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### Supplementary Reader in English

### Chapter- 2 The Adventures of Toto

#### TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

**Q. 1. How does Toto come to grandfather's private zoo?**

Ans. Toto was in the captivity of a tonga owner. The grandfather gets sympathetic with the monkey and thinks that his private zoo would be a better place for Toto. So, he purchased Toto from the tonga owner for five rupees.

**Q.2 "Toto was a pretty monkey." In what sense is Toto pretty?**

Ans. Toto was a pretty monkey. His bright eyes sparkled with mischief beneath the deep-set eyebrows, and his teeth, which were pearly white, were very often displayed in a smile that would frighten elderly Anglo-Indian ladies. But his hands looked dried-up, as though they had been pickled in the Sun for many years. Yet, his fingers were quick and wicked and his tail, while adding to his good looks served as a third hand. He could use it to hang from a branch and it was capable of scooping up any delicacy that might be out of reach of his hands,

**Q. 3. Why does grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur and how? Why does the ticket collector insist on calling Toto a dog?**

Ans. Toto was a real menace for every living soul in the household. Other animals in grandfather's zoo were at Toto's mercy even during night. So, the grandfather decided to provide some relief to other animals in the zoo and thought of taking Toto to Saharanpur

The ticket collector was following his rulebook. As there seemed to be no rule for fixing a monkey's fare, so he equated Toto to a dog. The ticket collector's ingenuity tried to categorise all pets of a certain size as dogs.

**Q. 4. How does Toto take a bath? Where has he learnt to do this? How does Toto almost boil himself alive?**

Ans. Toto takes bath in a tub of warm water. It puts its legs in the water one by one and applies soap as well. As monkeys are good at aping others, Toto has learnt the steps of taking a bath by watching the narrator doing the same.

Toto was so fond of bathing in warm water that once he sat in warm water in a burning kettle. As he finds the water getting hotter, he wishes to get out, but the outside air feels cold. So he keeps getting up and down until grandmother comes and rescues him.

**Q. 5. Why does the author say, "Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long?"**

Ans. Though Toto was pretty and clever, he was very mischievous. He brought a lot of damage to the house by breaking dishes, tearing clothes and curtains. He also scared the visitors by tearing holes in their dresses. Furthermore, he didn't get along well with the other animals in the house too. One day, Toto crossed the limits by picking up a dish of pullao and running on a branch to eat it. When scolded, he threw the plate and broke it. That's when the grandfather decided he had enough of Toto and couldn't bear the losses due to Toto's mischiefs anymore