

A DOG NAMED DUKE

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Summary

Duke was a huge Doberman, weighing 23 kilos, with a red coat and a fawn vest. Chuck Hooper prevailed upon his wife, Marcy, and bought him because he was very impressed with the energy and agility of the dog. Hooper himself had an athletic built and professionally also he was fortunate to be the Zonal Sales Manager of a chemical company. But good luck did not last long and one unlucky day, Hooper met with an accident. Hooper had to be admitted to the hospital, due to a haemorrhage in the motor section of his brain, completely paralysing his left side.

Hooper remained critical for a month. Exercises, baths, wheeled walker, nothing worked. He was discharged from the hospital and became very depressed since he was lonely at home, with Marcy being away at work. In his first meeting with Duke, after his accident, Duke shouted, charged at Hooper and hit him above the belt, making him struggle to keep his balance. Perhaps the dog sensed his master's need and from that moment, he never left Hooper's side. But Hooper remained grim and didn't reciprocate at all. One fine day, Duke appeared to be in no mood to tolerate his master's indifference. He nudged, needled, poked and snorted. By chance, Chuck's right hand hooked onto Duke's collar to hold him still Duke pranced, Chuck asked Marcy to make him stand, and in a few seconds as he straightened his left foot to drag forward, he had taken a step. Chuck was exhausted but a beginning was made. Next day, Duke walked to the end of the leash and tugged. Chuck managed to take four steps. In two weeks, both of them managed to reach the front porch and by next month, they were along the sidewalk. Seeing this progress, the doctor prescribed a course of physiotherapy with weights, pulleys and whirlpool baths. Soon Duke began walking with Hooper, without pausing and relaxing at each step.

On January 4, Hooper managed to walk to his district office without Duke. But Hooper was not mentally fit to undertake a full day's work. There was no time for physiotherapy sessions so Chuck again took Duke's help who pulled him along the street faster and faster. Chuck regained his stability, endurance and next year, he was promoted as the Regional Manager. Chuck, Marcy and Duke moved to a new locality. But it was not to be. One

day on October 12, 1957, after being run over by a car, Duke succumbed to his injuries in a nearby hospital. People who had seen Chuck and Duke walk together, sympathised with Chuck, who walked alone now. A few weeks later, the chemical company promoted Charles Hooper to the post of Assistant National Sales Manager. As a special tribute to Duke, they called this promotion as advancing 'towards our objective, step by step.'

सारांश

चक हूपर ने अपनी पत्नी मार्सी को मनाकर, डोबरमैन नस्ल के ड्यूक को खरीदा था। ड्यूक का वजन 23 किलो था। वह एक लाल कोट और बादामी बनियान पहने था। हूपर उसकी शक्ति और तेज़ी से बहुत प्रभावित हुए थे। हूपर स्वयं एक सुदौल व्यक्ति थे और एक रसायन कम्पनी में जोनल सेल्स प्रबंधक थे। परन्तु अच्छा समय हमेशा नहीं रहता और एक दिन दुर्भाग्यवश हूपर दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गये। हूपर को एक अस्पताल में भर्ती किया गया। उनकी बायों ओर की दिमागी चोट ने उनके पूरे शरीर को लकवा मार दिया।

हूपर एक महीने तक गंभीर स्थिति में रहे। व्यायाम, अनेक प्रकार के स्नान, व्हील वॉकर किसी से भी उन्हें फायदा नहीं हुआ। उन्हें अस्पताल से छुट्टी दे दी गयी और वह घर में उदास और निराशाजनक स्थिति में रहने लगे क्योंकि वह अकेले थे और उनकी पत्नी मार्सी काम करने जाती थी। जब ड्यूक ने दुर्घटना के बाद पहली बार उन्हें देखा तो वह चिल्लाया और खुशी से दौड़कर उनकी बेल्ट के ऊपर चढ़कर धक्का दिया। हूपर को अपना संतुलन बनाने के लिए संघर्ष करना पड़ा। शायद ड्यूक को यह आभास हो गया कि उसके मालिक को उसकी सहायता की आवश्यकता है और उसने उस दिन से हूपर का साथ नहीं छोड़ा। परन्तु हूपर ने कोई उत्साह नहीं दिखाया और वह पहले की तरह कठोर और उदास बना रहा। एक दिन ड्यूक से हूपर का यह व्यवहार सहन नहीं हुआ और वह हूपर पर लपका, उसे धक्का दिया। चक ने अपना संतुलन बनाये रखने के लिए अपने बायें हाथ से ड्यूक के कॉलर को पकड़ा और अपनी पत्नी मार्सी से सहायता माँगी। खड़े होने के लिए ड्यूक ने नाचना शुरू किया और हूपर ने अपना बायाँ पैर सीधा करके आगे बढ़ाया। वह उसकी बीमारी के बाद का पहला कदम था। हूपर बिलकुल थक गया था। परन्तु एक शुरुआत हो गई थी। दूसरे दिन ड्यूक ने अपनी रस्सी खींची और हूपर को घसीटा। हूपर चार कदम

चला। दो सप्ताह में दोनों बाहर आँगन में पहुँच गए। एक महीने बाद वह सड़क पर चलने लगे। हूपर की प्रगति को देखकर डॉक्टर ने नये शारीरिक व्यायाम कराने शुरू कर दिए। शीघ्र ही हूपर, ड्यूक के साथ बिना रुके, बिना थके चलने लगा।

4 जनवरी को हूपर बिना ड्यूक के अपने जिला दफ्तर में पहुँच गया। पर अभी भी हूपर पूरे समय, पूरे दिन काम करने योग्य नहीं हुआ था। उसने फिर से ड्यूक की सहायता ली, जो उसे सड़क पर रोज़ तेज़ी से ले जाने लगा। हूपर की सहन शक्ति और दृढ़ता बढ़ती गयी और अगले साल उसकी तरक्की हुई और उसे स्थानीय प्रबंधक बना दिया गया। चक, मार्सी और ड्यूक अब एक नए स्थान पर रहने लगे। पर ऐसा हमेशा नहीं रहना था। 12 अक्टूबर, 1957 को ड्यूक एक कार से कुचला गया और पास ही एक अस्पताल में उसने दम तोड़ दिया। अब चक अकेला चलने लगा। जिन लोगों ने उसे ड्यूक के साथ चलते देखा था उन्होंने उससे पूरी सहानुभूति जताई। कुछ सप्ताह बाद, हूपर की कम्पनी ने उसे पदोन्नति देकर सहायक नेशनल विक्रेता प्रबंधक बना दिया। इस पदोन्नति को हूपर ने ड्यूक के लिए

श्रद्धांजलि के स्वरूप “अपने लक्ष्य की ओर, कदम से कदम मिलाकर” चलने का नाम दिया।

Word-Meaning

- **Critical** – at a point of danger or crisis
- **Slamming** – to shut forcefully
- **Confinement** – a state when one is forced to stay in a closed space or a restricted area
- **Quivering** – to shake or vibrate slightly
- **Slacked** – became dull and inactive
- **Rangy** – tall and slim with long limbs
- **Stalked** – walked in a stiff or angry way
- **Nudged** – touched to attract attention
- **Reproachful** – an expression of disappointment
- **Yap** – to give a sharp, high-pitched bark
- **Bash** – a band for tying dogs
- **Shimmied** – moved quickly and smoothly
- **Taut** – tight
- **Jurisdiction** – the area over which the legal authority of an institution extends
- **Instinctively** – do something by impulse.

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

TEXTBOOK QUESTIONS (SOLVED)

1. What are the other breeds of dogs.

Ans : Other breeds are – Terrier, German Shepherd, Bulldog, Spaniel, Golden Retriever, Greyhound etc.

2. Match the words with their explanations.

rampageous	subdural haemorrhage
bellow	blonde
taut	rambunctiousness
grin	critical
confinement	quivering
shimmied	

- Ans.** (a) This is the other word for trembling. quivering.
- (b) This is used for smile. grin.
- (c) You call a person this if he/she has pale gold coloured hair. blonde.
- (d) This is a quality which relates to high energy and noise. rambunctiousness.
- (e) This is related to dancing or moving in a way that involves shaking your hips and shoulders. shimmied.

- (f) This is to express a tendency to show violent and wild behaviour often causing damage. rampageous.
- (g) We use it for a condition which is serious, uncertain and dangerous. critical.
- (h) This is a state in which one is forced to stay in a closed space. confinement.
- (i) This is a medical condition involving bleeding in the brain. subdural haemorrhage.
- (j) It is a loud, deep shout to show anger. bellow
- (k) This is a condition when the rope or leash is stretched tightly taut.

3. Based on your reading of the story answer the following questions by choosing the correct option.

(a) With reference to Hooper, the author says, “Everything was going for him.” What does it imply?

- (i) He had everything that a man aspires for.
- (ii) People admired him.
- (iii) He did what he wanted.
- (iv) He was capable of playing games.

Ans : (i) He had everything that a man aspires for.

(b) *Duke never jumped on Chuck again because*

- (i) Duke was paralysed and unable to jump.

- (ii) Chuck was angry with Duke for jumping at him.
- (iii) Duke realised that Chuck was not well and could not balance himself.
- (iv) Marcy did not allow Duke to come near Chuck.

Ans : (iii) Duke realised that Chuck was not well and could not balance himself.

(c) *The author says that Duke 'knew his job'. The job was _____*

- (i) to look after Chuck.
- (ii) to get Chuck on his feet.
- (iii) to humour Chuck.
- (iv) to guard the house.

Ans : (ii) to get Chuck on his feet.

(d) *"_____ even Duke's presence didn't reach Chuck". Why?*

- (i) Duke was locked in his kennel and Chuck couldn't see him.
- (ii) Duke hid himself behind the bed post.
- (iii) Duke had come to know that Hooper was not well.
- (iv) Hooper was lost in his own grief and pain.

Ans : (iv) Hooper was lost in his own grief and pain.

4. Answer the following questions briefly.

(a) *In 1953, Hooper was a favoured young man. Explain.*

Ans : Hooper was fortunate in every way. He was healthy, tall, happy and satisfied with life. Professionally, he was in the top slot, working as Zonal Sales Manager of a chemical company.

(b) *They said that they would create a desk-job for Hooper at headquarters.*

(i) *Who are they?*

Ans : 'They' refers to the people from Hooper's chemical company who paid a visit to the hospital.

(ii) *Why did they decide to do this?*

Ans : Hooper remained on the critical-list for a month. There was no improvement. He could only breathe and see. So out of sympathy, the company people made this offer.

(c) *What special qualities made Duke an extraordinary dog?*

Ans : Duke was not only faithful and loyal but he was also gifted with extraordinary powers of intuition, foresight, and in-depth understanding of human psychology. He knew exactly how he could accomplish the impossible task of making Chuck walk.

(d) *What problems did Chuck present when he returned to the company headquarters?*

Ans : Hooper was not totally fit and yet wanted to join his work. The company people did not know how to handle Hooper. Seeing his positive spirit and enthusiasm, nobody in the company had the courage to tell him that he would not be able to handle his old job that required 24 hour agility and movement. They found him a misfit for his old job.

(e) *Why do you think Charles Hooper's appointment as Assistant National Sales Manager is considered to be a tribute to Duke?*

Ans : The manner in which Duke helped Charles Hooper to get over his handicap proved that objectives can be realised, if planned step by step. Dogged determination, ability and perseverance in little measures, one by one, can achieve the impossible. So, in the promotion of Charles Hooper, it was an acknowledgement on the part of the company to recognise the contribution made by Duke.

5. *Following dates were important in Charles Hooper's life in some way. Complete the table by relating the description with the correct dates.*

January 4, March 1, June 1, October 12

Date	Description
	News spread that Hooper and Duke had made it to an intersection
	Hooper walked independently from the clinic to the branch office
	Hooper planned to start a full day's work at office
	Duke met with a fatal accident

Ans :

Date	Description
June 1	News spread that Hooper and Duke had made it to an intersection
January 4	Hooper walked independently from the clinic to the branch office
March 1	Hooper planned to start a full day's work at office
October 12	Duke met with a fatal accident

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow.

1. "Secretly, Marcy cried as she watched the big man's grin fade away. Severe face lines set in like cement as Chuck stared at the ceiling for hours, then out of the window, then at Duke."

[CBSE 2010 (Term 1)]

(a) Marcy cried secretly because :

- (i) She didn't want Chuck to be upset
- (ii) It was her personal grief
- (iii) She was upset at the turn of events
- (iv) She didn't want to exhibit her feelings

(b) Identify the figure of speech from the above lines :

- (i) Metaphor
- (ii) Simile
- (iii) Personification
- (iv) Imagery

(c) The big grin was replaced by severe lines because :

- (i) Boredom had set in
- (ii) He was going into depression
- (iii) There was no improvement in his condition
- (iv) He started losing hope

Ans. (a) (i) (b) (iv) (c) (iv)

2. But Duke wouldn't. He'd lie down with a reproachful eye on Hooper."

[CBSE 2010 (Term 1)]

(a) Duke wouldn't what :

- (i) Stop barking
- (ii) Stop jumping
- (iii) Obey Hooper
- (iv) Eat his food

(b) Duke is angry with Hooper because Hooper :

- (i) wouldn't play with him
- (ii) wouldn't take him out for a walk
- (iii) didn't serve him with interesting food
- (iv) would just stare at the wall

(c) Hooper has earned Duke's reproach because he is :

- (i) Not interested in playing
- (ii) Bedridden
- (iii) Bored with Duke's game
- (iv) His wife doesn't like it

Ans. (a) (i) (b) (ii) (c) (ii)

3. "In 1953, Hooper was a favoured young man. A big genuine grin civilized his highly competitive nature.

[CBSE 2010 (Term 1)]

(a) By stating that 'Hooper was a favoured young man', the author means that :

- (i) Hooper was a successful person
- (ii) he was the favourite of all
- (iii) he was the answer to all problems
- (iv) he could rise higher

(b) By the word civilised, the author wants :

- (i) to say that before that Hooper was uncivilized
- (ii) to say that he had no sense
- (iii) to create humour by suggesting his earlier roughness
- (iv) to laugh at Hooper

(c) Hooper had been working as a / an :

- (i) sales manager
- (ii) area sales manager
- (iii) zone sales manager
- (iv) assistant sales manager

Ans. (a) (i) (b) (iii) (c) (iii)

4. The pair set daily goals; Monday, the sixth fence post, Tuesday, the seventh fence post, Wednesday_____.

[CBSE 2010 (Term 1)]

(a) The pair in the above line refers to :

- (i) Doctor & Hooper
- (ii) Marcy & Hooper
- (iii) Duke & Hooper
- (iv) Marcy & Duke

(b) Their daily goal was to :

- (i) cross the road
- (ii) cover more and more distance
- (iii) carry each post everyday
- (iv) fence one post everyday

(c) The pair needed to set daily goals as :

- (i) Chuck had realised that he could be normal
- (ii) they had been given a deadline
- (iii) they were in competition
- (iv) they were lagging behind

Ans. (a) (iii) (b) (ii) (c) (i)

NON-MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow.

1. "About six weeks after the accident, the hospital put him in a wheelchair."

(a) Who does 'him' refer to ?

Ans. 'Him' refers to Chuck Hooper who has been admitted in the hospital after he met with an accident.

(b) How had 'he' met with an accident ?

Ans. One day when Hooper was driving home from office, a car came without warning and collided head on with his car.

(c) How did the accident affect Hooper ?

Ans. Hooper had a subdural haemorrhage in the motor

section of his brain which completely paralyzed his left side.

2. *'Finally they decided to bring Duke home.'*

(a) **Who is 'Duke' ?**

Ans. Duke is their pet dog who had been sent to a kennel after Hooper met with an accident.

(b) **Where had Duke been sent ?**

Ans. Duke had been sent to a kennel after Hooper met with an accident.

(c) **Why was Duke being brought home ?**

Ans. Duke was being brought home to give company to Hooper who was bedridden and was all alone at home after his wife left for work.

3. *"On January 4, Hooper made a big move."*

(a) **Who was Hooper ?**

Ans. Hooper was working as a Zonal Sales Manager in a chemical company.

(b) **What was the 'big move' he made ?**

Ans. After he met with an accident, Hooper's 'big

move' was his first attempt to have walked 200 metres without the assistance of his dog.

(c) **Who had been instrumental in helping Hooper to make this 'big move' ?**

Ans. It was his dog 'Duke' who awakened Hooper's will, which was lying dormant in his mind, to fight back and emerge victorious.

4. *Several people jumped to lift the dog. "No please," she said.*

(a) **Why did the people want to lift the dog ?**

Ans. The dog had met with an accident. It was severely injured and had to be taken to the hospital.

(b) **Why did Marcy say "No please" ?**

Ans. She said so because Marcy had a deep feeling of gratitude for the dog and she herself wanted to do every possible thing for it.

(c) **What had happened to the dog ?**

Ans. The dog had been hit by a vehicle in front of their home and was severely injured.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. **"It was like lighting a fuse."**

Explain the context of the above statement.

Ans. One evening, Chuck's good hand hooked into Duke's lead of the collar to hold him still. It was like 'lightning a fuse' because on the spur of the moment, an idea struck the dog's mind as to how to help Chuck move about and walk.

2. **Why did Chuck feel more lonely at home?**

Ans. When Chuck was in the hospital, getting treated for paralysis, there were other injured people too, and so he was not lonely there. But at home, each morning when his wife, Marcy, went out to work, he was left all alone with his thoughts.

3. **How did Chuck Hooper happen to take his first step?**

Ans. When Chuck's good hand hooked into the leash of Duke's collar, Duke moved u-shaped and walked ahead with bigger steps. Chuck struggled for balance and with his good hand he placed the leash in his left, paralysed hand. With Marcy's help, he moved his right leg out, causing the left foot to drag forward. Duke had helped him take his first step.

4. **What was the reaction of the neighbours as they watched Chuck's progress everyday?**

Ans. The neighbours used to watch very keenly and curiously the daily struggle in front of Marcy's house. On the sidewalk, they saw the dog pull his leash tightly and then stood and wait for Hooper to follow him. They

watched every step of progress made by Hooper. When on June 1, Hooper and Duke made it to the intersection, this news spread quite far away.

5. **What objectives were set up by Chuck Hooper in his pattern of progress?**

Ans. When Chuck was making good progress, he and Duke started making two trips in a day. They lengthened their targets to one-drive-way at a time. Even Duke no longer waited at each step. One day, Chuck Hooper walked to his office without Duke and expressed his willingness to work for an hour in a day in the beginning.

6. **What was the problem presented by Chuck in his company?**

Ans. When Chuck reached the office and asked for work, the staff was quite shocked. Chuck's step presented a tough problem because nobody had the courage to tell him that in his condition, he wouldn't be able to handle the job. They didn't know what to do with a person who couldn't move around, and could only work for an hour a day.

7. **What did the people wonder about Charles Hooper after the death of Duke?**

Ans. People had observed Duke helping Hooper walk. It was an amazing sight for them. Now when Duke died, and Hooper walked alone day after day, the people wondered how long he would keep up with the walk. They were curious to know how far he would walk, and whether he would be able to walk all alone in the absence of Duke.

8. Discuss the significance of the promotion given by the company headquarters to honour Duke?

Ans. Hooper was appointed as the 'Assistant National Sales Manager'. His promotion was more of a tribute to Duke as it was only due to the efforts made by Duke that Hooper was able to regain health, his job and his confidence. This was no ordinary promotion but very significant as Duke's efforts had changed an impossible thing into a possible one.

9. How did January 4, the day, become significant in the life of Hooper? [CBSE 2010 (Term 1)]

Hooper had been working as a Zonal Sales Manager in a chemical company. One day he met with an accident and was paralysed. Being bedridden he had lost all hopes of his recovery. It was his dog 'Duke' who awakened his dormant will to fight back and emerge victorious. The dog was instrumental in helping him take more steps each day. So January 4 was a significant day in his life because he had walked 200 metres, without any assistance, to his office.

10. Which incident transformed Chuck Hooper from a favoured young man to an unfortunate young man? [CBSE 2010 (Term 1)]

Hooper was fortunate in every way. He was tall, healthy and satisfied man working as a Zonal Sales Manager in a chemical company. Everyone liked him, but good luck did not last long and one unlucky day when he was driving home from office, a car collided head on with

his car. He had a brain injury which paralysed his left side. He became bedridden. In this way from a favoured young man, he was transformed into an unfortunate man.

11. Who do you think was responsible for Chuck's progress in getting back on his feet? [CBSE 2010 (Term 1)]

Hooper met with an accident and was paralysed. He was bedridden, and when he had lost all hopes of his recovery, it was his dog, Duke, who was responsible for Chuck's progress in getting him back to his feet. He helped Hooper to get over his handicap and proved that dogged determination, ability and perseverance in little measures, can achieve the impossible. Duke awakened what was lying dormant in Hooper's mind—the will to fight back and emerge victorious.

12. What was the reaction of the staff when Chuck visited his district office? What did he say to the manager Gorden Doule? [CBSE 2010 (Term 1)]

When Chuck visited his district office, the staff was amazed by his visit. They were further surprised when he told his manager, Gorden Doule, that he wanted to continue work, initially for one hour. Chuck's move presented tough problem for them because, seeing Chuck's courage and determination, nobody had the courage to tell him that he wouldn't be able to handle his old job. Moreover, they didn't know what to do with his demand to do a desk job just for one hour when his job of a salesman required him to move around all the time.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. How did Hooper become paralysed? How did Marcy and others react to this fatal accident?

Ans. One autumn night, when Hooper was driving back home, a car suddenly pulled in front of his car without warning. It was a serious accident and Hooper suffered from subdural haemorrhage in the motor section of the brain, leaving his left side completely paralysed. When Marcy reached the hospital, she was shocked to see that her husband couldn't talk, he could only breathe and see, and his vision was double. She knew that Hooper was very critical, and that he would have to be in the hospital for a long time, so she sent Duke to the kennel. Secretly, she used to cry, watching her husband's grin fade away.

2. 'On January 4, Hooper made the big move.' What was this big move? Was this move welcome or did it create further problems?

Ans. The big move made by Hooper on January 4, was that for the first time, without Duke's help, he walked the distance of 200 metres from the clinic to the local branch

office of his company. For a person who had been paralysed, with there being hardly any hope of his recovery, it was really a big move. Everyone was amazed to see him in his office. When he told the manager that he wanted to continue work initially for one hour, everyone was shocked. In the company headquarters, Chuck's move presented tough problems because, seeing Chuck's courage and determination, nobody had the courage to tell him that he wouldn't be able to handle his old job. Moreover, they didn't know what to do with his demand to do a desk job just for an hour, when his job of a salesman required him to move around all the time.

3. Is 'it Irony of Fate' that Duke who had nursed Hooper back to normalcy, had to meet such a terrible end? Discuss.

Ans. When Chuck was admitted to the hospital after his accident, every effort made by the doctors and others had failed to cure his paralysis. The intelligent effort made by Duke had changed an impossible situation into a

possibile one. It is really an irony that he who had nursed Hooper back to normalcy, himself met with an accident. Just like Hooper, he was also hit by a vehicle. It is an irony that he who had been successful in bringing life to Hooper, himself could not survive and met with such a terrible end.

4. “Firm determination and strong will-power can achieve even the impossible.” How does this statement prove true in case of Chuck Hooper?

Ans. Tragedy is inevitable in human life. The only variable is what we do about it. Whether we choose to overcome handicaps or wallow in it, it is our choice. So tragedy proves to be the true touchstone of a person’s character. Chuck Hooper could have chosen to remain paralysed and not respond to Duke’s helpful gestures. Duke awakens what was lying dormant in Hooper’s mind, the will to fight back and emerge victorious.

Life had ceased to be cakewalk for Hooper. Misery, regret, depression had reduced him to a vegetable. When Duke offers challenges, it is Hooper who rises to meet them. Pain, exhaustion, frustration take their toll but ‘Never say die’ spirit spurs him on. Days and weeks stretch into months. Step by step planning, setting deadlines – all were strategies towards a greater objective. Hooper doesn’t want to remain an object of pity. Instead, he becomes an inspiration for others in his daily trek. Neighbours and passers by became testimony to Hooper’s daily progress towards sanity and normalcy. His pattern of progress is painful, stretches too long but in the end yields results. Hooper manages to walk not only to his office but is also ready to resume his duties. But he is not fit for a full day’s work. So he walks through the street, pulled faster and faster by Duke, to step up his endurance and stability. Life takes a full circle and Hooper becomes the Regional Manager. Destiny wishes him to move on in life, even without Duke. Though Duke was not with him in Hooper’s final triumph, but what he had imparted to Hooper had already become an inseparable part of Hooper’s psyche. Firm determination, perseverance and strong will can never be thwarted.

5. You are Charles Hooper. Write a page in your diary expressing your feelings the day you were appointed Assistant National Sales Manager.

OR

As Chuck you are in receipt of the order from the headquarters, announcing your promotion. Write a

page in your diary glorifying the role of Duke and how he was instrumental in getting you the promotion.

Dear Diary

25th August 2011

Today I am feeling happy as well as sad. I am feeling happy because I have been promoted as an Asst National Sales Manager, and sad because the one who made all this possible for me is no more in this world. I clearly remember the day Duke was brought home from the kennel where he was sent after my accident. After being paralysed, I had lost all hopes of my recovery but it was Duke who awakened my dormant will to fight back. It was he who always stood by me when I tripped while trying to walk. He helped me take my first step. It was he who made it possible for me to go to my office and restart my job. Even after Duke’s death, as a tribute to him, I continued my struggle to walk. Today I am overwhelmed because this is not an ordinary promotion but a very significant one as Duke’s efforts has changed an impossible thing into a possible one.

6. Marcy was not fond of dogs and more so of big dogs. Yet when Duke died, she was devastated. After many days she was able to pen down her feelings in her diary. Write a page of Marcy’s diary.

Dear Diary

Duke died an unnatural death and I am feeling devastated. I know that I am not very fond of dogs and more so of big dogs but Duke’s death has created a void in my life. I remember the day when Hooper brought Duke home against my wishes but later on he became an indispensable part of our life. It was he who made Hooper stand on his feet after every effort made by the doctors and others had failed to cure his paralysis. The intelligent efforts made by Duke has changed an impossible situation into a possible one. Duke was not only faithful and loyal but was also gifted with extraordinary powers of intuition, foresight, and in-depth understanding of human psychology. He knew exactly how he could accomplish the impossible task of making Chuck walk. It is irony that he who had nursed Hooper back to normalcy, himself met with an accident. Just like Hooper, he was also hit by a vehicle. He who had been successful in bringing life to Hooper, himself could not survive and met with such a terrible end. May God rest his soul in peace.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

(A) CONVERSATION/SPEAKING SKILLS

- Discuss in pairs about the various pets owned by the students.
- Compare and contrast
- Share it aloud with others.

(B) WRITING

Design a poster creating awareness regarding prevention of cruelty against animals.

(C) VISIT

Plan a visit to Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital at Rajouri Garden, New Delhi/or to any other Pet care centre.

- Organise and fix a date and agenda
- Observe the animals
- Share the outcome with others

(D) PROJECT

Make a project indicating the possibilities in which different pets can help the handicapped people.