

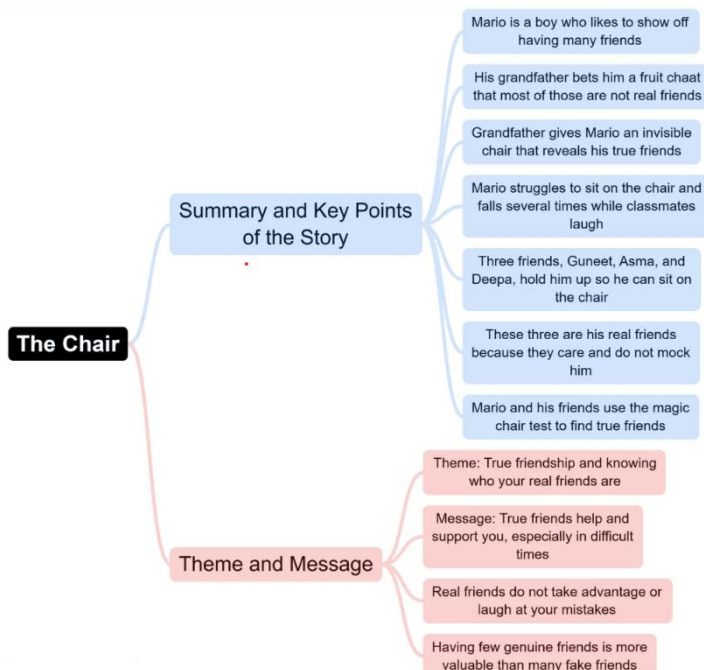


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Friendship is often tested in unexpected ways, and sometimes it takes a challenge to reveal who truly stands by us. Mario's story shows how appearances can be deceiving and how genuine friends are recognized through their actions, not their words.

Mario often boasted about his popularity and the number of friends he had. His grandfather, doubtful of these claims, gave him an invisible chair as part of a bet, promising fruit chaat as a reward. At school, Mario tried to sit on the chair but kept falling, while many classmates laughed. Eventually, he realized three friends—Guneet, Asma, and Deepa—were quietly supporting him. From this, Mario learned that true friends are those who help in difficult times. He admitted to his grandfather that he had lost the bet but gained something more valuable: the knowledge of who his real friends were. The story highlights that a few sincere friends are better than many superficial ones.



To be written in the Notebook:

I. WORD BANK:

1. **Challenges:** Difficult situations or problems that require effort or skill to overcome.
2. **Advantage:** A benefit, gain or favorable position; sometimes used to describe an unfair benefit.
3. **Genuine:** Real and sincere; not fake or pretended.
4. **Support:** To help or assist someone, especially during hard times or difficulties.
5. **Valuable:** Worth a lot; important or useful.
6. **Stand by:** To remain loyal to someone and help them when they need it.
7. **Mistakes:** Errors or wrong actions caused by poor judgement, lack of knowledge, or carelessness.
8. **Attic:** A space or room just under the roof of a house used for storage.
9. **Determined:** Firm and decided about doing something; not easily discouraged.
10. **Amazing:** Very surprising or causing wonder.

II. Answer the following questions in brief:

1. What was the bet about?

Ans: The bet was about whether Mario had real friends or just companions at school.

2. What happened when Mario sat on the chair for the first time?

Ans: When Mario sat on the chair for the first time, he missed and fell, causing laughter among his classmates.

3. How did Mario feel when he succeeded in sitting on the invisible chair?

Ans: Mario felt proud and relieved when he finally sat on the invisible chair. He was grateful to Guneet, Asma, and Deepa for supporting him and realized the wisdom in his grandfather's lesson about true friendship.



4. What did Mario do after finding out who his true friends were?

Ans: After realizing his true friends were Guneet, Asma, and Deepa, Mario went to his grandfather and admitted the bet was lost. He shared the experience with them, and together they celebrated by eating fruit chaat. From then on, Mario valued their loyalty and kept them close, knowing they would support him in times of need.

III. Answer the following question in detail:

1. How does Mario's grandfather help him learn the lesson of true friendship?

Ans: Mario's grandfather guides him to discover the lesson himself by using the invisible chair as a teaching tool. This safe challenge reveals who truly supports Mario when he struggles. While many classmates laugh, Guneet, Asma, and Deepa quietly help him, showing their loyalty. Through this experience, Mario realizes that friendship is built on trust, respect, and support rather than popularity. The grandfather's wise approach helps Mario gain a lasting understanding of valuing genuine friends.

IV. REFERENCE TO CONTEXT

"Mario tried sitting on the chair. Having difficulty seeing it, he missed and fell straight onto his backside. His classmates had a pretty good laugh."

1. Why did Mario fall when he tried to sit on the chair?

Ans: Mario fell because the chair was invisible, and he could not see where to place himself.

2. How did his classmates react to the incident?

Ans: Most of his classmates laughed at him instead of offering help.

3. What does this reaction reveal about the classmates?

Ans: It shows that many of them were not true friends, as they mocked him rather than supporting him.

4. What lesson does Mario begin to learn from this experience?

Ans: He realizes that genuine friends are those who help in difficult times, not those who laugh at mistakes.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR REFERENCE:

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Do you think the magic chair test was good? Why do you say so?

Ans: Yes, the magic chair test was good because it helped Mario distinguish between his real friends who supported him and others who laughed at his attempts.

2. What does 'friends for life' mean to you?

Ans: 'Friends for life' means having friends who are supportive, caring, and trustworthy, and with whom you share a deep bond that lasts through various life experiences.

3. What is the main theme of the article "The Chair"?

Ans: The main theme of the article "The Chair" revolves around the significance of a chair as a symbol of authority and comfort, exploring how it plays a crucial role in our daily lives and interactions.

LONG ANSWER QUESTION:

1. What did Mario's grandfather give him to test his friends?

Ans: Mario's grandfather gave him an invisible chair to test his friendships. The chair could not be seen and was hard to sit on, so when Mario tried to sit in front of his classmates their reactions would reveal who truly cared for him. The grandfather explained that those who helped Mario when he struggled would be his real friends, while those who laughed at him would not.

(a) "Take it. It's a very special chair. As it's invisible, it's rather tricky to sit on. But if you take it to school and manage to sit on it, then the magic will work and you'll be able to tell who your real friends are."

(i) Fill in the blanks with two words that describe the chair. The chair is _____ and _____.

Ans: The chair is special and invisible.

(ii) Why was it tricky to sit on the chair?

Ans: It was tricky to sit on the chair because it was invisible, so Mario could not see it and often missed the seat while trying to sit.

(iii) Why does Mario's grandfather call the chair 'special'?

Ans: Mario's grandfather calls the chair 'special' because it has the power to show who truly cares for Mario; it reveals who will help him when he is in difficulty.

(b) "Wait, wait, just a slight technical problem," he said, trying again. But again, he missed the seat, causing more surprised looks and laughter. Mario wouldn't give up.

(i) Fill in the blank with a suitable reason. Mario says there was a technical problem because _____.

Ans: he missed the seat, which made him fall instead of sitting down.

(ii) Mario's friends were very caring and helpful. State whether True or False.

Ans: False

Explanation: Most of Mario's classmates laughed and made fun of him when he fell repeatedly. Only three friends (Guneet, Asma, and Deepa) helped by holding him up. This shows not all his friends were caring and helpful.

(iii) Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

Mario wouldn't give up. This shows he is _____.

- a. strong-willed
- b. supportive
- c. loving
- d. hard-working

Ans: a. strong-willed Explanation: Mario kept trying despite falling and laughing from others. This shows he is determined and does not give up easily, so he is strong-willed.
