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Lesson 23

Pambungad

*Magandang araw sa iyo, munting mambabasa! Handa ka na bang galugarin ang ating kwento ngayong araw? Sabay-sabay nating basahin ang librong **"The Little Prince"** isinulat ni **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**. Huwag mag-alala; gagabayan kita, kaibigan!*

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Book Title: The Little Prince (CHAPTER 23)

Author: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Source: BookRags Inc

THE LITTLE PRINCE: CHAPTER 23

Welcome Learner! This is AHA! Learning Center. You are going to learn chapter 23 of our story **"The Little Prince"**.

The merchant who sells thirst-quenching pills is a well-known modern figure. (Perhaps even more prominent today than in 1943. The great advertising slogan "I haven't got time for the pain" has become a modern day motto.) Today we will explore the concept of "wasted time" which is introduced in Chapter XXI as a major theme/thesis of this book, and re-stated again here in Chapter XXIII.

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LEVEL 1 VOCAB HUNT

TEACHER: Before we start our journey to learn what chapter 5 is all about, let's try to hunt some vocabulary words that can help us understand the story much better, and this means that we have to find out the meaning of the following words below.

1. merchant
2. quench
3. tremendous
4. leisure
5. computation

Do you find it hard? Go ahead and ask help from your friends!

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LEVEL 2: LET'S READ!

TEACHER: *I know it seems so long, but I know that you can do it!*

TEACHER: *Oh no! Before skipping, you might want to consider reading Level 2. You'll understand the story much better if you don't skip the level.*

"Good morning," said the little prince. "Good morning," said the merchant. This was a merchant who sold pills that had been invented to quench thirst. You need only swallow one pill a week, and you would feel no need of anything to drink. "Why are you selling those?" asked the little prince. "Because they save a tremendous amount of time," said the merchant. "Computations have been made by experts. With these pills, you save fifty-three minutes in every week." "And what do I do with those fifty-three minutes?" "Anything you like..." "As for me," said the little prince to himself, "if I had fifty-three minutes to spend as I liked, I should walk at my leisure toward a spring of fresh water."

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LEVEL 3: LET'S REVIEW

TEACHER: *This might help you understand the story!*

- The little prince meets a merchant who sells thirst quenching pills.

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LEVEL 4: LET'S TRY

TEACHER: *You have gone so far as a learner! Let's do the level 4 to see your ability to understand and remember. If you have your notebook and pen write the letter of the correct answer.*

151. How many thirst-quenching pills would one need in order to feel full of liquid, according to Chapter XXIII?

- (a) One pill a week.
- (b) Take two pills whenever you feel thirsty.
- (c) One pill an hour.
- (d) Take two pills and call the doctor in the morning.

152. What is the selling point which the pill merchant offers the little prince?

- (a) The pills save a tremendous amount of time.
- (b) The pills are cost effective.
- (c) The pills are necessary for a high quality of life.
- (d) Everyone is using these pills.

153. How much time per week can a person save by taking the thirst quenching pills?

- (a) One week per month is saved.
- (b) A day and a half each week.
- (c) Fifty-three minutes each week.
- (d) Five minutes every hour.

154. Who does the allegorical character of the pill merchant represent?

- (a) People who sell us things we don't need.
- (b) The physician and his team of nurses.
- (c) The pharmaceutical industry.
- (d) Wall street brokers.

155. The imagery of water is used in "The Little Prince" to represent the life-giving force, whether it is physical or spiritual. What then does this thirst-quenching pill represent?

- (a) The way we falsely feed our thirst with things that do not give us life.
- (b) The power of science.
- (c) The great advances of technology.
- (d) Progress in problem solving.

156. Is the little prince interested in buying the pills?

- (a) No. He would rather use the time to walk towards a spring of fresh water.
- (b) Yes. He thinks his flower will enjoy not having to be watered.
- (c) Yes. He is taking them with him as he goes back to the desert.
- (d) Yes. He thinks they will be a good investment and produce income.

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LEVEL 5: LET'S WRITE

TEACHER: *Getting tired? You are still awesome! you are done with level 4, let's try level five and have some fun.*

TEACHER: *Last wave na to! Wag kang susuko.*

- Write a paragraph about the pill merchant. What does he represent? Why does the author go back to this style of allegorical character now?

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CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE DONE WITH CHAPTER 23 SEE YOU TOMORROW FOR OUR CHAPTER 24!

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