

These questions are on Chapter 7 from “....saw them all watching wide-eyed like little children” to the end of the chapter.

If you haven't already, you might want to reread chapter 7 as a reminder of what has happened so far. Then, please choose your star questions below to answer in your book.

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1. What happened at the end of Lila and Lalchand's firework display?
2. How do you know the applause was loud?
3. Who won the prize?
4. Which character comes “strolling on to the grass in front of the Royal Platform”?
5. Why did Lila already know the people in Ramabashi's Melody Boys? Where have we seen them before?
6. Are the Melody Boys good at singing? How do you know?
7. What happens at the end of the story? Does Lila become a firework-maker? Did you think this was how the story would end?

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1. How do you know that Lila and Lalchand are pleased with their firework display?
2. How does Lila feel when she “gripped Lalchand's hand so tightly it nearly cracked”?
3. How do you know that the applause was loud? Use evidence from the text in your answer.
4. Why was the King tapping his foot when Chulak was talking to him?
5. Who recognises one of the Melody Boys? Why does she recognise him?
6. Why does Lalchand apologise to Lila?
7. What happens at the end of the story? Does Lila become a firework-maker? Did you think this was how the story would end?

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1. Was Razvani really there in Lila's firework? Why do you think the author writes that Razvani seemed to be there?
2. Find and copy a sentence that tells the reader Lila and Lalchand are not worried about the competition anymore and are just enjoying their fireworks.
3. Find and copy a word that has the same (or similar) meaning as the word 'walked'.
4. Why do you think it is a bad sign that the King taps his foot when Chulak is talking to him?
5. Find the definition of the word 'Locust'. Why is it funny that Lalchand thinks he says “Locust Bottom”?
6. What were the three gifts? Did Lila bring the three gifts after all?
7. Does Lila become a firework-maker at the end? Did you think this was how the story would end?