
CLASS -X ENGLISH
NCERT SOLUTIONS-FIRST FLIGHT (POEM)
The Ball Poem

Answer

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Answer1: The poet wants the boy to experience the loss. He should learn that it is the part of life. That's why the poet doesn't want to interfere the boy and doesn't want to offer him money to buy another ball.

Answer2: Yes, it seems like the boy has had the ball for a long time. When it bounced into the water, all his memories of the days of childhood flashed in front of him. This led to a realisation that those moments would not come back, just like the ball. He can buy new balls and can similarly create new moments, but those that are gone would not return.

Answer3: In the world of possessions' means people like to possess all sorts of things in the world. Money is external because it can buy only material objects; it cannot buy everything that one loses.

Answer4: No, it seems that the boy had not lost anything earlier. The words that suggest so are 'senses first responsibility in a world of possessions'.

Answer5: The poet says that the boy is learning to cope up with the loss of the ball. He is experiencing grief and learning to grow up in this world of possessions. He learns that there are so many things in life that are to be lost and cannot be brought back. It is useless to feel sorrow for it.
