

Word-Meanings.

Suspicious — Mysterious

Mane — Shining fur

Emblem — Sign of dynasty,  
Symbol

Flourished — Fulfilled

Shriek — to shout loudly

Scurried — to go away hurriedly

Howl — Loud cry

Whiz — To make a hissing  
sound like an arrow

Jut — To project

Bowstring — String of violin

Fringe — Edge

Apparent — Clearly seen or  
understood

Feeble — Weak

Withered - Dull

Sighed - Took a deep breathe

Shabby-looking - Torn out, Poor looking

Grimly - Sternly, without mercy

Incarporate - Version

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### Comprehension Check

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Q1 What is the secret that Meena shares with Mridu in the backyard?

Ans The secret is about a cat which is found outside the gate that morning. They have kept that kitten behind a thick-bitter berry bush in the garden.

Q2 How does Ravi get milk for the kitten?

Ans Ravi tells his grandmother that he is very hungry and wants to drink

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milk. He drinks some of it in front of his grandmother and leaves some in the tumbler for the kitten. He then quickly goes into the garden and gives it to the kitten.

Q.3 Who does he say the kitten's ancestors are? Do you believe him?

Ans He said the kitten's ancestors was the Mahabalipuram Rishi-Cat, which was the emblem of the Pallava dynasty and the Mahabalipuram Rishi-Cat was descendants of the cat-goddess of Egypt. No, I do not believe him.

Q4 Ravi has a lot to say about M.P. Poonai. This shows that —

Ans. i) he is merely trying to impress Mridu.

Q5 What was the noise that startled Mridu and frightened Mahendran?

Ans It was the noise of Lalli's violin which she was trying to play but went completely off track.