

# ENGLISH

## CHAPTER 10: A STRANGE WRESTLING MATCH



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### ~Summary~

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The story 'A Strange Wrestling Match' is about a **wrestler** named Vijay Singh. Vijay Singh likes to boast things. This habit landed him in **trouble** once. He openly challenged in front of his village, that he had the guts to meet a ghost and fight with it.

As a result, he travelled to a **haunted** desert and encountered the **ghost**. Fortunately, an old woman gave him an egg and lump of salt when he started his **journey**. Vijay Singh used it as a key to cheat the ghost. He made the ghost believe Vijay Singh is much **stronger** than the ghost; and, than any person, the ghost met in its life.

When the ghost believed Vijay Singh's power, it **felt** no one could **defeat** him. It then planned to kill Vijay Singh through a **trick**. So, the ghost invited Vijay Singh to spend a night in its place. Vijay Singh accepted the ghost's request with a **demand** to make it as his prisoner the next day.

When Vijay Singh stayed in its place, he set up his bed with **bolsters** and closed it with a bedspread, to make it look like a sleeping man. The foolish ghost attempted to kill Vijay Singh by beating him seven times with a club.

After some time, when the ghost noticed Vijay Singh sitting on the bed **alive**, it was **shocked**. Vijay Singh **informed** the ghost that he had seven flappings on an insect's wings, which refers to the ghost's seven blows. The ghost finally ran away from its place, **leaving** the looted things behind.

Vijay Singh distributed much of the looted wealth to its owners. He also married the old woman's **granddaughter** in return for her timely **help**. From then, Vijay Singh became **cautious** and **never** used to **boast** things.

### ~Conclusion~

Vijay Singh took back all the wealth that the ghost had acquired by looting people and returned most of it to the rightful owners. He thanked the old woman whose packet had helped him in his quest and also married her granddaughter. Besides earning the respect of the villagers, Vijay Singh also learned the lesson to never be boastful in future.

**NCERT SOLUTIONS****Questions Part-1 (Page No. 46)**

Question 1. What was Vijay Singh's weakness? Which awkward situation did it push him into?

Answer: Vijay Singh was fond of boasting. It pushed him into trouble and he had to set out to find a ghost in the Haunted Desert.

Question 2. Was the old woman's gift to Vijay Singh eccentric? Why?

Answer: The old woman's gift to Vijay Singh seems eccentric at first but later it proved useful. The gift contains an egg and a lump of salt which helped him in fighting with the ghost.

Question 3. Why did Vijay Singh ask the ghost disguised as Natwar to come closer?

Answer: Vijay Singh ask the ghost disguised as Natwar to come closer because he wanted to know the strength of his enemy.

Question 4. What made the ghost speechless? Why?

Answer: Vijay Singh was not at all afraid of ghost unlike other people. He also challenged the ghost to fight and said that he was tired of fighting with men. He was calling the ghost worthless and useless. The strong appearance of Vijay Singh made the ghost speechless.

Question 5. Why did Vijay Singh say "Appearances can be deceptive"?

Answer: Vijay Singh said so because ghost said to him that he didn't appear strong. So, he challenged the ghost to fight and he will prove that he is stronger than the ghost.

**NCERT SOLUTIONS****Questions Part-2 (Page No. 51)**

Question 1. How did Vijay Singh use the egg? How did he use the lump of salt?

Answer: Vijay Singh squeezed the egg and crackling of egg-shell created an illusion of the stone being crushed. He used the lump of salt to crumble it and break like a stone. In this way by using the egg and salt, he surprised the ghost.

Question 2. Why did Vijay Singh conclude that the ghost would not be a worthy opponent to him? Was he fair in his judgement?

Answer: Vijay Singh was successful in befooling the ghost by crushing the egg and crumbling the lump of salt instead of a stone. The ghost failed to crush the stone so Vijay Singh concluded that the ghost would not be a worthy opponent to him. No, he was not fair in his judgement because he only befooled him thought he was not stronger than the ghost.

Question 3. Why did Vijay Singh ask the ghost to accompany him to town next day?

Answer: Vijay Singh asked the ghost to accompany him to town next day because he wanted his people to show that he had defeated the ghost and show him as a trophy.

Question 4. What made the ghost believe Vijay Singh was dead?

Answer: The ghost didn't heard a sound of groan when he struck bolster seven times on Vijay Singh and thus it made him believe that Vijay Singh is dead.

Question 5. Vijay Singh complained of insects in the cave. What was he referring to, and why?

Answer: Vijay Singh referring to seven hardly struck bolster on his bed by complaining it as seven bites of insects. He did so to prove him stronger than the ghost.

Question 6. Was it really a ghost who Vijay Singh befooled? Who do you think it was?

Answer: No, it was not really a ghost who Vijay Singh befooled. The ghost never looted the property of others because they have no use of that. Also, there are no existence of ghost in human form. I think it was a robber who used rob property of people and taken a shape of ghost to introduce his fear.