

class 7 Attila literature

Answer these questions.

1. What kind of a dog did the speaker's family want?

A. The speaker's family wanted a formidable dog who would prevent break-ins and theft in their house.

2. At the beginning of the narrative, was Attila able to measure up to their expectations? Give reasons for your answer.

A. At the beginning of the narrative Attila was able to measure up to their expectation as he did not have a prepossessing appearance and also he was not playful.

3. Why were the family members satisfied with the name Attila?

A. The family members were satisfied with the name Attila because when the name was suggested everyone agreed and a shout of joy went up to the skies.

4. Why did the family research about the 'Scourge of Europe'? What were the findings?

A. The family researched about the Scourge of Europe to find out what he was like as their dog Attila exhibited a love of humanity which was sometimes disconcerting. They found out that the Scourge of Europe as a child clung on to his friends and his parents' friends but when he was fourteen, he knocked down a fellow who tried his marbles.

5. How did Attila respond to the entry of strangers?

A. Attila responded to the entry of strangers by walking up to them and welcoming them.

6. What issues did the speaker's mother have with the dog?

A. The speaker's mother was not happy with the dog, because it ate like an elephant and was too friendly with strangers, and she was afraid that one day, it might make friends with a burglar and get the house robbed.

7. How did Attila react when Ranga entered the premises?

A. When Ranga entered the premises and stole all the jewellery and valuables by emptying out the trunks and almirahs and as was about to leave, Attila reacted by putting his forepaws on the lap of the burglar and licked his fingers.

8. How did Attila prove to be a hero?

A. Attila proved to be a hero by accident. His master saw him on the street and called out to him, while the dog's new friend the burglar saw the man and started running. Attila started running after the burglar and clumsily blocked him. Ranga stumbled over him and fell, and a piece of jewellery fell off from him and he was caught by the police. This is how Attila proved to be a hero.

Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. He gave no hope that he would do credit to his name.

a. Who is 'he' in this sentence?

A. Attila the dog

b. What is the significance of his name?

A. brutality

c. How do you know that he would do no credit to the name?

A. he was too friendly

2. The people at home did not like this attitude very much. They thought it rather a shame.

a. Whose attitude is the speaker talking about?

A. Attila the dog

b. What was wrong with the attitude?

A. he was not ferocious

c. What were their expectations?

A. to be a ferocious dog

3. The young man was extremely irritated at this. He considered it to be the most uncharitable cynicism.

a. Who was the young man?

A. the dog's owner

b. Why was he irritated?

A. because his mother told him negative things about the dog

c. Explain the phrase 'uncharitable cynicism'.

A. mean words that hurt

C. Think and answer.

1. The bond between Ranga and Attila was of mutual respect. Why or why not?

Give reasons for your answer.

A. No it was not of mutual respect, because Ranga did not want the dog while the dog wanted him.

2. Dogs make good household pets as they are good companions. In what other ways are dogs helpful to humans? Discuss.

A. Dogs are mans best friend, they guard our homes and are also comforters in times of trouble.

3. Very often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile or the smallest act of kindness, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Comment on the statement based on the story.

A. An act of kindness does wonders to a person. It can give the person the confidence that he or she needs.

A. Fill in the blanks in these sentences using appropriate words from the box.

hire-higher stares stairs led-lead rose-rows sail-sale wring-ring break-brake groan grown

1. He took us for a sail down the river.

2. The boss said that he wanted to _hire_____ someone who is qualified.

3. The teacher asked them to stand in _____ rows _____

4. He tried to ___wring_____ the clothes dry.

5. We chose to take the ___stairs_____ instead of the elevator.

6. I turned as I heard a loud _____groan_____

7. The captain ___led_____ his team to victory

8. Raina hit the _____brake_____ in a hurry while driving on the highway