the brothers lived at their home.
- (ii) Bhaiya was younger to Munna.
- (iii) Munna wanted to go home.
- (iv) Bhaiya was a meritorious student.
- (v) Munna liked to fly kites.

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T  
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T

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The results were out once again and it so happened that Munna passed and Bhaiya failed again. Bhaiya was really upset. Munna was also sad seeing his brother so unhappy. Bhaiya now becomes gentler with Munna. Munna became naughtier because of this and studied even less than before.

(i) What was the result?

*The result was that Munna passed and Bhaiya failed again.*

(ii) Why was Munna sad?

*Munna was sad seeing his brother unhappy.*

(iii) Munna became naughtier. Why?

*Munna became naughtier because Bhaiya became gentler with him.*

(iv) Find opposites of the following words from the passage.

(a) Happy *sad*

(b) More *less*

(c) After *before*

### Very Short Answer Type Questions

3. From which language has the story been translated?

The story has been translated from Hindi

4. What was the topic on which Bhaiya was asked to write a short essay?

Bhaiya was asked to write a short essay on the topic punctuality.

### Short Answer Type Questions

5. What all games did Munna like to play?

Munna liked to play volleyball, shooting marbles, football, fly kites etc.

6. Why Munna had tears in his eyes?

Munna had tears in his eyes because he had violated his promise.

### Long Answer Type Questions