

Sub-English (Supplementary Reader)Text Book - Footprints Without FeetLesson No - 1A Triumph of Surgery (James Herriot)Summary

Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich and emotional lady who had a cute pet dog called Tricki. She loved him so much that she overfed him. Tricki had put on a lot of weight which made him lethargic. When doctor Herriot saw the fat dog like a bloated sausage, he was shocked. He made a plan and told Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki needed treatment for his ailment, which was possible only in the hospital. The doctor knew that Mrs. Pumphrey would not be able to keep the dog on a proper diet. When the greedy dog went to hospital, he had to remain hungry, if he was slow to approach for food. He was given food at fixed intervals. Soon, he shed off a lot of his body weight and became quite active.

When Tricki was at home, he was pampered by Mrs. Pumphrey. He led a luxurious life, where he was served with cream cake, chocolate and Horlicks.

But when he came to the doctor, he became <sup>(2)</sup> all right.  
When Mrs Pumphrey saw her active dog, she thanked  
the doctor and felt that it was a triumph of  
surgery.

## Assignment

1. Write summary in your copy / A4 sheets.
2. Answers these questions:
  - (i) why is Mrs Pumphrey worried about Tricki?
  - (ii) what does she (Mrs Pumphrey) do to help him? Is she wise in this?
  - (iii) who does 'I' refer to in this story?
  - (iv) How does the doctor treat the dog?
  - (v) why is he tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?
  - (vi) why does Mrs Pumphrey think that the dog's recovery is 'a triumph of surgery'?
  - (vii) Give a brief character sketch of Mrs Pumphrey.
  - (viii) write a brief character sketch of Mr. Herriot, the veterinary surgeon. what impresses you the most in him? Do you think he is a good judge of human nature?
  - (ix) Animals also understand the language of love. They have loving attitude towards their masters. Elaborate with reference to the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.