



## Embroidering Dreams With Her Feet Ila Sachani

### From text to thought-

#### Let's Recall

Fill in the boxes with Ila's art, work struggles, qualities and goals.

#### 1. Art:

Kathiawar embroidery; creating beautiful designs on cushions, bedcovers, pillows, etc., using a needle and thread with her feet.

#### 2. Work Struggles:

Born without functional hands; difficulty with everyday tasks like holding chalk or combing hair; threading a needle was an intricate and challenging lesson; initially felt left out from other children's activities.

#### 3. Qualities:

Determined; resilient; creative; courageous; hardworking; persistent; strong willpower; focused.

#### 4. Goals:

To be independent and self-reliant; to express herself through her art; to overcome her physical challenges; to train other women and inspire them; to achieve recognition for her unique skills.

#### Pick the best fit.

1. (c) Gujarat
2. (b) Her mother and grandmother
3. (d) Strong will power (All options are correct, but "strong will power" best encapsulates her ability to overcome the challenges)
4. (a) The President of India (specifically, the President's Medal)
5. (d) You should turn challenges into opportunities

### REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT

A. *"Ila Sachani's journey began in the quiet settings of Amreli, Gujarat, where she was born into a farmer's family. From the beginning, life presented its challenges, as Ila was born with her hands hanging loose by her sides. Unlike other children, she could not use her hands in the usual way. While other small hands drew figures in the sand or plucked wild flowers, she wondered why she could not join them."*

#### 1. What physical challenge did Ila face?

Ila was born with a condition that made her hands hang loose by her sides, meaning she could not use them in the usual way for tasks like other children.

**2. What did Ila wish to do?**

She wished she could join other children drawing figures in the sand, plucking flowers, or holding a chalk to draw on a slate.

**3. Where was Ila born and what was her family's occupation?**

Ila was born in Amreli, Gujarat, into a farmer's family.

**4. Who introduced Ila to the traditional art?**

Her mother and grandmother, who were skilled in Kathiawar embroidery, introduced her to the art form.

**5. Find the synonym of the word 'silent' from the passage and use it in a sentence of your own.**

The synonym is **quiet**

*B. "Word reached the government office in Surat. They were moved by Ila's story and impressed by her work. They decided to display some samples of her embroidery at a state exhibition. This experience opened new doors for Ila. People observed the beauty woven by her feet and readily purchased the creations. Ila was no more a hidden talent, but famous!"*

**1. How did the government officials learn about Ila's talent?**

Word of her unique skill spread through her village and reached the government office in Surat.

**2. How did the exhibition change Ila's life?**

The exhibition opened new doors for Ila; her talent was observed by many people, her creations were purchased, she became famous, and this experience eventually led to national recognition and financial independence.

**3. What values can we learn from Ila?**

We can learn the value of determination, resilience, perseverance, and how to turn challenges into opportunities with hard work and a positive attitude.

**4. What was the reaction of a people at the exhibition?**

People were moved by her story, impressed by her work, and readily purchased her creations.

**5. What skill does Ila have?**

Ila had exceptional skill in traditional Kathiawar embroidery, which she performed using her feet.

**THINK AND ANSWER-**

**Answer the following questions briefly.**

**1. Describe Ila's childhood.**

Ila's childhood was challenging because she was born with her hands hanging loosely, making her different from other children. She struggled with basic tasks and often felt left out because she could not join in activities that required hands, like drawing or playing.

**2. For Ila, embroidery became a way to express herself. Justify.**

Embroidery became Ila's medium of expression because it allowed her to channel her creativity and emotions into beautiful designs. Her art was a voice that transcended her physical limitations, enabling her to communicate her inner self and touch the souls of others.

**3. In what ways is Ila's life an inspiration for others?**

Ila's life is an inspiration because she has proved that disability is not inability. Her story encourages others to face their own obstacles with courage, believe in their potential, and understand that hard work and a never give-up attitude can lead to success and fulfillment despite major challenges.

**4. Family plays an important part in one's life. Elucidate with reference to Ila's life.**

Ila's family played a pivotal role in her success. Her mother and grandmother patiently taught her the intricate art of embroidery using her feet, while her parents helped her adapt to daily tasks like eating and combing. Their unwavering support and encouragement were fundamental to her overcoming her challenges.

**5. Write the character sketch of Ila.**

Ila Sachani is a remarkable and inspirational individual characterized by immense **determination, resilience, and creativity**. Despite being born without functional hands, she refused to be defined by her physical limitations. She displayed a strong **willpower** to learn complex tasks using her feet and master the art of Kathiawar embroidery. Her journey highlights her **courage and positive attitude**, transforming challenges into opportunities and ultimately achieving financial independence and national recognition.

**Attempt the following in 100-120 words.**

**1. Explain with reference to Ila's story, how success is possible even with disabilities.**

Ila Sachani's story is a powerful testament that success is indeed possible regardless of disabilities, provided one has determination, resilience, and support. Ila was born without functional hands, a significant physical challenge that made basic activities difficult and led her to feel left out as a child. However, she chose to embrace her unique situation and adapt. With the guidance of her mother and grandmother, she painstakingly learned to use her feet to perform intricate Kathiawar embroidery. Threading a needle with her toes was a difficult task, requiring immense patience and practice, but her perseverance paid off. Her skills eventually led to recognition at state and national levels, financial independence, and the prestigious President's Medal. Ila's journey proves that physical barriers can be transcended by a strong will, creative problem-solving, and the belief that any challenge can be turned into a victory.

**GRAMMAR-**

Look at the words in the box. Sort them into two groups - **Countable Nouns** and **Uncountable Nouns**. Write them in the correct box.

**book, water, chair, rice, apple, sugar, car, music, dog, information, flower, milk, house, gold, teacher, furniture, idea, knowledge, pen, air**

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book	water
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apple	sugar
car	music
dog	information
flower	milk
house	gold

teacher	furniture
pen	knowledge
idea	air

**Activity 1: Inspiration Portrait:**

To be completed independently by the students.

**Activity 2: 'Never-Give-Up' Cartoon Strip:**

To be completed independently by the students.