

A LITTLE FISH STORY

Word Meanings:

1. Million- a very large amount or number; the number 1,000,000.
2. Contented- a state of peaceful happiness
3. Sea- the expanse of salt water that covers most of the earth's surface and surrounds its land masses
4. Believed- accept something to be true especially without proof
5. Mite- a very small animal similar to a spider
6. Thankful- expressing thanks or pleasure
7. Meshes- material made of a network of thread and wire
8. Floundering- struggle or stagger clumsily in mud or water
9. Splashing- a small quantity of liquid that has fallen or been dashed against a surface
10. Sunlight-light of the sun
11. Emptied- containing nothing
12. Wriggled- twisted and turned with quick movements
13. Slipped- lose one's foot and slide unintentionally for a short distance
14. Warning- a statement or event that warns of something
15. Haul- pull or drag with effort or force

Questions and Answers

1. How many fish are there in the sea? (1 mark)

Ans: There are a great many million fish in the sea.

2. Why was the little fish unhappy? (1 mark)

Ans: The little fish was unhappy due to its small size.

3. What happened to the fish one day? (3 marks)

Ans: One day, while swimming along with the rest of his school, the little fish found himself caught in the meshes of a great net.

4. Why was the fish thankful to be a little fish? (3 marks)

Ans: The fish was thankful to be little because the fish could escape the meshes of the great net only due to its mite-like size.

5. Who is the author of the story A Little Fish Story? (1 mark)

Ans: Enos B. Comstock is the author of the story 'A Little Fish Story'.

6. How did the small fish think of own self? (3 marks)

Ans: The small fish in the story 'A Little Fish Story' considered himself to be a mite of a fish. He thought of himself to be petty and negligible in the big, vast ocean.

7. How did the little fish escape the mesh? (2 marks)

Ans: The little fish wriggled through the mesh and jumped into the cool, clear water.

8. Why did the little fish never complain about being small? (4 marks)

Ans: After escaping the mesh, the little fish realized the advantages of being small. He got his freedom back and was happy about it. Hence, he never complained about his size.

9. Read the extract and answer the following questions: (4 x 1 mark)

“If I were only larger, how much happier I could be.”

- Where is the aforementioned line taken from?
- Who is the 'I' here?
- How could the speaker be happy?
- What is the antonym of 'larger'?

Ans:

- The aforementioned line is taken from the story 'A Little Fish Story'.
- The little fish is the 'I' here.
- The little fish could be happy only by growing bigger.
- The antonym of 'larger' is 'smaller'.
