

Class VII

English Literature

Uncle Podger Hangs a Picture

Summary:

The story "Uncle Podger Hangs a Picture" is about the whole description of how Uncle Podger hangs a picture on the wall. He was very confident as he assumes himself to be the best to complete the job. Once a picture had come from the frame-makers, Uncle Podger asked Aunt Podger to leave the job of hanging the picture to him. He took off his coat and he asked the children to fetch the hammer, nails etc. Everyone was busy obeying his instructions. And when the picture was about to be hanged, he dropped the picture and cut himself with a broken glass. He moved around the room, looking for his handkerchief and later found it in his coat pocket and he himself was sitting on the coat. He made a mess of things. It was only after a few minor incidents and injuries Uncle Podger managed to get the picture on the wall, crooked and insecure, around midnight. But Uncle Podger looked at the job with pride and satisfaction. All this prove him to be funny, lovable person but, good for nothing!

Meanings of Difficult Words:

- **Commotion** - A state of confused and noisy disturbance
- **Fuss** - Unnecessary excitement
- **Crooked** - Bent
- **Mildly** - Quietly
- **Gaping** - Standing with mouth open
- **Grovel** - Go on one's hands and knees
- **Charwoman** - A woman hired to clean the house
- **Hinder** - Hamper
- **Smash** - To break noisily into many pieces

Important Questions and Answers:

1. From the hints given in the story, find out how many people lived in uncle Podger's house.

Ans: From the hints given in the story, eight people lived in Uncle Podger's house.

2. What happened everytime Uncle Podger undertook to do a job?

Ans: Everytime Uncle Podger undertook a job there was a commotion up and down the house.

3. List the accessories and tools that Uncle Podger needed for hanging the picture.

Ans: The accessories and tools that Uncle Podger needed for hanging the picture are nails, hammer, step-ladder, kitchen-chair, picture cord and some string.

4. Describe how the whole family would help the injured Uncle Podger in hanging the picture a second time.

Ans: The whole family would help in finding out the lost hammer and the lost mark where the nail had to go in.

5. What was Aunt Maria's reaction at Uncle Podger's hanging the picture?

Ans: When Uncle Podger thought of hanging a picture next time she would want to know about it well in time. Then she would go for a week to her mother's house.

6. Describe the after effects of Uncle Podger's successful hanging of the picture.

Ans: The picture would be hanging crooked and insecure. A large part of the wall would be damaged and everybody except Uncle Podger would be dead tired.

7. How was Uncle Podger as a man?

Ans. Uncle Podger was a funny and forgetful man who did not allow anyone else to do a job. He felt proud of himself and did not do anything in an organised way.

Homework

Answer the following questions: (to be done in your classwork copy)

1. What job did Uncle Podger undertake to do?
2. What are the names of children of Uncle Podger?
3. Why could Uncle Podger not find his handkerchief?
4. What would happen when the dropped nail had been found?
5. How did Uncle Podger cut himself?.
6. What did Uncle Podger send the girl out for?
7. Name the original book from where 'Uncle Podger Hangs a Picture' has been taken.

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