


SUMMARY (The Fun They Had)

This story is set in the **future (year 2157)** where children study at home using **computers and robots** instead of going to school.

 **Margie**, an 11-year-old girl, hates her school because:


- Her teacher is a **mechanical robot**
- She studies alone at home
- The lessons are boring


 **Tommy**, a 13-year-old boy, finds a **real printed book**. This surprises both of them because in their time, books are **digital (on screens)**.

 The book is about **old schools** where:

- Children studied together
- A human teacher taught them
- They had fun, discussions, and friendships

Margie becomes curious and even a little **jealous** of those schools. She starts thinking:

 *How fun those schools must have been!*

 At the end, while studying from her mechanical teacher, she keeps imagining the **joy of old schools**, and realizes what she is missing.

 **MAIN MESSAGE (Theme)**

- Technology cannot replace **human connection**
- Learning is more enjoyable with **friends and real teachers**
- Old methods of education had **more fun and interaction**

? IMPORTANT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

◆ Q1. Who are Margie and Tommy?

👉 Answer:

Margie is an 11-year-old girl and Tommy is a 13-year-old boy. They live in the future and study at home with mechanical teachers.

◆ Q2. What did Tommy find?

👉 Answer:

Tommy found a **real printed book** about old schools, which surprised both him and Margie.

◆ Q3. Why did Margie hate school?

👉 Answer:

Margie hated school because:

- Her teacher was a **machine**
- She had no classmates
- The lessons were boring and difficult

◆ Q4. What was special about the old schools?

👉 Answer:

Old schools were special because:

- Students studied together
- There was a **human teacher**
- Learning was fun and interactive

◆ **Q5. Why was Margie doing badly in geography?**

👉 **Answer:**

Margie was doing badly because the mechanical teacher was giving her **difficult tests**, and she was unable to understand properly.

◆ **Q6. What did the County Inspector do?**

👉 **Answer:**

The County Inspector:

- Checked Margie's mechanical teacher
- Found that the **geography section was too fast**
- Adjusted it to an easier level

◆ **Q7. What did Margie think about old schools?**

👉 **Answer:**

Margie thought that old schools must have been **very fun**, where children learned together and enjoyed studying.

◆ **Q8. What kind of teachers did children have in the past?**

👉 **Answer:**

Children in the past had **human teachers** who taught all students together in a classroom.

◆ **Q9. Why did Tommy say Margie didn't know much?**

👉 **Answer:**

Tommy said this because Margie thought all teachers were human, but Tommy knew about **mechanical teachers**.

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◆ Q10. What does the title “*The Fun They Had*” mean?

👉 Answer:

The title refers to the **fun children had in old schools**, which Margie imagines but cannot experience in her robotic learning system.

🧠 SHORT ANSWERS (Exam Ready)

- ✓ Mechanical teacher = robot teacher
- ✓ Telebooks = digital books
- ✓ Slot = place where homework is inserted
- ✓ County Inspector = person who repairs machines

🌟 EXTRA (Very Important for Exams)

👉 Difference between Old & Future Schools

Old School 🏠

Future School 🤖

Human teacher

Mechanical teacher

Study alone

Students together

Books (printed)

Telebooks

Boring & isolated

Fun & interaction