

PARAGON CONVENT SCHOOL

CLASS-4

ENGLISH

NOVEL- DR. DOLITTLE (HUGH LOFTING)

CHAPTER-1 AND 2

SUMMARY

John Dolittle, M.D., a clever and popular doctor, lives with his sister, Sarah, in the small English town of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh. Fond of animals, the doctor keeps many pets in his small, charming house. However, his love of animals is getting out of hands. Their home is a mess and his sister is frustrated with it. Patients avoid coming to see him because of the animals and the only patient he is left with is Matthew Mugg (Cat's – Meat Man).

A suggestion from the Cat's-meat-man prompts the doctor to undertake a venture, starting with the understanding of the animal language. Dolittle's parrot, Polynesia, speaks to him, supporting the suggestion. She tells him that parrots speak both

human and parrot language, speaking a parrot language to him. Excited, Dolittle begins to study animal languages with Polynesia. He learns animal languages and gives up being a people's doctor entirely.

➤ **NOTEBOOK WORK-**

Q1: Who was Sarah? Why did she use to grumble about all the animals?

Ans: Sarah was Dolittle's sister. She used to grumble about all the animals because they made the house untidy.

Q2: How did Dolittle become poor?

Ans. Dolittle loved animals more than he loved humans. So, as the time went on, the Doctor got more and more animals and he had fewer and fewer patients. He had only one patient left at the last and he spent all his money to feed the animals. That is how he became poor.

➤ True or False:

1. Doctor Dolittle has a wife called Sarah. False
2. The doctor had a very large house. False
3. Sarah likes having animals in the house. False
4. Polynesia teaches Dolittle how to understand animal language. True