

Q1. What was the cause of Johnny's illness? How could the illness be treated?

Ans. He had given up the hope of getting well. She had depression, so she would lie on her bed without moving, just gazing out of the window. The doctor told her friend that medicines would not work unless she had the hope of getting well. Illness could only be treated by diverting her attention towards life, eating well, and taking medicines.

Q2. Do you think the feeling of depression Johnny's has is common among teenagers?

Ans. Most of the teenagers who are shy and could not express their feelings have a feeling of depression. Teenagers of today's generation are active. They express their feelings without any hesitation but some rare cases may exclude girl teenagers.

Q3. What was Behrman's dream? Did it come true?

Ans. Behrman's lifelong dream was to paint a masterpiece. Yes, his lifelong dream came true when he painted the last leaf of ivy creeper at the night. This painting of the last leaf was his masterpiece and after this painting, he died because of pneumonia.

Q4. How is 'The Last Leaf' the artist's masterpiece? What makes you say so?

Ans. 'The Last Leaf' is the artist's masterpiece because it looked real on the ivy creeper and it also helped Johnny's to overcome her depression.

Language Work

Explain the meaning of the following idiomatic expressions and frame sentences of your Make up one's mind, Out of work, By leaps and bounds, Pour out worries, Shed leaves, Look after, Take after, Tiptoe into, Draw the curtain, Raise the curtain

- **Make up one's mind:** to decide

Sentence: You will have to make your mind whether to live or die of this depression.

- **Out of work:** unemployed

Sentence: Hundreds of postgraduates are out of work in Kashmir.

- **By leaps and bounds:** rapidly, quickly in progress

sentence: My company has been growing by leaps and bounds over the past few years.

- **Pour out worries:** to express emotions or worries
sentence: She poured out her worries to him.
- **Shed leaves:** to lose or fall
sentence: Trees shed their leaves in the autumn season.
- **Look after:** to care for someone or something
sentence: I asked my sister to look after my cat while I was on vacation.
- **Take after:** to resemble one, as in behavior, appearance, attitude, etc.
sentence: My son takes after me in hair and skin, but his eyes resemble his mother.
- **Tiptoe into:** to walk on your toes with heels raised, or to walk quietly on toes
- **Draw the curtain:** to open the curtain
sentence: Please draw the curtain so that we can get more light in the room.
- **Raise the curtain:** to lift or to begin or commence
sentence: It is time to raise the curtain from this new project.