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The Book that Saved the Earth

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objective

- To introduce the concept of Aliens, Martians.
- To help the students think futuristically.
- To introduce the main ideas of a play.
- To enable the students to understand the plot and characters and sequence of incidents in the play.
- To appreciate the humour in the play.
- To enable the students to stage a play.

Squiggle- doodles

Unfold- clarify

Cockle shell- shell of a bivalve mollusk

Invasion- attack

Magnificent- glorious

Decipher- process of decoding

Haughtily- proudly

'The Book That Saved The Earth' is full of imagination. The different characters are the Martian living beings and the time set of the play is 25th century .The play tells us in detail as to how the book successfully saved the earth from Martian invasion .Think-Tank who is the mightiest and the most brilliant among all the Martians is the commander – in – chief. He commanded a space probe on the Earth to explore its mysteries in order to plan their assault. The invaders were obnoxious and arrogant and considered themselves far superior than humans whom they called 'Earthlings'.

The probe team consisted of Captain Omega, Sergeant Oop and Lieutenant Iota. The first place they entered was the Central Public Library. Looking at the building and its contents, Think Tank believed that it was a place that sold food.

The books were some sort of sandwiches for him. Trying to ascertain one Martian even bit off a piece from one book. Noodle then quipped that they were communication devices for ears. But since they did not make any sounds, he corrected himself and claimed that they were visual communication devices. The team decided to use some intelligence-enhancing capsules and tried decoding the text in one of the books. They opened a book of nursery rhymes with Mother Goose on the cover.

Iota read one rhyme and thought humans had taught their animals the mystery of music while Omega read the nursery rhyme which hinted that humans knew both mining and farming.



Finally, Oop opened and read the rhyme called, Humpty Dumpty'. The picture of Humpty Dumpty was similar to the appearance of Think Tank, the Martian leader.

Furthermore, the story had Humpty Dumpty having a great fall which Think Tank assumed as a direct threat to his Martian throne. Frightened by the prospect of a human invasion, Think Tank ordered the probe to return instantly and left the planet without any sign.

The historian further tells the audience that few centuries later the human race contacted their Martian neighbors once again and entered a peaceful arrangement of co-existence and friendship.

Martians had a new leader by then, the wise and compassionate Noodle
Humans also developed impressive and grand libraries on Mars to inculcate a love for reading in Martians. However, they could never get their hands on one particular book, the book with 'Mother Goose' on the cover.