

# CLASS NOTES

Class: VI

Topic: IF I WERE AN ASTRONAUT

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If I were an astronaut

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I would fly to any planet of note,

Stake my claim forthright there,

And start dwelling without a care.

I would then breathe in air, fresh and pure,

For no pollution there will ever dare,

No grime or dust, smoke or smog,

For sure you will never face any fog.

I will roam at will, stroll at leisure,

Every place there I will treasure,

My time will be my own to spend,

No useless tasks will I attend.

Smoothly will I among the planets glide,

Seemingly effortless, my body will slide,

If I were an astronaut,

I would fly to any planet of note.

Reference to context:

1. Smoothly will I among the planets glide,  
Seemingly effortless, my body will slide,  
If I were an astronaut,  
I would fly to any planet of note.

- a. How will the poet glide among the planets?

Ans: The poet will glide smoothly among the planets and his body being weightless will move effortlessly.

- b. What does 'seemingly effortlessly' mean?

Ans: The poet is trying to say that the way he'll move among the planets will be seemingly effortless as in space his body will become weightless due to the absence of gravitational force. He has used the word 'seemingly' also to reveal the fact that it looks as if an astronaut moves freely without any toil in space, but

in reality it's an arduous task and it requires a lot of training to become an astronaut.

c. What does the poet mean by a 'planet of note'?

Ans: According to the poet, any planet of note means he would travel to a planet that is of some importance.

2. I will roam at will, stroll at leisure,

Every place there I will treasure,

My time will be my own to spend,

No useless tasks will I attend.

a. Where does the poet wish to 'roam at will, stroll at leisure'?

Ans: The poet wishes to roam around a planet of note according to his own wish and he also wants to take a walk on that planet whenever he is having free time.

b. Why is the poet telling us that his time will be his own to spend?

Ans: The poet expresses his desire to spend his time according to his own wish. The usual concept of day and night will not be there in space, so he'll follow his own schedule and will not be wasting any time doing useless works.

c. What does the poet mean by 'useless tasks'?

Ans: According to the poet 'useless tasks' are the worldly responsibilities and mundane works of life.

### **Think and Answer**

1. Why will there be no pollution, dust, smoke, smog and fog?

Ans: According to the poet, there will be no pollution, dust, smoke or fog as in space there is no movement of air. The planet where he'll dwell will not have any factory and human activities will not cause air pollution. Therefore, the air will be fresh and pure.

2. How can we know that the poet does not intend to return to earth?

Ans: We know that the poet does not intend to return to earth as he is stating that he will 'start dwelling without a care' on a planet of note.

3. Where will the poet stake his claim and start dwelling?

Ans: The poet stake his claim and start dwelling on a new planet where he will go as an astronaut.

