

## Solution

### THE BALL POEM

#### Class 10 - English Language and Literature

1. The poet John Berryman through his poem, 'The ball poem' has described the reality of life which everyone has to face one day. The sense of loss is the main idea of the poem. The sooner man learns to tolerate it, the better it is. When we lose something, we feel very sad. But later, we learn to live with it. The poet has touched on the topic of how to stand up against the miseries and sorrows of life.
2. 'A stitch on time saves nine'. 'The time that flies, comes back never'. So we should not waste our precious time because time doesn't work according to us best we need to work according to time we should utilize the present fully because we can't do anything about the time that has passed and the future is uncertain.
3. The ball was an easily available and inexpensive item but what made the ball different is the value attached to it. It was valuable for the boy as he had childhood memories associated with it. It was not an ordinary but a special ball for him. No other ball could take its place. Therefore, he was very sad to lose it.
4. The poem "The Ball Poem" has a very deep meaning conveyed beautifully by the poet through the medium of a boy who has lost his ball. The loss of his ball teaches the boy that in life, we often lose things and they cannot be easily replaced. Such lessons are a part of growing up, and everyone should learn to accept and let go.
5. The youngsters today suffer from 'No Mobile Phone Phobia'. Such people may become depressed due to the loss of their mobile phone. It is quite different from the grief experienced by the boy in the poem because the boy in the poem is not addicted to the ball. But today's generation is so much addicted to phone.
6. Losses are integral part of life. We must look at them in totality. First of all, we must always keep in mind that life's each and everything is God's gift for which we must be thankful. The things which God has given can be taken back anything. We must not be attached with these gifts. Once these attached gifts are taken away, we become sad we feel the lost thing is irreplaceable with any other things.  
The lost ball stands for the general losses a human being suffers as he grows old. The losses may be the loss of a personal possession or the death of a dear one or separation from a beloved one. As long as there is life, there will be many types of losses; what each one has to learn is bearing those losses.
7. Research has shown that losing games is helpful for children because it teaches them to show empathy and cope with experience of losing. They need to practice losing a competition in front of their peers. Children who do not experience losing can grow up to be anxious, because they start seeing the possibility of not winning and they cannot deal with situations that do not go their way. Losing a game is the only way for children to learn from their mistakes and think about strategies to improve when children improve their skills and win the next time, they do not only get better at the sport or game, but they also learn something new. Learning new things increase children's confidence and their self-belief and they start to be proud of their ability.
8.
  - a. It means that it is the nature of the people to accumulate lots of things or assets. But their all assets will be destroyed after a certain period of time.
  - b. 'Balls' refers to one's innocence and happy young days.
  - c. Money is external because it is superficial as it cannot buy happiness for us.
  - d. It means that once you lose your innocence you can never get it back.
9.
  - a. The word 'merrily' means happily.
  - b. the loss of his ball. He stands still, trembling and staring at his ball.
  - c. responsibility, by which he means to look after his things properly.
  - d. a world of possessions.
10. b. he wants the boy to learn the real truth of life.
11. b. The boy's
12. Interfere
13. d. To look after his things properly
14. **In a world of possessions** means that the world is full of materialistic things. Materialistic things are those things that bring comfort and luxury to our life.
15. **(b)** he has lost his ball and this is his first loss.  
**Explanation:** he has lost his ball and this is his first loss.

16. **(c)** It means to understand the nature of loss.  
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17. **(b)** that everyone experiences loss in life but one has to be strong.  
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18. The boy is learning to cope up with the loss.
19. Boy's eyes looks desperate as he is sad to see his ball gone forever.
20. **(b)** the boy should learn to take care of his things on his own  
**Explanation:** the boy should learn to take care of his things on his own
21. **(a)** He has lost his childhood memories associated with the ball.  
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22. **(d)** loss and gain is a part of life.  
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23. The boy learns to grow up and understands his first responsibility.
24. 'Balls' signify the boys' innocence and happy young days. It also means possessions or belongings which we keep parting with.

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