

Class 9 English chapter The Little girl.

About the Author: **Katherine Mansfield** was born on 14 October 1888. She was a prominent short story writer who was born and brought up in colonial New Zealand and wrote under the pen name of **Katherine Mansfield**. At the age of 19, Mansfield left New Zealand and settled in U.K., where she became the friend of modern writers. She died on 9 January, 1923. She was a prolific writer in the final years of her life. Much of her life remained unpublished till her death.

Answer the following questions In one or two sentences:

1. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

A. Kezia was afraid of her father because he used to talk to her harshly. He was in a habit of finding out her mistakes.

2. Who were the people in Kezia's family?

A. Kezia's family had her grandmother, mother and father.

3. What was Kezia's father's routine?

1. Before going to his office?
2. After coming back from his office?
3. on Sundays?

Answers 1. He used to kiss Kezia casually before going to his office.

2. He would ask for the news paper and tea after coming back from his office.

3. On Sundays, he would take rest. He would enjoy sound sleep on the sofa.

4. In what way did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?

A. Kezia's grandmother sent her to her father's room to have a nice talk with him. Besides, she asked her to make a gift of a pin-cushion on her father's birthday.

Long answers

1. Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much. How did this happen?

Kezia used to be afraid for her father because her father talked to her harshly. One day her grandmother told her to make pin-cushion to gift him on his birthday which was approaching..Kezia took it an opportunity to please him. SO she stitched cotton cloth three sides and looked for the things that could be stuffed in to the stitched cloth. So she found out many sheets of paper in her father's room. Actually they contained her father's speech for the Port Authority. She tore them in to pieces and stuffed them her case. One day when her father looked for the paper, he did not find them. He came to know that Kezia had torn them into piece to make a pin-cushion.He got infuriated and beat her with ha ruler.Thus, her efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much.

2. Kezia decides that there are 'different kinds of fathers' what kind of father was Mr. MacDonald, and how he was different from Kezia's father?
 - A. In Kezia's opinion, her father was very harsh. He did not talk to her affectionately but rather he used to speak to her strictly. So she avoided him. She did not want to be in front of him because she was afraid of him.Moreover her father never spend time with her.Mac Donald's family lived next door to her house. One evening she saw him playing tag with his children.They were laughing and playing together. She found them feel friendly with their father .So she wished if her father were like him.
3. How does Kezia begin to see her father as a human being who needs her sympathy?
 - A. One night Kezia had a night mare which made her too terrified. She was crying out of fear.when she woke up .she found her father beside her bed with a candle in his hand. He asked her what the matter is. He blew out the candle, bent down and caught the child in his arms..He carried her to the bed room. After sometimes still half asleep she crept close to him. Now she felt comfortable. Kezia realized that her father was not as harsh as she thought. She realized that her father had to work all day and get so tried that he could not play with her. She felt that her father wanted her to understand his compulsion .Actually speaking he was a very good person.