

Over 2000 years ago, in China there lived a boy called Confucius. When he was only three, his father died. His mother was very poor. In those days people had to pay to go to school and his mother did not have enough money to send him.

As Confucius grew up he wanted to learn things. So he decided to teach himself. Unfortunately he was a strange looking boy. The other children pointed and made fun of him. They called him names and laughed at him. Confucius got very upset, but he was a kind, gentle boy and did not fight back.

Confucius did not play with other children. He went to talk to holy men in the temple and learnt from them. He talked to artists and musicians and learnt from them. If he tried to do something difficult, he kept trying over and over again until he learnt how to do it. In this way the boy taught himself to read and write and learnt lots of interesting things. Confucius grew up to be a clever man.

Confucius became the mayor of the city of Changtu. People were very happy when he was their leader because he was a wise ruler. He used his abilities and skills in a sensible and fair way.

People sometimes call him the wisest man who ever lived. We still remember many of his wise sayings today.

Here are some of the sayings of Confucius:

Use your eyes and you will see many wonderful things.

Always remember to be well mannered and polite.

Always speak the truth.

Always play fair with others.

Do not do anything to other people that you would not like someone to do to you

Q.1 Answer the following questions:

a) How many years ago did Confucius live?

b) Where was he born?

c) What sentence tells you that Confucius never went to school?

d) Why did children laugh at Confucius?

e) Do you think the behaviour of the children was kind?

f) What kind of people did Confucius learn from?

g) What did Confucius do if he found something difficult?

h) In what ways was Confucius a wise ruler?

i) Which of the sayings of Confucius do you think is most important? Say why.

j) Write a suitable title for the passage.

Q 2. State whether 'True' or False.

a) Confucius was a very clever man _____

b) His father died when he was ten years old _____

c) Confucius always played with other children _____

d) People call Confucius the wisest man who ever lived _____

e) Confucius did not like to learn new things _____

Q 3. Circle the correct answer:

i. Confucius mother was very _____

- a) poor
- b) rich

ii. Confucius believed in always playing _____ with others.

- a) fair
- b) unfair

iii. Confucius became the _____ of Changtu.

- a) Mayor
- b) Ruler

iv. Confucius taught himself to _____

- a) read
- b) speak

v. Confucius is still remembered today because he was

- a) wise
- b) old



**Q 1. Look at the picture above. Sally was playing with her friends in the park.
Write what you think happened next. Give a title to the story**

Title _____

Q. 3. Write a composition on the following topic:

When I grow up I would like to be a

Q. 1 Underline the correct word in these sentences:

- a) The weather today is (best, better) than the weather yesterday.
- b) Jack's hat was (small, smaller) than mine.
- c) Susan's dress was the (prettiest, prettier)
- d) Sam is (shorter/short) than Jack.
- e) Sally's story is (more interesting/ most interesting).

Q 2. Fill in the blanks with the present or present tense of the suitable verb.

- a) Dad _____ to watch me play football. (come)
- b) I _____ to have lunch with my friend. (go)
- c) Jane _____ with her doll. (play)
- d) I _____ to the park yesterday. (go)
- e) The boy _____ up the ladder.(climb)

Q3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of verb from the box below.

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- a) He _____ come to my house today.
- b) Jim's father _____ the car carefully.
- c) I _____ a student in grade four.
- d) She _____ to the park in the afternoon.
- e) Jack _____ to the toy shop yesterday