

THINK ABOUT IT

The Lost Child

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

Ans - Toys, sweets, garlands and balloons are the things the child sees on his way to the fair. He is attracted to his favourite things displayed in the shops. He stops at every shop to have a closer look at them. So, he lags behind.

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

Ans - The child wants to have a toy, sweets, a garland of Gulmohar and colourful balloons. He knows that his parents would not buy these things for him. So, he does not even ask for them and moves on without waiting for an answer.

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

Ans - The child wants to have a ride on a roundabout. He asks his parents for permission. When there is no response, he realises that he has lost his way. He could not find his parents anywhere. He starts crying bitterly. He runs here and there in search of his parents.

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

Ans - The lost child loses interest in the things that he had wanted earlier because he was panic-stricken on being separated from his parents. All he wanted was to be united with them. All the things that attracted him in the fair no longer appealed to him.

and now the only thing that mattered was finding his parents.

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

In ~~when~~ when the child was running here and there in search of his parents, a kind-hearted person rescued him. He must have tried to locate his parents. The man must have found them. The parents of the lost child also must have tried to locate the child. I think the child finds his parents.

Or

Although, this is not mentioned in the story, in the end the parents, who continuously kept checking to see that he was with them, may have suddenly realised that he was missing and came looking for the lost child. The kind and understanding man who tried to console the little boy by offering him various things at the fair may have also asked him for some description of his parents and helped him to be reunited with them.