

Title.....Uncle Podger.

"Work to be done in English 2.exercise copy".

### Summary

The story revolves around Uncle Podger's inability to tackle a task alone. For a simple task of hanging a picture, he employs everyone to do his bidding. He makes a complete mess of things, and blames everyone for it. He wanted to hang a picture on the wall. Unfortunately, he took forever and goes through many tools and strategies to do this. It was not that complicated but he made it very difficult not only for himself but for others also. He employed each one in the family for helping him put the picture and then yelled at all. He would lift the picture and drop it and then would cut his finger and then hunt for his handkerchief. He would not find it as it was in his coat's pocket. After a lot of chaos and commotion he'd put the picture on the wall and feel proud of himself for accomplishing the task. The hung picture would be crooked and insecure and the wall around it in shambles.

Uncle Podger Hangs a Picture      29.03.20.

### Dictionary Work.

1. humorous      - very amusing
2. hilarious      -very amusing
3. messy      - a dirty or untidy work
4. commotion      - noisy disturbance
- 5 sixpen' orth      -six penny worth
- 6.hinder      - block ; hamper
7. charwoman      - a woman who cleans the house
8. grovel      - crawl with face downwards
9. spirit level      - a glass tube of liquid with an air bubble in it, used to show if a surface is in level.
10. grunt      -make a low sound with physical effort to show agreement
11. gaping      - stare at something with open mouth
12. sneer      - make fun of
13. at the critical moment      - just at the right time
14. mildly observe      - gently monitor
15. precipitated      - pressed
16. dead-beat      - very tired.
17. wretched      - miserable
18. sufficient      - enough

1. And don't you go, Maria, because I shall want somebody to hold me light; and when the girl comes back, she must go again for a bit of picture-cord;

a. Who is saying these words?

ANS: Uncle Podger is saying these words.

b. What is this person about to do ?

ANS: Uncle Podger is about to hang a picture on the wall.

c. What are the things needed by this person to do the job?

ANS: To do this job he needed nails, a hammer, a step ladder, a dining-room chair, a ruler, a spirit level, a light and some picture-cord.

d. Where has the girl gone?

ANS: She had gone to get some nails.

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2. 'There!' He would say, 'In an injured tone'. 'Now the nail's gone'.

a. What are the things already dropped or misplaced by Uncle Podger?

ANS: Uncle Podger had already dropped the picture frame and tried to save the glass but could not and he misplaced his coat.

b. Who are the people helping him ?

ANS: The people helping him are Will, Jim, Aunt Maria, the Charwoman, Tom and the girl.

c. What injury has he already done to himself?

ANS: The injury that he had already done to himself was he cut his finger when he dropped the frame.

d. Why does he speak in an 'injured' tone?

ANS: He spoke in an 'Injured' tone because he thought that its was not his fault, that the nail had dropped.

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3. At last, Uncle Podger would get the spot fixed again, and put the point of the nail on it with his left hand and take the hammer in his right hand.

a. Which spot is the narrator talking about?

ANS: The narrator is talking about the marked spot where Uncle Podger was going to put the nail to hammer it.

b. What happens after he takes the hammer in his right hand?

ANS: After he took the hammer in his right hand, he banged his thumb and the hammer fell down on someone's toes.

c. What does Aunt Maria say at this point?

ANS: Aunt Maria said that next time Uncle Podger would do this kind of work she would go to her mother's house and stay there for a week.

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Answer these questions:

1. What did Uncle Podger decide to do when the picture arrived ?

Ans. When the picture arrived from the frame makers, Uncle Podger decided to put it up by himself and said that no one should worry about it.

2. What preparations would he make before starting his job ?

ANS: Before starting the work he took off his coat and put it on a chair and then slowly began to involve every member of the family in the task.

3. Describe how Uncle Podger managed to cut his finger.

ANS: While lifting of the picture, clumsy Uncle Podger dropped it which caused the glass to come out. He tried to save the the glass and in the process cut his finger.

5. Do you think Uncle Podger does not give any credit to his helpers ? Give examples from the text.

ANS: It was obvious that Uncle Podger did not give any credit to his helpers. He says " I never came across such a set in all my life. Might just as well ask the cat to find anything than to expect you people to find it" .

6. What comments did Aunt Maria make during the whole activity ?

ANS: When Uncle Podger started using ungentlemanly language, Aunt Maria said that she would not allow the children to stand and listen to such language.

7. How long did it take Uncle Podger to hang up the picture? What was Aunt Maria's observation regarding this ?

ANS: It took Uncle Podger till midnight to put up the picture after tiring out the whole family. Aunt Maria gently commented that next time he would be undertaking a job like this she would like to go away to her mother's house and stay there for a week.

8. What would Uncle Podger say at the end ?

ANS: Uncle Podger took great pride in the way the picture was hung up and proudly remarked that he would not understand why people had to hire a man to do such a simple job like hanging up a picture.

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