

Chapter 2: A Strange Wrestling Match-I

Fill in the blanks

1. Vijay Singh was a former _____ with massive shoulders and muscular arms. (wrestler / soldier)
2. People said Vijay Singh could beat all other _____ in the world. (wrestlers / soldier)
3. His one shortcoming was that he was fond of _____. (boasting / eating)
4. In the market, Vijay Singh drank many glasses of _____ before boasting. (milk / juice)
5. He claimed, "I wish I met a stout _____. I'd teach him a lesson." (ghost / thief)
6. The _____ Desert was said to be haunted by ghosts. (Haunted / Sahara)
7. Strange _____ and moans could be heard in the haunted desert. (Shrieks / voices)
8. The landmark near the desert was an ugly black rock resembling a _____'s head. (camel / ghost)
9. Almost the entire _____ gathered to bid Vijay Singh farewell. (village / town)
10. An old woman gave Vijay a packet containing a lump of _____ and an egg. (salt / sugar)
11. As Vijay walked into the desert, the _____ shone brightly in the Rajasthan sky. (stars / moon)
12. The old woman was known for her _____. (eccentricities / wisdom)

13. In the Haunted Desert, a voice called Vijay Singh, claiming to be his friend _____. (Nauvar/ Natwar)

14. Vijay immediately realized it was not his friend but a _____. (thief/ ghost)

15. Vijay challenged the ghost, saying, "Come here and show me the _____. " (way/ face)

16. The ghost appeared beside Vijay, who called him a "plain, lying _____. " (ghost/ man)

17. People usually fainted or stepped back in _____ when they saw the ghost. (horror/ fear)

18. Vijay told the ghost, "I was _____ to meet you." (avoiding/ longing)

19. The ghost was surprised because Vijay seemed _____ to meet a ghost. (unafraid/ happy)

20. Vijay mocked the ghost for being unable to read a man's _____. (thoughts/ face)

21. He declared, "I am tired of wrestling with _____. " (men/ ghost)

22. Vijay wanted to fight a _____ instead of humans. (man/ ghost)

23. The ghost tried to look at Vijay _____ to judge his strength. (scornfully/ lovingly)

24. The ghost said, "You don't appear all that _____ to me." (strong/ weak)

25. Vijay replied, "Appearances can be _____. " (powerful/ deceptive)

26. He called the ghost a "_____ of a ghost." (king/ rascal)

27. Vijay offered to give a _____ of his strength. (payment/ demonstration)

28. The desert's sunset was described as _____ in color. (yellow/ red)

29. The moon was _____ when Vijay entered the haunted area. (dull/ bright)

30. The ghost was unused to _____, so Vijay's boldness shocked him. (love/ insults)

Multiple choice questions

1. Vijay Singh's boasting habit primarily reveals what aspect of his character?
 - a) His fear of loneliness
 - b) His dislike of wrestling
 - c) His desire to become a storyteller
 - d) His need to prove superiority
2. The old woman's gift of salt and an egg likely symbolizes:
 - a) Traditional protective charms against evil spirits
 - b) A recipe for desert survival
 - c) Payment for the ghost
 - d) A reminder of home
3. The ghost's dialogue ("Vijay Singh! You will get lost...") employs which literary device?
 - a) Metaphor
 - b) Foreshadowing
 - c) Onomatopoeia

d) Hyperbole

4. Vijay's reaction to the ghost differs from others because he:

- a) Immediately attacks it
- b) Begs for mercy
- c) Uses logic and mockery instead of fear
- d) Ignores it completely

5. The line "Appearances can be deceptive" reflects the chapter's central theme of:

- a) The beauty of nature
- b) The importance of honesty
- c) The power of friendship
- d) The contrast between perception and reality

6. The Haunted Desert setting serves to:

- a) Highlight Vijay's isolation and test his courage
- b) Showcase Rajasthan's wildlife
- c) Introduce a romantic subplot
- d) Explain local farming practices

7. What cultural insight does the villagers' warning about the desert provide?

- a) The dangers of dehydration
- b) Popular trade routes
- c) Common desert animals
- d) Local superstitions shaping behaviour

8. Vijay's declaration "I want to fight a ghost" is ironic because:

- a) He's mocking the ghost while pretending enthusiasm
- b) Ghosts don't exist
- c) He's actually terrified
- d) Wrestling ghosts is impossible

9. The ghost's shock at Vijay's boldness emphasizes:

- a) The ghost's physical strength
- b) Vijay's foolishness
- c) The heat of the desert
- d) How societal expectations empower fear

10. Which line best exemplifies Vijay's strategic intelligence?

- a) "The moon was bright."
- b) "Let me give you a demonstration of my strength."
- c) "I drank many glasses of milk."
- d) "The stars shone clearl

