

Chapter. 6

My childhood.

Q. How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?

Ans:- When he was only eight years the Second World War broke out in 1939. His brother-in-law Jallaluddin used to tell the latest news of the war. One day his cousin Sambuddin asked him to collect the bundles of the newspapers from the running train. He began to collect the bundles and thus he earn his first wages.

Q. Had he earned any money before that? In what way?

Ans:- When the Second World War broke out then a sudden demand for tamarind seeds erupted in the market. He used to collect the seeds and sell them to a provision shop on Mosque street. He said that a day's collection would fetch him the princely sum of one rupee.

