

## The Lost Child

### Think about it

**Question 1.** What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? Why does he lag behind?

**Answer:** The child sees toys, a flowering mustard field, dragonflies, butterflies, doves, a huge crowd of people entering the fair, sweet shops, garlands of gulmohar, rainbow-coloured balloons, a snake charmer and a roundabout swing.

He lags behind because he is fascinated by the things he sees on his way to the fair. His parents constantly call him so that he does not get lost in the crowd. He would stop at the shops with a wish to buy them and sometimes would be amazed at the beauty of nature. That's why he lags behind.

**Question 2.** At the fair, he wants many things. What are they? Why does he move on without waiting for an answer?

**Answer:** The things that he wants at the fair are as follows:

- Balloons
- Toys
- Garlands of gulmohar
- Sweets from the sweet shop
- Watching the snake dancing to the tune of the snake charmer
- Taking a ride in the roundabout swing

**Question 3.** When does he realize that he has lost his way? How have his anxiety and insecurity been described?

**Answer:** When he saw the roundabout in a full swing, he made a bold request to his parents to take a ride on it. But, there was no reply. When he turned to look at his parents, there was no one. That is when he realized that he had lost his way.

His anxiety and insecurity have been described in a very heart-warming way. When he realizes that he has lost his way, a deep cry rises within his dry throat and with a sudden jerk of his body, he runs from where he stood. His face is convulsed with fear, and his eyes are full of hot and fierce tears. He runs in search of his parents in all directions crying, "Mother, Father".

**Question 4.** Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

**Answer:** The lost child loses interest in the things that he had wanted earlier because the only thing that he wants at that moment is his parents. He is panic-stricken and he just wants to be united with them again.

**Question 5.** What do you think happens in the end? Does the child find his parents?

**Answer:** I think the child would have found his parents in the end.

While he was lost, his parents would also have searched for him when they would have realized that he is not with them. The gentleman who was trying to console the child would have also asked for the description of his parents and would have looked around for them. Finally, the child would have been united with his parents with everyone's collective effort.