

UNIT-3B

Questions And Answers:

1. How is the 'child' different from the other children?

Answer: The 'child' is quite different from the other children. The child did not play with others rather stood aloof from the other children. And was crying bitterly as he couldn't climb up the tree. He cared the Giant and kissed him the moment the Giant took him up.

2. How does the narrator explain the idea of spring time? Pick out some expressions.

Answer: The narrator very vividly explained Spring. The time Spring came in to his garden, the tree broke into blossom and the birds came and sang o it. The garden was full of beautiful flowers. The tree in the farthest corner was full of blossoms. Few expressions are: a. Its branches are all golden and silver fruit hangs down from them. b. The tree broke into blossom. c. The birds sang.

3. What are the figurative expressions used in the play? List them and mention their significance.

Answer: In the play, Oscar Wilde has used extensive personification. The variety of personification he used is known as "pathetic fallacy". It is the literary term used mainly as a neutral name for a procedure in which human traits are ascribed to natural objects in a way that is less formal and more indirect than in the figure called personification. Expressions used in the play are- flowers, seasons, frost, snow and hail. • Flowers- it shows the softness of the children. • Seasons: the different seasons play different role in our life. According to different seasons, we human being have different feelings. Like, winter in the play gave only a chilling feeling to the Giant

and Spring never visited. The moment, the Giant became a kind character, Spring visited his garden and flowers bloomed. This shows that how happy he was after he cared the children and his life had become colourful. • Snow, Frost and Hail: All these shows the hardness of human beings.

4. What is the central theme of the play?

Answer: “The Selfish Giant” explores the theme of selfishness. The Old Giant and The Selfish Giant is the same character. The Giant was in the beginning very selfish but at the end of the story we see, when the child hugged the Giant and kissed him, the Selfish Giant turned into a kind character

