

CHAPTER 14

A Letter to Grandfather

True/False Questions

1. Ivan had been apprenticed to the shoemaker for almost a year. (True / False)
2. Eel, the dog, would wag his tail instead of sneezing when given snuff. (True / False)
3. Ivan's grandfather worked as a daytime guard at the big house. (True / False)
4. Miss Olga taught Ivan to dance and count to a hundred. (True / False)
5. Ivan bought the envelope for two kopeks. (True / False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. Ivan's grandfather's full name is _____.
2. The master beat Ivan with a _____ for falling asleep while rocking the baby.
3. Ivan asked Grandpa to save a _____ from the Christmas tree in the big house.
4. The dogs accompanying Grandpa during his rounds were Kashtanka and _____.
5. Ivan's favorite person in the big house was _____.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why did Ivan write the letter to his grandfather?
 - A) To ask for money
 - B) To escape his apprenticeship
 - C) To invite him to Moscow
 - D) To request Christmas gifts

2. What did the mistress do when Ivan said he didn't know how to clean the fish?
 - A) Beat him with a strap
 - B) Laughed at him
 - C) Rubbed his face with the fish
 - D) Sent him to bed without food

3. Where did Ivan sleep at the shoemaker's house?
 - A) In the kitchen
 - B) In the passage
 - C) In the barn
 - D) In the attic

4. What did Ivan dream about after mailing the letter?
- A) A feast with his grandfather
 - B) A warm fireplace and Grandpa reading his letter
 - C) Running away to the village
 - D) Playing with Eel and Kashtanka
5. What did Grandpa do before chopping down the Christmas tree?
- A) Sang a song
 - B) Smoked a pipe and took snuff
 - C) Prayed to God
 - D) Drank tea
6. Why didn't Ivan run away from the shoemaker's house?
- A) He feared his grandfather's anger
 - B) He had no boots and feared the frost
 - C) The mistress threatened him
 - D) He loved the apprentices
7. What did Ivan promise to do if Grandpa took him home?
- A) Cook meals

B) Grind snuff and work hard

C) Become a shoemaker

D) Look after the sheep

8. Who taught Ivan to read and write?

A) His grandfather

B) Miss Olga

C) His mother

D) The shoemaker

9. What did Ivan forget to wear when he ran to the letterbox?

A) Boots

B) Cap

C) Coat

D) Scarf

10. What did Ivan ask Grandpa not to give to anyone?

A) His concertina

B) His snuffbox

C) His sheepskin coat

D) His boots