

Revision Notes
Class 4: English
Chapter 5: Don't be Afraid of the Dark

Don't be Afraid of the Dark Revision Notes

- The Ruskin Bond poem Don't be Afraid of the Dark is a gentle way of telling kids why the night comes and not to be afraid of the dark.
- 'Little one,' the poet urges a young kid not to be afraid of the dark. When it's dark, the poet says, there's nothing to be afraid of.
- The poet asks to befriend darkness, and it is necessary for the sun to set after a long day so that the earth may rest at night and everyone can sleep quietly.
- In the night the stars and moon shine and they ever will.
- The darkness of the night can be befriended and must not be feared.
- We can think of multiple things at night like our friends who may be near or far.
- Even though in the day, it may seem the troubles are never-ending, everything is at peace at night.

Moral of the Poem

- Poem "Don't be Afraid of the Dark" by Ruskin Bond addresses ways to get over the fear of the dark.
- When one is afraid of anything the best way to deal with it is to befriend it.
- One can learn to rest from nature after a tiring day.
- We should appreciate both the sun and the moon, the light and the dark.
- Imagine life without the sun, there would be no life.

New Words Meaning with Examples of Don't be Afraid of the Dark Class 4

Word	Meaning	Examples
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Afraid	The feeling of fear.	One should not be afraid of anything.
Dark	A space with little to no light.	I can't see clearly its dark outside.
Rest	Recovering by relaxing or sleeping and not doing any work.	I am tired I need to rest.
Harsh	Rough on the senses.	The afternoon sun is really harsh in the summer.
Forever	For a long continuous period or always.	My parents are forever supportive of my dreams.
Troubles	A lot of problems and difficulties.	She faced a lot of troubles to be a world champion.
Cease	Bringing something to an end.	The company suddenly ceased production due to the pandemic.

Techniques Used in the Poem

Rhyming Words: Same sounding words when spoken together are called rhyming words.

- One- Done
- Never- Ever
- Fear- Near
- Cease- Peace

About the Poet

- Ruskin Bond is a well-known writer in India. He was born in Kasauli in the year 1934. He received his education in a Shimla school.
- Untouchability was his first story, which he penned in 1951. When he was 17 years old, he penned his first novel, "The Room on the Roof."

- He wrote a lot of children's books and stories. Blue Umbrella, A Flight of Pigeons, and Funny Sides Up are just a few of their well-known works.
- In 1999, he received the Padma Shri award, and in 2014, he was honoured with Padma Bhushan.
- Ruskin Bond is the father of English children's literature. In 1992, he became a Sahitya Akademi Awardee.
- Bond has written more than 500 short stories, articles, and novels, as well as 50 children's books.

Don't be Afraid of the Dark class 4 NCERT Questions and Answers

Reading is Fun

1. What is the poem about?

Ans: The poem is about overcoming the fear of darkness.

2. What happens when the day is over?

Ans: When the day is over, night comes and stars and the moon shine brightly.

3. What does the earth do when the day is over?

Ans: After the day is done the sun sets and the earth rests.

4. What does the poet want us to do at night?

Ans: The poet wants us to befriend the dark night.

5. Are these sentences TRUE or FALSE?

(a) The poet tells the child to be afraid when it is dark. _____

(b) The poet says that stars will always shine at night. _____

(c) The poet tells the child to think of friends after it is dark. _____

Ans: (a) False

(b) True

(C) True

Solved Example Practice Questions

Now with the knowledge of Don't be Afraid of the Dark Summary let us answer a few questions.

1. What does the poet suggest we can do at night?

Ans: He says that you can let your thoughts go wherever in the globe, near and far, at night. He encourages the little one to befriend the night and the dark rather than being terrified of the peace that the night brings.

2. Write at least three new rhyming words of the following words

Fear, Sun, Peace, Friend

Ans: Fear- Dear, Year, Ear, Hear

Sun- Run, Son, Ton, Fun

Peace- Niece, Piece, Police

Friend- End, Lend, Send, Trend

3. Are you afraid of the dark? If yes, Why?

Ans: I am not afraid of the dark. I find it very calm and quiet.

4. What do you do when it is dark?

Ans: I look up at the sky and try counting the stars and hear stories from my grandparents.