

**PARAGON CONVENT SCHOOL**  
**SECTOR – 24 B , CHANDIGARH**  
**CLASS – VI ( LITERATURE )**  
**UNIT – I**  
**SECTION – III ( POEM – DEAR MUM )**

• **DIFFICULT WORDS**

1. mischievous
2. naughty
3. mysteriously
4. overflowed
5. strange
6. stain
7. self – raising flour
8. haunted

• **WORD – MEANING**

1. mischievous – causing or showing a fondness for causing trouble in a playful way
2. naughty – (especially of a child) disobedient , badly behaved
3. mysteriously – in a way that is difficult or impossible to understand , identify or explain
4. overflowed – the flowing over of a liquid
5. strange – unusual or surprising
6. stain – mark or discolour with something that is not easily removed.
7. self - raising flour – flour that contains baking powder
8. series – several events or things of a similar kind that happen one after the other
9. haunted – believed to be visited by ghosts
10. fit – ( here ) a short period of anger

• **LEARN TO READ ( Page no – 30 )**

1. What happened to the following things at home ? Complete the table.

a) The cup	_____
b) The blue vase	_____
c) The sink	_____
d) The washing machine	_____
e) The flour	_____
f) The new white carpet	_____

Ans) a) The cup – it went and broke itself

b) The blue vase – a crack appeared on it

c) The sink – it mysteriously overflowed

d) The washing machine – The cat turned on the washing machine from the inside

e) The flour – it managed to self-raise itself

f) The new white carpet – muddy footprints appeared on the new carpet

2. The child in the poem says \_\_\_ without me even turning on the tap , the sink mysteriously overflowed.

a) Is this possible ?

Ans) No , this is not at all possible.

b) What might have caused the sink to overflow ?

Ans) The child must have turned on the tap, which caused the sink to overflow.

c) Explain the meaning of ‘mysteriously’ in this line .

Ans) The child claims, in his letter to his mother, that the sink had strangely overflowed even though he didn't turn on the tap. This is why he uses the word 'mysteriously' in this line.

3. a) Which phrase suggests that the child might have caused the jam stain on the kitchen wall ?

Ans) The phrase that suggests that the child might have caused the jam stain on the kitchen wall is 'about the size of a boy's hand'

- b) Which lines suggest that the child is scared of his mother's reaction ?

Ans) The following lines suggest that the child is scared of his mother's reaction:

'So, knowing you are going to have a fit ,  
I've gone to Gran's house for a bit'.

- c) Which four words create a sense of mystery in the poem ?

Ans) The four words that create a sense of mystery in the poem are 'mysteriously' , ' strange' , 'magic' and 'haunted'.

4. Which of the things that the boy describes is most unbelievable ?

Ans) The most unbelievable incident in the child's letter was that of the cat turning on the washing machine from the inside.