

CLASS - XII. SUBJECT- ENGLISHLesson-1 The Last Lesson

1] The people in this story suddenly realise how precious their language is to them. What shows you this? Why does this happen?

= Explain the following points -

- (1) Receiving the order from Berlin (2) What is the order (3) Realizing the value of their language (4) Quietness in the school (5) Students were earnest (6) Villagers attending the class (7) Feeling of regret by M. Hamel. (8) Regret by Franz: (9) M. Hamel's explanation.

2] Franz thinks, "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?". What could this mean?

= Franz uses it as a metaphor to mean that the French language was as natural to them as cooing was to the pigeons. Robbing them of their right to speak in their own tongue and forcing the German language would be not only difficult but next to impossible. Language is a tool for communication. Adopting a new language causes pain and discomfort.

H.W. (1) What did M. Hamel say about the importance of language to the enslaved people?
(2) How did Franz realize that announcement had left M. Hamel heart-broken?

Writing Task: Write a notice for your school notice board about the announcement of any of the forthcoming event.