

Littera Public school

ENGLISH class – 4

Chapter – 1

What's your dream

**Learning outcomes :-**

- Read texts with comprehension, locate details and grasp the main idea.
- Infer the meanings of unfamiliar words by reading the main context.
- Engage in meaningful discussions with teacher / peers on a range of topics.
- Learn the use of collocations and understand concrete and abstract nouns.

**About the author :-**

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**Hard Words :-**

piercing  
beggar  
perched  
startling  
raggedy  
dreamer  
catapults  
promptly  
crowded  
freedom  
discard  
quickly  
greedy  
careless  
vanished  
territory

kingdom  
shuffled  
intoning  
verse  
insist  
wondering  
pondering

**Words meanings :-**

1. piercing :- having or showing keen intelligence
2. perched :- sat on something high or narrow
3. startling :- very surprising
4. raggedy :- shabby
5. catapults :- sticks shaped like a Y with a rubber band attached to it, used by children for shooting stones
6. promptly :- immediately
7. shuffled :- walked slowly without lifting the feet completely off the ground
8. insist :- demand forcefully.

**Theme of the story :-**

The story is about a young boy who always dream to have his own room. He always used to sit on the litchi tree and dream of his freedom. One day a old beggar came as and asked him about his dream. The boy get surprised that how this old man know about my dream and also get shocked that a beggar is speaking in English because at that time finding a English speaking beggar is rare.

The boy replied that I always dream about having my own room because in present time I have to share my room with my brother, sister and my aunt whenever she visits.

After hearing this the old beggar replied that you want freedom , a room of your own right, My friend there is no magic formula , if you want to achieve your dream you must work for your dream and move towards it all the time and discard all those things that come in the way of finding it. Do not expect too much anything quickly because dream takes time to come true, and never become greedy or careless about your dream because you never know how and when you lose it all. At last the old beggar said that follow your own dream don't take others dream or stand in anyone's way, don't take anything which are not yours. Work hard and make your dream come true.

