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**Lesson 11 : My elder brother**  
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1. The two brothers were not much different in age or built. But the younger brother says, “ I was no companion for him.” Give two reasons why Nicky felt so.
2. Which two qualities of Valodya have been highlighted by the author?
3. Was the narrator sorry for his behaviour after he broke the fragrance bottle? How do you know?
4. How did Valodya annoy Nicky every time? OR What actions of Valodya, the elder brother, irritated the younger brother the most?
5. Nicky was scared, uncomfortable and ashamed to be alone with his brother because he knew he had no courage to look into his brother’s eyes. He was afraid that the topic of the fight would come up when they were alone. Why did Nicky feel uncomfortable and ashamed to be alone with his brother?
6. Nicky apologized and asked for Valodya’s forgiveness. This shows that he was sorry for all that he had done in the morning. What did Nicky do to show that he was sorry for all that he had done in the morning?
7. Valodya had a new shirt but Nicky did not have such a shirt. Nicky felt irritated and annoyed every time Valodya arranged the collar of his new linen shirt. How did Valodya annoy Nicky every time? OR What action of Valodya, the elder brother, irritated the younger brother the most?
8. Choose the right answer to fill in the blanks:
  - a) The narrator was .....
    - jealous of his brother.
    - angry with his brother.
    - critical of his brother’s behaviour.
  - b) How did the quarrel between the narrator and his brother start?
    - The quarrel started when the narrator accidentally broke the fragrance bottle that belonged to his older brother.
    - The quarrel started when the narrator accidentally broke the entire collection of curios.
    - The quarrel started when the narrator was jealous of Valodya's new linen shirt.
    - The quarrel started when Nicky's mother blamed him for breaking the curios.

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- c) Was the narrator sorry for his behaviour after he broke the fragrance bottle? How do you know?
- No, the narrator was not sorry. He just walked out of the room.
  - Yes, the narrator was sorry because he apologised and hugged his brother.
  - No, the narrator was not sorry for his behaviour because he said, “What does it matter?”
  - Yes, the narrator was sorry because he started crying.

9. Choose the right answer, which explains the underlined phrases:

- 1) Valodya raised his head and ..... looked me in the face.
- a. looked at my full face
  - b. looked straight into my eyes
  - c. looked only at my face
- 2) Our eyes met and I knew that he understood me.
- a. we made eye contact
  - b. we stared at each other
  - c. we banged into each other

10. Fill in the blanks using a word from the box. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

at, of, which, at, because, at ,than, the

Domestic airplanes mostly fly (a) \_\_\_\_\_ speeds less than that (b) \_\_\_\_\_ sound. Airplanes (c)\_\_\_\_\_ can fly (d) \_\_\_\_\_ greater speeds have been built. This is (e) \_\_\_\_\_ if they fly (f) \_\_\_\_\_ speeds greater (g) \_\_\_\_\_ the speed of sound, (h) \_\_\_\_\_ fuel consumption \_\_\_\_\_ increases \_\_\_\_\_ enormously.

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who ,had ,The ,it ,to ,after

11. Fill in the blanks using a suitable word from the box.  
 Once upon a time there was a man called Smith. He was a green grocer (a) \_\_\_\_\_ lived in Ohio. He (b) \_\_\_\_\_ four sons, (c) \_\_\_\_\_ eldest was called George after the king and (d) \_\_\_\_\_ was arranged that he was (e) \_\_\_\_\_ inherit his father’s shop. So (f) \_\_\_\_\_ school he took special Botany classes.
12. Fill in the blanks using a suitable word in each.
- 1) I am sorry \_\_\_\_\_ the mistake.
    - from
    - on
    - for
    - at
  
  - 2) It is not \_\_\_\_\_ for a man to be confined to the pursuit of wealth.
    - healthy
    - difficult
    - possible
    - common
  
  - 3) He \_\_\_\_\_ her that she would pass.
    - confirmed
    - ensured
    - assumed
    - assured
  
  - 4) His property was divided \_\_\_\_\_ his daughters and sons.
    - between
    - among
    - from
    - at
  
  - 5) His persistence in his misdemeanours has lowered him in the \_\_\_\_\_ of everyone who knows him.
    - eyes
    - estimation
    - love
    - esteem