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### About the Author

R. K. Narayan (1906-2001) was born in Madras (now Chennai) and was educated at Maharaja's College in Mysore. His first novel *Swami and Friends* became immensely popular amongst children. His novel *The Guide* won him the National Prize of the Indian Literary Academy. Most of Narayan's stories are set in a fictitious village in South India—Malgudi. Many of his stories have been adapted for screening on television. 'Swami' and 'The Talkative Man' remain two of his most famous characters.



### *Summary of Father's Help by R.K. Narayan*

On a Monday morning, Swaminathan was unwilling to go to school. He pretended that he had a headache. While his affectionate-mother was lenient, his father was very strict. So, Swami took other tactics and pleaded, he could not go to school so late and falsely accused his teacher Samuel of being a very angry man who would scold him severely if he was late in the class. His father seemed somewhat convinced. Swami had thought his father would see his point for avoiding school that day. But unexpectedly his father wrote a letter apparently about Samuel and asked Swami to go to school and give the letter to the headmaster before entering his





class. Swami began to feel really bad. He now began to think over the teacher again. His conscience pricked him that Samuel was not a bad man at all.



He felt guilty as it was because of him that his father had written a long letter about Samuel. He felt much grieved for his teacher. As Swami entered the school he planned to deliver the letter to the headmaster after the school hours. For, by then, he might have a chance to judge Samuel and see if the letter was justified. But Samuel was very nice to him.



He did not scold Swami for coming late, nor was he angry with Swami even when he could not produce his homework. Moreover, he appreciated the attitude of Swami's father against absenting from school. All this made Swami forget his reservations about the teacher and love him more than ever. Still, to be true to his father, Swami went to the headmaster's room after school hours.



He found to his relief, that the headmaster had gone on leave for a week. On his return, however, his father took the undelivered letter from his hand and tore it up, commenting that he knew Swami would not deliver the letter.

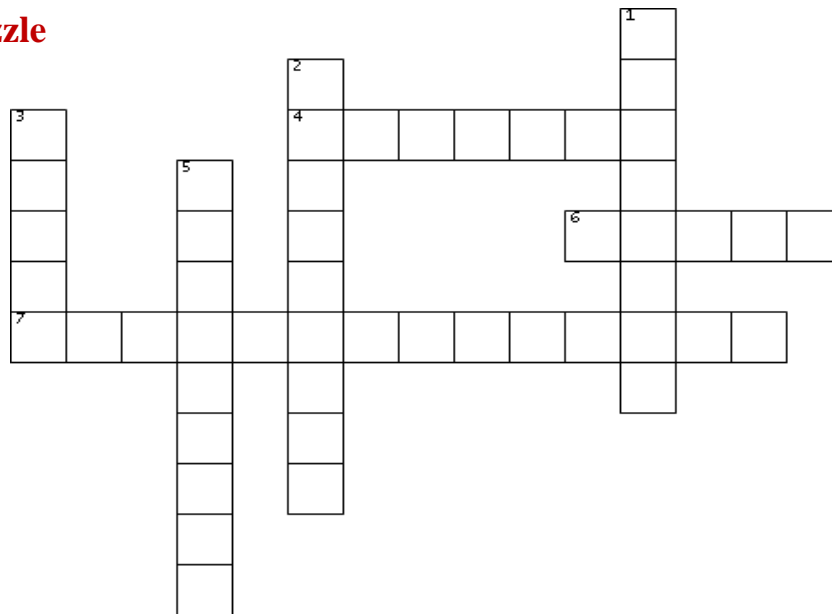


**Tick 'T' for true statements and 'F' for false ones.**

1. Swami did not want to go to school because he had a headache.
2. Swami's school began at 9:00 a.m.
3. Samuel taught arithmetic and history to Swami and his class-fellows.
4. Swami decided to fling the complaint letter written by his father into a gutter.
5. Swami was overjoyed at getting the complaint letter against Samuel.
6. Swami reached the school an hour late.

7. Samuel had two arithmetic periods with Swami's class on Monday.
8. Samuel gave Swami eight cuts of cane.
9. Swami delivered the complaint letter to the headmaster after the last bell rang.

### Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

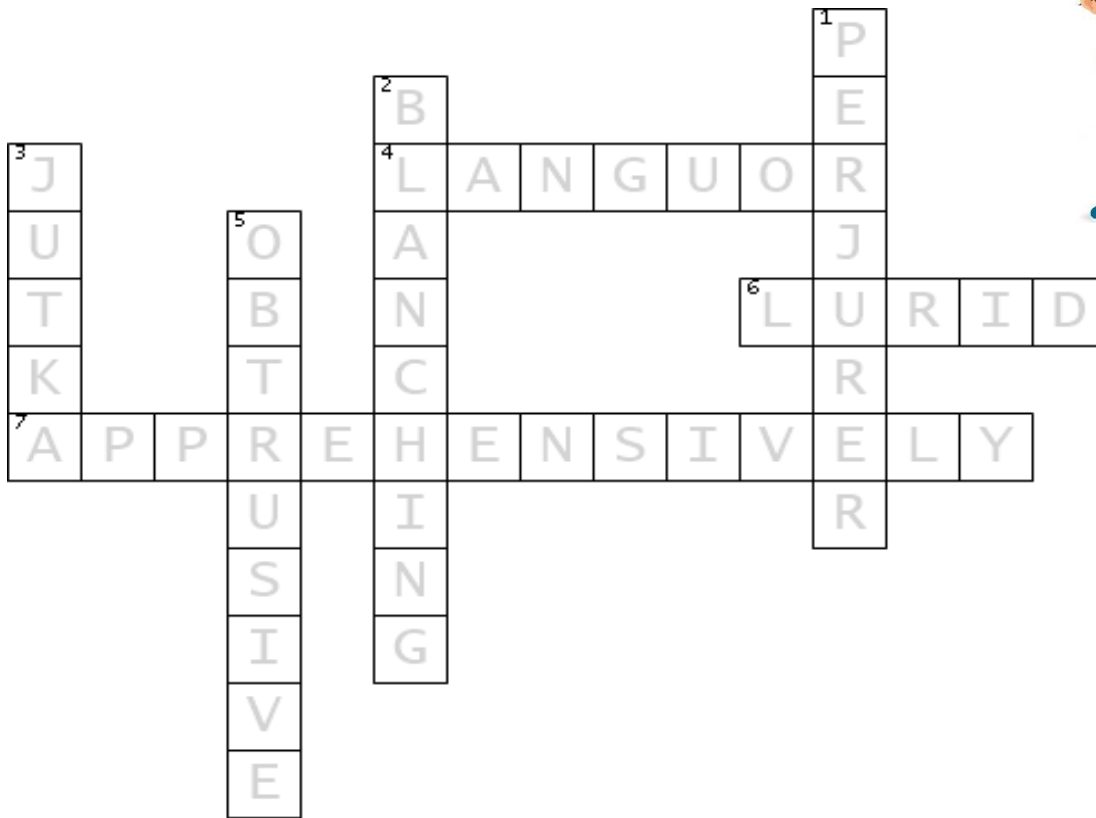
4. a state of being lazy or tired
6. shocking
7. in an uneasy way
5. prominent in an unpleasant

#### DOWN

1. one who lies
2. becoming pale because of pain
3. a horse-drawn carriage

Answer in the next page





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