

WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL

English Literature. Class 6
Study Material

My mother by R.K Laxman tells us what a remarkable woman the author's mother was. He loved her for all that she was. He was always enthralled by her smiling and cheerful presence. She was a great storyteller and would read out and narrate mythological stories to them. She played tennis, badminton, golf and was a chess champion too. Nobody ever defeated her those days. She also played bridge and carrom. She was a wonderful cook and despite a number of servants in the house, she would love to experiment with a variety of recipes. But for all that, she did not know English. She was however, well versed in Tamil and Sanskrit. Even as a mother in law R.K Laxman says she did not fit the traditional mould ; she was just as friendly with her daughters in law and used to play cards with them. To the author, his mother was his best companion, teacher and guide.

Worksheet

Answer the following questions.

1. What made the writer's mother a remarkable woman?
2. What things did she do at home?
3. What were her hobbies?
4. What kind of sports did she enjoy?
5. Was she a good story teller? How do we know that?
6. Was she fond of reading? How do we know that?
7. What was her source of entertainment?
8. " Whatever I know I learnt from her."
 - (i) Was mother literate or illiterate?
 - (ii) What could she read?
 - (iii) How was she helped by her sons?
 - (iv) What stories did she relate?
 - (v) How does the writer feel about his mother?

From the end of the chapter answer 1 A, 1B, 1C, 2A and 2B.