

A. Glossary:-

1. Waddling - walking with short steps like a duck.
2. Sedately - in a calm and relaxed way.
3. Bobbing - moving fast.
4. Slaughter - to kill animals for meat.
5. Scurrying - running with quick short steps.
6. Conspicuously - in a way that is easy to notice.
7. Authoritarian - strict.
8. Dread - a feeling of fear.
9. Whirled - spun around.
10. Trundled - moved slowly and noisily.
11. Sternly - in a serious way; a look of disapproval.
12. Indignant - feeling or showing anger because you have been treated unfairly.



B. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

'The next few days, the four of them discussed plans in secret.'

1. Who does 'the four of them' refer to?

Ans:- The phrase 'the four of them' refers to the four friends Bina, Vinita, Valerie, and Nishi.

2. What plans did they discuss?

Ans:- They were planning to save the Geese from being slaughtered by the cooks for Christmas lunch. They planned to steal the geese and hide them somewhere so that the cooks would not be able to find them.

3. Why did they discuss the plans in secret?

Ans:- They discussed their plans in secret because they did not want anyone to know about it.

C. Answer these questions briefly.

1. What were the names of the geese and who were they named after?

Ans:- The four geese were named after the famous explorers — Columbus, Marco Polo, Captain Cook, and Amundsen.





2. Why did the girls want to hide the geese?

Ans:- To save them from being slaughtered for Christmas lunch.

3. What excuse did Bina give for wearing an oversized blazer to school?

Ans:- The lady upstairs threw water on her blazer and her mother told her to wear the oversized one.

4. What happened when the girls tried to capture the geese?

Ans:- When the girls tried to capture the geese, they ran away to save themselves.

5. What did Sister Steele tell the girls about the geese to comfort them?

Ans:- Sister Steele told the girls that the geese were not to be eaten, but to be played with and taken care of by the girls.