

Lesson Explanation:

The lesson is about the interview of Mr. Hafeez Contractor, one of the leading architects of India conducted by Bela Raja, Editor of Sparsh, a newsletter from the Resource Centre, The Valley School, Bangalore.

Mr. Hafeez in this interview had spoken about the nightmare he used to have about the maths examinations and that he won't be able to write anything in maths. But since the last year he stopped getting the nightmares as the psyche must have taken over that. Bela Raja asked him about the earliest memories of his school. Hafeez never was into studies, till standard 1 and standard 2 he was good but from third standard he stopped studying. He was always into sports and was extremely interested in playing, funny pranks, bunk classes and keep on playing with his friends. He completely lost interest in studies. He shared each and every memories of his school. He used to copy in class during exams. Once when he was in eleventh standard, his Principal called approached him and told him about how his mother worked hard to raise him up and brought him to that level. The Principal said that he had known him since day one and that he had taken care of him till then but since then it was his duty to take care of himself.

It was that year that Mr. Hafeez did not go to the field but only studied hard and managed to get good marks. Also, speaking about his school memories he said that he used to indulge in distraction as he did not want to study. He used to collect money from his friends and study and eat outside.

He used to be the gang leader and he used to involve in fights and students of junior classes used to book his books as his books were very rarely used.

