

## Class - VII English Literature

### Chapter - 3.

### The Meeting Pool

by - Ruskin Bond



#### About Author :-

Ruskin Bond born in 19 May 1934, is an Indian author of British ~~descent~~ descent. He was awarded the Sahitya Academy Award in 1992 for Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra, his novel in English. He was awarded the Padma Shree in 1993 and the Padma Bhushan in 2014.

#### Summary :-

'The meeting pool' is a beautiful short story written by Ruskin Bond about three friends who take a pledge to return to their favourite pool after ten years. The best part of their childhood revolves around a pool, which was discovered by Rusty (the narrator of the story) and thus came to be known as Rusty's pool. As soon as Rusty discovered the pool near the ravine, he was excited to convey the news to his two friends. The secret pool became their meeting point. They indulged in activities like fishing, swimming, wrestling and buffalo rides. The pool not only symbolized the bond of friendship between them but also became a part of their consciousness. They decide to return on a fifth of April 1964 at midday, i.e. ten years later to the pool again. Rusty keeps up his word and comes to the pool. Rusty was the only one who went to the pool on the scheduled day.



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He was dis-appointed that his friends did not keep up their promise. However, there is no bitterness or rancour as he understands that with the passage of time, their needs and priorities. To his amazement, he discovers another pool and another group of friends splashing about in it. He imagines himself and his friends in their place. The story thus conveys the message that life goes on, come what ~~may~~ may.

# Summary write in your notebook.

# Word meanings :- whatever given in your ~~text~~ ~~the~~ coursebook you have to write in your notebook and learn.

# Fill in these blanks. (Answer)

1. Anil, Somi
2. catch the fish without any bait.
3. bathe
4. pool
5. wash off all mess
6. did not.

# Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. It was a schoolboy's pledge - - - - -  
- - - - - into the water.

a) What was the pledge?





Ans) The pledge was to come back to their favourite pool after ten years.

Qb) Who took the pledge?

Ans) The three friends Anil, Somi and Rusty took the pledge.

c) Where were they when they took the pledge?

Ans) They were near the pool when they took the pledge.

# Student's work →  
B. 2 and 3

# Answer these questions.

Q1. How did Rusty discover the pool?

Ans) When Rusty sliding down the rock-face into a small ravine. The rock beside the stream were smooth. A small waterfall came down the rocks and formed a deep, round pool of apple green water. After saw the pool, he said to his other friends. Because of all that the pool was later called 'Rusty's pool'.

Q What did the three boys promise each other? What did the boys not realise when they made that promise?

Ans) The three boys promised to each other that they would meet at the pool at the midday on the fifth of April 1964.



i.e. ten years later. The boys did not realise that they will not keep their promise after ten years.

Q3. How did the pool help the boys to bond with each other?

Ans The pool helped the boys to bond with each other as the symbol of their friendship and also the part of their consciousness.

Q5. How does Rusty describe Somi?

Ans Rusty describes Somi as a gentle boy. He was a wonderful swimmer. After his matriculation exams, he went to military school. When Rusty last saw him he had a fierce military moustache.

# Student's work :-

Page No-35. Answer these question:-  
Question No. → 4, 6, 7, and 8

Student's work

# Workbook :-

1. Comprehension → (A)

2. Vocabulary → A, B

3. Grammar → A, B

# All exercises have to do in your notebook



Vocabulary :-

A. Rewrite these sentences using capital letters wherever necessary. (Answer)

1. The Red Fort is in Delhi.
2. The Statue of Liberty is in New York.
3. My brother James visited America last year.
4. Mrs. Kasi and her son Navin often go abroad.
5. Last year, they visited Japan and saw Mt. Fujiama.
6. They saw the river Nile in Egypt.
7. Mr. Kasi is a doctor and he works in Sunshine hospital.
8. Mrs. Kasi is also a doctor with her own practice in Leela Nagar.
9. Prof. Anand is a very good teacher.
10. Queen Elizabeth celebrated her birthday.
11. Major Lal has won many awards.
12. The Chief Minister's name is K.L. Rao.

B. End each of these sentences using the correct ~~punctuation~~ punctuation mark. (Answer)

1. I went to Chennai last week.
2. What a beautiful city it is!
3. Have you ever been to Chennai?
4. Please accompany me to Canada when I go there next month.
5. Oh! what fun we could have.
6. Will you come with me?
7. My sister and I will join you.
8. What a great idea!
9. Let us get our tickets booked.
10. Should we ask our parents to do that for us?





## Grammar :-

A. Complete these sentences using appropriate reflexive pronouns. (Answer)

1. myself                      2. themselves                      3. ourselves  
4. themselves                      5. herself                      6. yourselves.

B. Identify ~~why~~ whether the highlighted pronoun in these sentences are reflexive (R) or Emphatic (E). (Answer)

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| 1. Reflexive | 6. Reflexive   |
| 2. Reflexive | 7. Reflexive   |
| 3. Emphatic  | 8. Reflexive   |
| 4. Reflexive | 9. Reflexive   |
| 5. Emphatic  | 10. Reflexive. |

C. Complete these sentences using appropriate relative pronouns. (Answer)

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| 1. which | 4. which |
| 2. who   | 5. who   |
| 3. whose | 6. which |

D. Complete these sentences using reciprocal pronouns. (Answer)

1. One another.  
2. each other  
3. One another.  
4. each other  
5. one another  
6. one another.