

ONLINE STUDYMATERIAL

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CHAPTER – KAKU AND LAL HAWA

TOPIC: (ENGLISH READER)

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❖ ABOUT THE CHAPTER-

This chapter is written by Anubha Yadav. Anubha Yadav teaches at Delhi University. She is also a writer and a filmmaker. She writes for children and adults and her work has been published in many books.

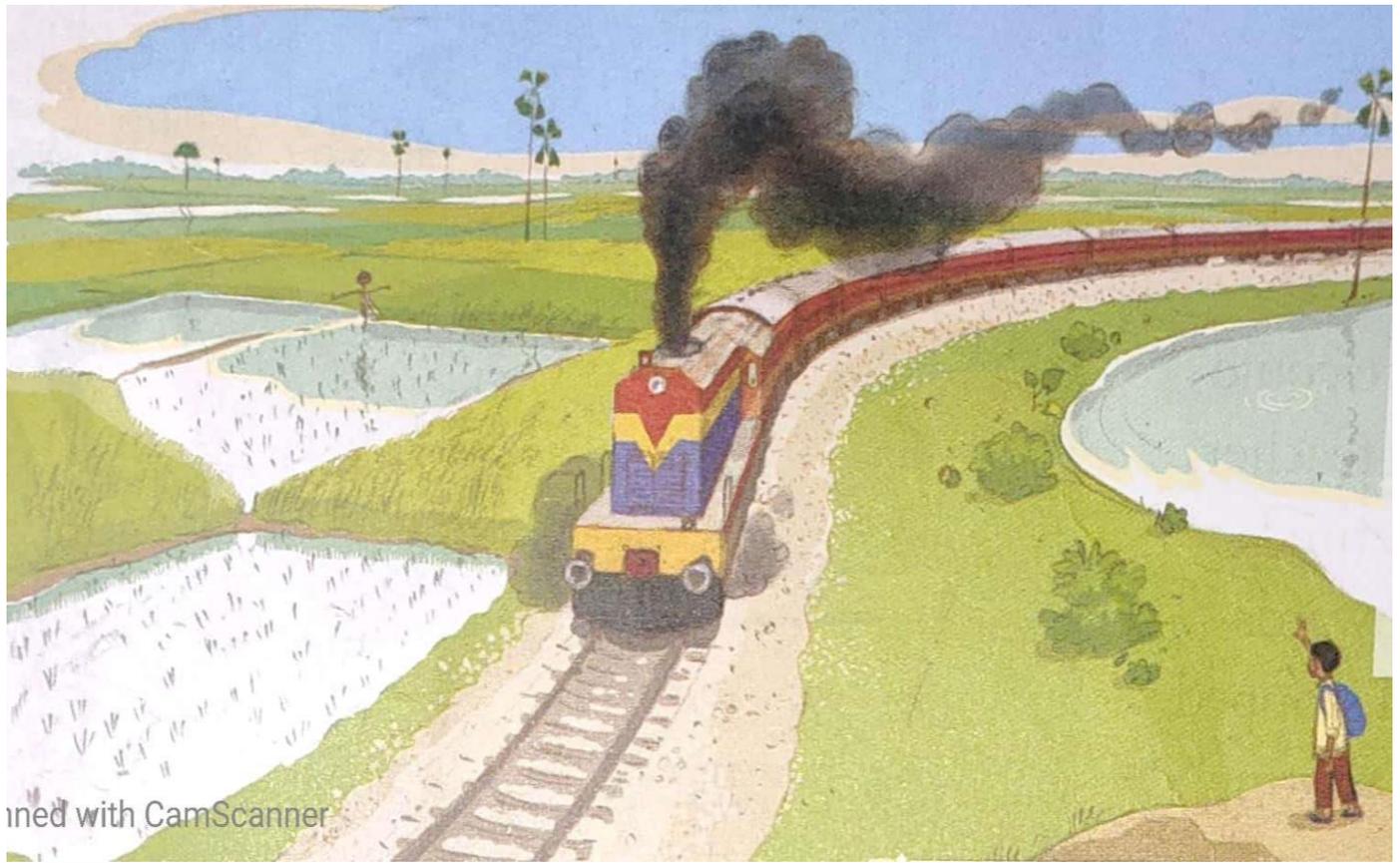
This story is about a small boy who every day waits for a train whose name he has kept as Lal Hawa. Every day while going to school he used to stand on a small hill and wave towards Lal Hawa. He liked the chuk-chuk sound of the train. He liked its red paint, fast moving wheels and every night he prayed for Lal Hawa to stop at his village at least once. This made him sad. But one day a magic happened for Kaku. Lal Hawa stopped at the station and Kaku climbed onto Lal Hawa which made him overjoyed.

❖ STORY IN DETAIL-

Kaku lived in a small village called Choti Dadi. Every day, Kaku had to walk to his school. He loved the long walk to school because he had made a new friend on his way. No one knew why he loved walking past the green paddy fields, the village lake and the old ground to reach school. No one knew Kaku's little BIG secret on the way to school – not even Amma.

Every morning Kaku would be ready in his school uniform, eagerly waiting for his tiffin box. As soon as he got his tiffin box, he would run out of the house to meet his friend – Lal Hawa.

As he crossed the paddy fields, soft chuk-chuk sounds greeted Kaku. He was happiest when he heard Lal Hawa coming. He always got the best view of Lal Hawa from the top of a small hill near the village lake. Kaku knew just the place when the speeding Lal Hawa would whistle. He believed, Lal Hawa said, "Hello" in its language when it whistled. Kaku whistled back, welcoming Lal Hawa. Standing on the small hill, Kaku saw Lal Hawa become bigger and bigger. In seconds, Lal Hawa covered the whole blue sky as it chugged forward. Kaku jumped with joy.



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He clapped and waved as Lal Hawa chuk-chuk-ed past him. As his eyes followed its magical wheels, he saw small hands waving to him. He ran along with Lal Hawa, waving back at the small hands.

Kaku loved meeting Lal Hawa every day. He liked its red paint, its fast moving wheels and the chuk-chuk sound it made, as it moved. Every night, he prayed for Lal Hawa to stop at his village-- just once.

One day, Kaku asked his school teacher, "Why doesn't Lal Hawa stop at Chhoti Dadi, sir?"

His teacher replied, "Kaku, our village is too small for the mighty Lal Hawa."

Kaku was sad. His Amma gently consoled him by saying, "Don't be sad, Kaku. I am sure Lal Hawa will stop here one day." But Lal Hawa never stopped. Every day it raced past the village lake, leaving Kaku alone on the small mud hill.



A few days later, Kaku reached the small hill as usual. He could see Lal Hawa approaching. Kaku closed his eyes and started praying that his dear friend would stop. His eyes were closed but he wondered why his ears could not hear the chuk-chuk of Lal Hawa. Startled, he opened his eyes. There, right in front of him, Lal Hawa had stopped! Kaku could not believe it!

Then, he heard a noise coming from the village. Everyone was running towards Lal Hawa, shouting and cheering. He could see his Amma, his school teacher, his friends, and the old retired railway guard hurrying towards Lal Hawa. Lal Hawa had stopped at Chhoti Dadi and was waiting to meet Kaku!

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❖ NEW WORDS-

1. Chugged- made loud noises while moving slowly
2. Paddy fields - fields where rice is grown
3. Mighty- strong and powerful
4. Consoled- comforted him when he was sad
5. Startled- shocked or alarmed

❖ SYNONYMS - ANTONYMS-

WORD	SYNONYM	ANTONYM
1. Mighty	strong	tiny
2. Old	elderly	new
3. Opened	unlocked	closed
4. Consoled	comfort	sadden

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❖ ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS-

1. What was Kaku's secret? Who did not know about this?

Ans. Kaku had a secret friend. Every morning while going to school he loved walking past the green paddy fields to meet his secret friend. Amma did not know about this.

2. What did Kaku loved the most about Lal Hawa?

Ans. Kaku loved chuk-chuk sound of Lal Hawa.

3. Why was Kaku sad?

Ans. Kaku was sad because Lal Hawa never stopped at Chhoti Dadi, the village where Kaku lived.

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4. **"Kaku could not believe it!"**

What could Kaku not believe? Why?

Ans. One day, Lal Hawa stopped at Chhoti Dadi station and Kaku was unable to believe it because Chhoti Dadi was a small station and the train was not supposed to halt there.

5. **"Lal Hawa was flying and so was Kaku!"**

What does 'flying' mean here?

Ans. Here flying means that Lal Hawa was moving so fast on the tracks that it felt like Kaku was also flying with Lal Hawa. He was so happy and he waved to everyone and enjoyed the company of Lal Hawa.

6. **"She had tears in her eyes."**

Why do you think Kaku's mother has tears in her eyes?

Ans. Kaku's mother was so happy to see Kaku's wish come true. It was her happiness that made her cry in joy for his son.