

Box and Cox-*John Maddison Morton*

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Textual question and answer

Q.1)why does Cox wants Mrs. Bouncer to change his bolster?

Ans:Cox wants Mrs. Bouncer to change his bolster because he could not sleep comfortably as he has seems to him to have a handful and a fall of feathers at each end and nothing whatever in the middle.

Q.2)Why does Cox suspect is using his stuff? Quote evidence from the play to support your answer.

Ans:Cox suspect Mrs. Bouncer is using his stuff. It is because for some time past Cox's coals go remarkably fast and it is not only the case with the coals but Cox has observed a gradual and steady increase of evaporation among his candles,wood,sugar and matches. Cox says,"I don't say I do, Mrs. B; only I wish you distinctly to understand, that I don't believe it's the cat. "

Q.3)Why does Cox say 'this gentleman's smoke instead of emulating the example of all other sorts of smoke, and going up the chimney, thinks proper to affect a singularity by taking the contrary direction? '

Ans: Cox uses this statement for Mr. Box. Cox says in front of Mrs. Bouncer when she said that the man in attic has the habit of smoking and that the man's smoke entered Cox's room. In this connection Cox is of the view that the smoke should have gone up the chimney but it was ridiculous that the smoke changed its normal course of flowing and entered his room.

Q.4)How is Mrs. Bouncer's idea of renting out the same room to two sets of lodgers 'a capital idea'?

Ans:Mrs. Bouncer letting the room to two different person who were of different profession. By this she was earning double income from the same room, which shows her greediness. She rented out her room to a printer who spent all night at his press and used the room only during day hours. While Cox, a hatter spent the day at his work place used the room only at night Mrs. Bouncer took the opportunity thinking it as "a capital idea". Practically nobody can imagine such a thing.

Q.5)As soon as Cox leaves the room, Mrs. Bouncer gets busy in the room. What does she do and why?

Ans: As soon as Cox leaves the room, Mrs. Bouncer gets busy in the room. It is because she rented out the

same room to two lodgers at the same time. So, when Cox leaves the room, Mrs. Bouncer gets busy to put Mr. Cox's things out of Mr. Box's way and arranging the room such a way that Mr. Box cannot understand that someone was in the room. She has to do all this so that Mr. Box could not suspect her.

Q.6)Who is Box angry with as he enters? Why?

Ans:Box is angry with Cox as he enters. Box complain Cox why the latter does not keep his own side of the staircase. He also admits that it was the fault of both of them. Box is angry because he was about to hit Cox on the staircase.

Q.7)When Box returns to his room in the morning he is (Tick the correct answer)

(a) cheerful

(b) exhausted

(c) energetic

Give reasons for your answers.

Ans:(b) Exhausted. Because Box works the whole night in a printing press. So when he returns to his room in the morning he feels sleepy and exhausted.

Q.8)Why does Box feel agitated when he starts cooking his breakfast?

Ans:Mr.Box feels agitated when he starts cooking his breakfast because he is unable to find his matches in the place where he kept. He finds it on the mantle piece but he finds only one stick. However three days ago it was full. Not only this but he also feels that his coals, candles and sugar were purloined by Mrs. Bouncer. He becomes angry to find his gridiron used by Mrs. Bouncer.

Q.9)Why does Cox come home early? What has he got for breakfast?

Ans:Mr.cox was eleven and a half minutes late for his shop in a considerable excitement and his employer gave him a holiday that day. That is why he comes home early. He has bought a mutton chop for his breakfast. He won't want any dinner.

Q.10)Though both Box and Cox start cooking breakfast, neither of them gets to eat any thing. Why?

Ans: Box purchased a leg of chicken before coming to his room. In an unhappy state of mind he placed gridiron on fire, and then with fork laid leg of chicken on the gridiron.