

Class 4  
English Literature  
Chapter- CHIPS

Understanding the Text ( Answers).

A. 1. Mother asked the family if they knew what chips were because the foreign soldiers had just handed her a sack, and asked her to cook chips for their lunch. They had also told her that they would come to have their lunch at twelve noon.

A 2. The sack was full of big, new potatoes. The family was surprised because they had not seen such a huge number of potatoes since the war began.

A 3. Mother was worried because none of them knew what chips were. She was afraid that the soldiers would grow furious if she did not prepare their lunch as they wanted it. Grandma told her that they knew how to cook potatoes. She told Mother that they would peel the potatoes and boil them for the soldiers. They would use the potato peels to make a soup for themselves. The children washed and peeled the potatoes while she chopped them. Then, she hung the pot over the fire and poured in fresh water and the chopped potatoes.

A 4. The children brought juicy mushrooms and berries from the forest and added them to the soup, Grandma added some herbs to the pot. The soldiers had looked very excited about chips. The family was sure that it was a special food item and would not be the same as their simple potato soup. So, they added all these ingredients to make the soup more special

A 5. Mother did not want the soldiers to be disturbed or annoyed. She also wanted to protect her children and keep them safe.

A 6. The soldiers wanted chips, which were very different from the soup that Mother served to them. The dark-haired soldier grew furious immediately. The fair-haired soldier had one spoonful of the soup and spat all of it out, as he disliked the taste of the soup.

A 7. The children looked out of the window watching the soldiers leave. They made sure that the soldiers would not return. Once they were sure about that they added the potato peels and extra herbs to the soup. Then they dipped big pieces of the soldiers' rye bread into the soup and ate to their heart's content.