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CLASS 10TH

Subject – English - **First Flight**

Chapter – A Letter to God



Lecture No. 01

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Topics to be covered

Topic 1 Warm-Up Game

Topic 2 Prose : A Letter to God

Topic 3 Comprehension and Discussion



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Section A

Reading Section - 20

- Unseen Passages
  - 12M
  - 8M
    - Factual (facts)
    - Discursive (Opinion)

Section B

Writing & Grammar (20)

- Writing Skills
  - Letter
  - Analytical Paragraph
- Grammar
  - Editing exercise
  - 10 × 5 = 5

Section C

Literature (40)

- First Flight
- Footprints without feet

Game time!

Solve the riddles!

1. I'm as famous as a company,
you know the sound of the letter 'a' because of me.

Apple

2. I am green on the outside, although red is what you eat.
I'm a cool snack to help beat the summer heat!

Watermelon

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and then I am sold far and wide,
I don't mind if you cut me,
but you might cry.

Onion

Here are the answers!

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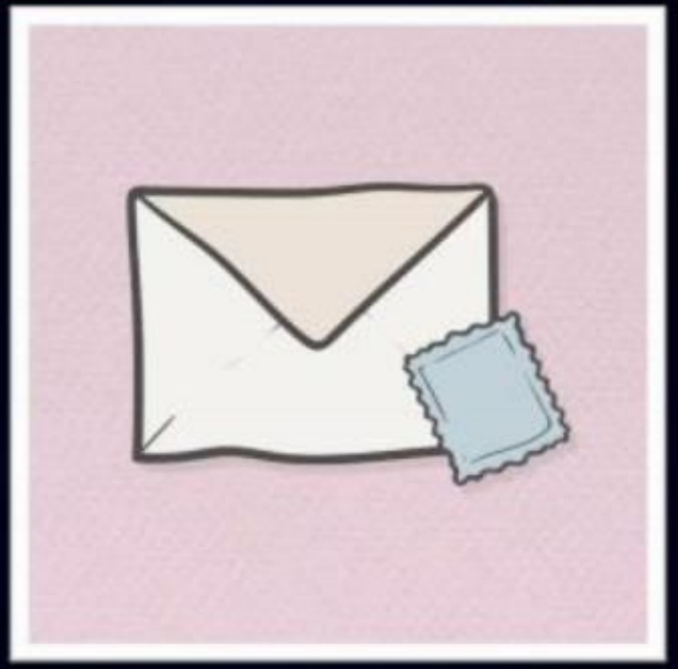
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Topic : Theme – A Letter to God

By- "G. L. Fuentes"



Lencho
↓
farmer

- *A Letter to God' is a story about faith. It is a interesting tale about a farmer, Lencho, who writes a letter to God when his crops are ruined, asking for a hundred pesos.*
- *Does Lencho's letter reach God?*
- *Does God send him the money?*

Topic : Key Points

➢ Story setting and background

- Solitary house in the entire valley.
- On crest of a low hill.
- River, field of ripe corn dotted with flowers visible.
- Needed a downpour or at least a shower.

alone

fully developed ; eatable

Harvest
उपज ; फसल



Topic : Key Points

➢ Lencho—the farmer's hope

Corn

- All morning, lencho stared sky towards north-east
- "Now we're really going to get some water, woman."
- His wife - preparing supper (evening meal) - older boys working - smaller boys playing
- 'Come for dinner!'





Topic : Key Points

The Arrival of Rain- Light of hope

- During meal, big drops of rain
- North-east, huge mountains of cloud; air- fresh & sweet
- Lencho went out for no other reason than to feel the presence of rain on his body
- "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."
- With satisfied expression–lencho regarded the field- draped in a curtain of rain





LITERARY DEVICES

to beautify language

- Tools of comparison
  - Simile (as, like) → He runs like a Cheetah.
    - He runs as fast as Cheetah.
  - Metaphor

e.g. He is the Cheetah of our class.

Topic : A Letter to God

Identify the literary device used in the following lines-

"These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."

A Simile

B Metaphor

C Hyperbole

D Personification



Topic : Key Points

The Destructive Hail

- Suddenly, strong wind blew– larger hailstones with rain
- New silver coins
- Boys ran out–collected frozen pearls
- "It's really getting bad now, I hope it passes quickly."
- Hail rained for 1 hour- house, garden, hillside, cornfield, whole valley
- The field was white–like covered with salt
- No leaf left on trees– corn totally destroyed– flowers gone from petals





Topic : Key Points

➢ Lencho's Reaction

- Lencho's soul filled with sadness
- After storm passed, stood in middle of field & said to his sons-

'A plague of locusts would have left more than this. The hail has left nothing. This year we will have no corn." All our work, for nothing."

"There's no one who can help us."

"We'll all go hungry this year."





Topic : NCERT Questions

Section A

1. What did Lencho hope for? → Shower / Downpour
2. Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like 'new coins'?
3. How did the rain change? What happened to Lencho's fields?
   ↳ Hailstorm
4. What were Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped?

Topic : Key Points

Single hope- The help from God

- No one dies hunger, even though this seems a total loss
- All night–thought of only one hope–the help from god, who sees everything
- Lencho
  - An ox of man → hardworking person
  - Knew how to read & write
- Following sunday, at daybreak (morning), began writing a letter– the letter to god

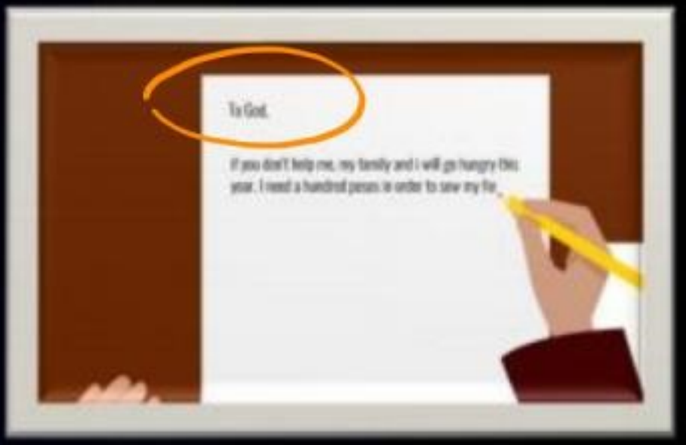




Topic : Key Points

➢ 'The Letter to God'

"God, if you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again and to live until the crop comes, because the hailstorm...."



- *Envelope- 'To God'*
- *Went to town- at post office- placed a stamp- dropped it in the mailbox*



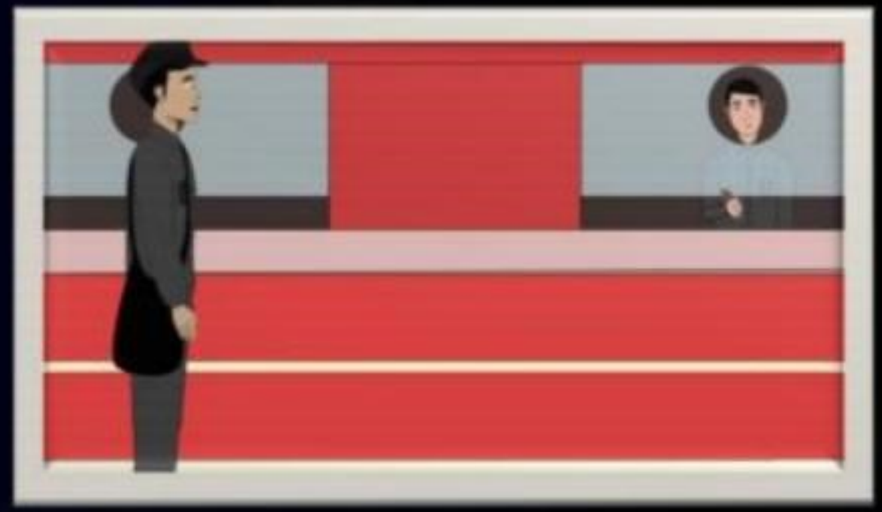
Topic : Key Points

➢ The Receiving of Letter at the Post Office

- Postman-went to postmaster- laughed heartily- showed him the letter

loudly

- Never had he known this address in his career



Topic : Key Points

Goodwill

➢ The Receiving of Letter at the Post Office

- The postmaster
  - Fat, amiable (friendly) fellow
  - Broke out (started) laughing
  - Immediately, turned serious & tapping letter on the desk, said,

> "What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter.
>
> Starting up a correspondence with god!"

- So, not to shake Lencho's faith, postmaster decided to reply and help.





Topic : Key Points

➢ The Reply and Lencho's Response

- A little more than half money-70 pesos-in envelope
- With a letter having single word signature 'god'
- Following Sunday, Lencho came early, at post office
- Postman handed over the letter while postmaster watching- experience contentment for a good deed
- Lencho– not surprised- such confidence
- ANGRY when counted the money
  - God couldn't make a mistake
  - Nor he would deny Lencho's request





Topic : NCERT Questions

Section B

1. Who or what did Lencho have faith in? What did he do? — God

2. Who read the letter? — Postmaster

3. What did the postmaster do then?

Topic : NCERT Questions

Section C

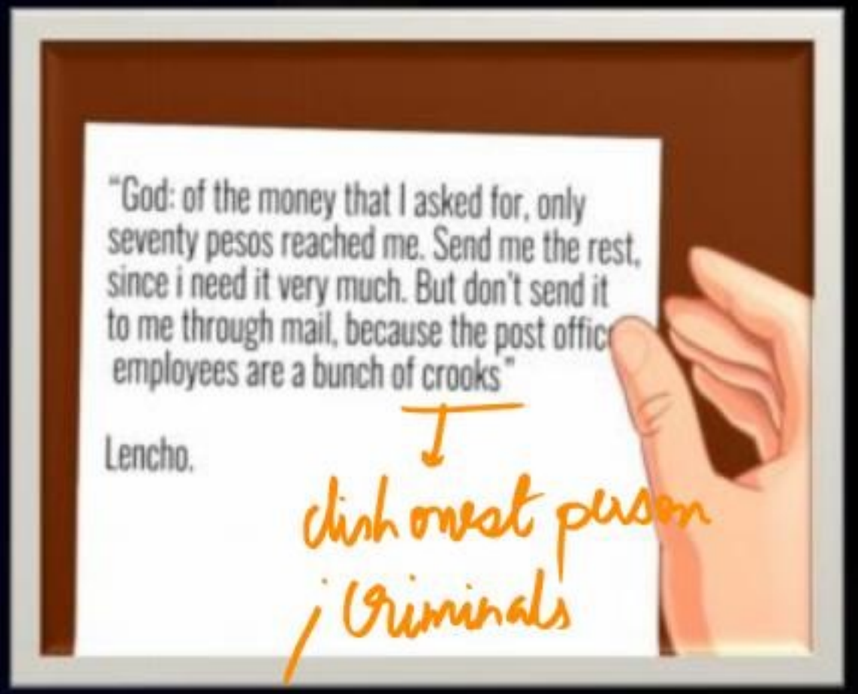
1. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it?

2. What made him angry?

Topic : Key Points

➢ Lencho's Final Response & the Irony

- went window asking for paper & ink
- on public writing-table
  - started to write– with wrinkling of his eyebrow
- bought & affixed a stamp with a blow of fist and posted the letter
- Postmaster rushed to see the response
- *"God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. Lencho."*



Topic : Prose – A Letter to God

- CHARACTERS :

Lencho

- Naive
- Immense faith
- Hardworking

Postmaster

- fat, amiable
- good human

- MESSAGE :

① Have faith in God, no matter what!

② Be helpful!

Topic : NCERT Questions

1. Who does Lencho have complete faith in? Which sentences in the story tell you this?

2. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?

3. Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? Why/Why not?

4. Who does Lencho think has taken the rest of the money? What is the irony in the situation?

Topic : NCERT Questions

5. Are there people like Lencho in the real world? What kind of a person would you say he is? You may select appropriate words from the box to answer the question.

greedy, (लालची) naive, (भोला) stupid, (मूर्ख) ungrateful, (unthankful)

selfish, comical, (funny) unquestioning

Topic : Homework

6. There are two kinds of conflict in the story: between humans and nature, and between humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated?


Thank
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