



# ENGLISH

## BOOKS - FULL MARKS ENGLISH (HINGLISH)

### A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY

#### Passages For Comprehensions

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street with his mistress and I was shocked at his appearance. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner. His eyes, bloodshot and rheumy, stared straight ahead and his tongue lolled from his jaws.

Why was the narrator worried ?



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street with his mistress and I was shocked at his appearance. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner. His eyes, bloodshot and rheumy, stared straight ahead and his tongue lolled from his jaws.

Describe the appearance of Tricki.



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nothing Refused even his favourite dishes, and besides, he had bouts of vomiting. He spent all his time lying on a rug panting. Didn't want to go for walks, didn't want to do anything.

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How did Tricky spend his time?



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5. I made up a bed for him in a warm loose box next to the one where the other dogs slept. For two days I kept an eye on him, giving him no food but plenty of water. At the end of the second day he started to show some interest in his surroundings and on the third he began

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How did the doctor supervise Tricki on the first day?



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What change came in Tricki at the end of the second day?



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7. I walked through the house into the garden. A mass of dogs was hurtling round and round the lawn and in their midst, ears flapping, tail waving, was the little golden figure of Tricki. In

two weeks he had been transformed into a lithe, hard-muscled animal, he was keeping up well with the pack, stretching out in great bounds, his chest almost brushing the ground.

What was Tricki doing among a mass of dogs?



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How was Tricky transformed?



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9. During the excitement, I helped the chauffeur to bring out the beds, toys, cushions, coats and bowls, none of which had been used. As the car moved away, Mrs

Pumphrey leaned out of the window. Tears shone in her eyes. Her lips trembled. "Oh, Mr Herriot," she cried, "how can I ever thank you? This is a triumph of surgery!"

How did the narrator help the chauffeur?



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What did Mrs. Pumphrey say to Mr. Herriot and why?



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## Ncert Textbook Questions Solved

1. Why is Mrs Pumphrey worried about Tricki?



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2. What does she do to help him ? Is she Tricky ?



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3. Who does 'I' refer to in this story?



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4. No, Is the narrator as rich as Tricki's mistress?



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5. How does he treat the dog?



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6. Why is he tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?



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7. Why does Mrs Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "A triumph of Surgery"?



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8. What kind of a person do you think the narrator, a veterinary surgeon, is? Would you say he is tactful as well as full of common sense?





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9. Do you think Tricki was happy to go home?

What do you think will happen now?



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10. Do you think this is a real life episode, or mere fiction? Or is it a mixture of both?



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**11.** This episode describes the silly behaviour of a rich woman who is foolishly indulgent, perhaps because she is lonely. Do you think such people are merely silly, or can their actions cause harm to others?



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**12.** Do you think there are also parents like Mrs Pumphrey?



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**13.** What would you have done if you were: (i) a member of the staff in Mrs Pumphrey's household, (ii) a neighbour? What would your life have been like, in general?



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**14.** What would you have done if you were in the narrator's place?



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# Additional Questions Solved Short Answer Type Questions

1. Why was Dr Herriot really worried about Tricki?



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2. What special diet did Mrs Pumphrey give to build Tricki up?



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3. What was the only fault of Tricki as diagnosed by Dr Herriot?



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4. Why did Dr Herriot try to sound severe when he gave strict instructions to Mrs Pumphrey about Tricki?



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5. What plans did Dr Herriot make to get Tricky out of the house?



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6. How did Mrs Pumphrey react when she heard from the doctor that Tricky needed to be hospitalised for a fortnight?



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7. How was Tricky treated at the surgery?



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8. Describe the gradual progress of Tricky at the surgery.



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9. How did the word 'convalescing' affect Tricky's mistress, Mrs Pumphrey?



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10. Why was Dr Herriot tempted to keep Tricky on as a permanent guest?



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11. What excuses did Mrs Pumphrey give for not following Dr Herriot's advice? What was the effect of the ignorance?



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**12.** Why did Tricky become an uninteresting object for other dogs at the surgery?



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**13.** How did Mrs Pumphrey and her servants behave when Tricky was being taken away to surgery?



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**14.** How was Tricky accepted as a member of the gang and the other dogs started enjoying his company?



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**15.** Do you think that Dr Herriot was a sensible, practical and clever person? How?



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**16.** Wasn't Mrs Pumphrey an overindulgent but silly and impractical mistress?



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## Additional Questions Solved Long Answer Type Questions

**1.** Mrs Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Tricky, pampers her pet dog like a spoiled child. Comment.



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2. Give a brief character-sketch of Mrs Pumphrey.



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3. Give a character sketch of Tricky.



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4. Tricky was more than a dog. He was more like a spoiled child of overindulgent mistress, Mrs Pumphrey. Comment.



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5. Dr James Herriot was a competent veterinary surgeon. His practical approach and common sense helped in the rapid recovery of Tricky. Comment.



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6. Give a character sketch of Dr James Herriot.



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7. Why did Mrs Pumphrey, the mistress of Tricky, make a frantic call to the noted veterinary surgeon, Dr James Herriot? How did Dr James Herriot succeed in curing Tricky?



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8. Why did Dr James Herriot say that he was tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest? Give a reasoned answer.



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9. Describe Tricki's stay at Dr James Herriot's surgery, highlighting his behaviour and his rapid recovery.



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**10.** The foolish indulgence and pampering of the rich mistress, Mrs Pumphrey was the real cause of Tricky's miserable condition. Give a reasoned answer.



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