

CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature
NCERT Solutions
Footprints Chapter 10
The Book That Saved the Earth

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1. Why was the twentieth century called the 'Era of the Book'?

Ans: The twentieth century was often called the Era of the Book. In those days, there were books about everything, from ant eaters to Zulus. Books taught people how , when , where , and why to everything. They illustrated, educated, punctuated, and even decorated.

2. Who tried to invade the earth in the twenty-first century?

Ans: The Martians tried to invade the earth in the twenty-first century.

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1. What guesses are made by Think-Tank about the books found on earth?

Ans: Think-Tank's guess about the books found on earth was that they are some device meant for communication.

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1. Noodle avoids offending Think – Tank but at the same time he corrects his mistakes.

How does he manage to do that?

Ans: Noodle avoided offending Think-Tank, but at the same time, he very cleverly tries to correct his mistakes also. Whenever Noodle had to say something contrary to what Think-Tank said, he would present his thoughts by referring to them as being of no particular importance. In this way he would correct Think-Tank's errors without making him feel that he was being corrected. Noodle appears to be quite an expert in handling these kind of people.

2. If you were in Noodle's place, how would you handle Think –Tank's mistakes?

Ans: If I were in Noodle's place, I would have handled Think-Tank's mistakes the same way as Noodle does, politely and courteously.

3. Do you think books are being replaced by the electronic media? Can we do away with books altogether?

Ans: In a way, Yes, we can say that books are being replaced by the electronic media. Most of the children no longer read story books and prefer to watch television and use internet. Although textbooks are still there but they may soon be replaced by electronic version. Books have their own utility value because one can read a book at his own pace and a book does not need to be powered by electricity. But as the technology is advancing and newer versions of it are being discovered every day, a time may come when books will become a thing of the past.

4. Why are books referred to as a man's best companion? Which is your favorite book and why? Write a paragraph about that book.

Ans: Books are known to be as man's best companion. They can make us mentally strong, improve our vocabulary and enhance the horizon of our knowledge. Books can be our guide and best friend.

I love to read books, especially the ones that have children as their main character and the story highlights their psychology and how innocent the children could be. One such book is *Malgudi Days* written by a very renowned author R K Narayan. I love this book because the story revolves around the children. The way child's psychology has been depicted in this book is what gives me pleasure while reading this book.