

NCERT Solutions for Class 9

English

Chapter 1 – The Lost Child

1. What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? Why does he lag behind?

Ans: On his trip to the fair, the boy sees a lot of things that intrigue him. On the side of the road, he noticed a lot of toy stores. His mother offers him a nearby flowering mustard field to distract him from his toys. The child notices dragonflies and butterflies fluttering among the flowers in the fields. The insects and worms astonished him as he walked along the route. He heard cooing doves as he entered the forest where his parents were resting. As he and his parents approached the settlement, he noticed large throngs of people heading to the fair. As he comes closer to the fair, he notices a lot of shops converging on it. A sweetmeat vendor selling burfi and Gulab-jamun, as well as a flower vendor selling a garland of Gulmohar a short distance away. He notices a man selling rainbow-colored balloons as he walks forward. A snake charmer stood nearby, playing the flute to a snake. Finally, he saw a roundabout swing before losing sight of his folks. The child continues falling behind on the journey because he is interested in everything he sees along the way. He makes stops to buy toys and to observe the beauty of nature — collecting flowers and catching butterflies – at different times.

2. In the fair he wants many things. What are they? Why does he move on without waiting for an Answer?

Ans: Toys and balloons

- Burfi from the sweetmeat vendor
- Garland of Gulmohar
- Watching the snake charmer play the flute to a snake
- A trip on the roundabout are some of the things that children want at the fair.

Because he knew his request would be denied every time, the child went on without waiting for an answer.

3. When does he realize that he has lost his way? How have his anxiety and insecurity been described?

Ans: He realizes he's lost his way as he comes to a complete halt at the roundabout, which is bustling with men, women, and children having a good time. He turned to his parents, closely watching them, to ask for permission to go on the rounds, but they didn't respond. He turned around to look for them, but they were nowhere to be seen. He looked everywhere but couldn't find them. His nervousness and insecurity are beautifully expressed. The following is an account of his anxious moments:

With a violent jerk of his body, he raced from where he was, calling out in genuine fear, "Mother, Father." Tears streamed down his cheeks, and his hot face trembled with terror. Panicked, he ran from side to side, in all directions, unsure of where he was going. His turban had become unfastened, and his garments had become dirty.

In the tiniest aspects of his body language, the author has portrayed the dread and fear that a child feels in such situations. This allows the reader to emotionally relate to the child's situation.

4. Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

Ans: Because he was panicked after being separated from his parents, the lost child loses interest in the things he wanted before. He only desired to be reunited with them. All of the things that drew him to the fair have faded from his mind as he understands that being with his parents is more important.

5. What do you think happens in the end? Does the child find his parents?

Ans: Finally, the parents, who had been checking to see if he was with them from the beginning of their voyage, may have recognized he was missing and came looking for the missing child. The compassionate and caring man who tried to calm the small kid by offering him various items at the fair may have also inquired about his parents and assisted him in reuniting with them.

