



TOPIC- The Cop and the Anthem

NAME _____ CLASS-V _____ DATES- 17/11/2020 to 27/11/2020

Learning Outcomes:

Each child will be able to:

- read and understand the story.
- Comprehend the text and answer at least three questions based on it.
- Learn to value the importance of hard work, truthfulness and sincerity in life.

Step 1: Let's watch this short story which tells us the value of hard work and sense of achievement.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfrY3O4e9zM&t=57s>

Step 2: Read the text 'The Cop and the Anthem' from My New Canvas Coursebook and underline important words and ideas.

(Please note the scanned pages of the lesson have been added towards the end of the E lesson Plan.)

Step 3: Revise the text through the following notes:-

The story " The Cop and The Anthem " by O. Henry is about a homeless man called Soapy who notices once in a cold night on his park bench that he has to try to do everything that is possible in order to get into prison for three months to survive the winter.

Attempts...

His first attempt to get there is to dine in an expensive restaurant and to tell the waiter afterwards that he could not pay the bill. When Soapy goes into the restaurant, the head waiter has him thrown out directly because of his outward appearance.

For his second attempt he throws a stone into a shop window. But this attempt also fails because the policeman doesn't believe that a real "lawbreaker" would still stay waiting to let himself voluntarily be arrested and when the policeman sees a man running along the road, he assumes that the running man must be the guilty person and pursues that man.

In his third attempt Soapy eats in a restaurant and says afterwards that he could not pay the bill. But the waiter doesn't call the police and isn't interested in Soapy anymore...

After this attempt also fails, he behaves as if he were drunk in the proximity of a policeman. But the policeman ignores Soapy because all the policemen had been informed that the students from Yale were celebrating a party that night.

End

When Soapy walks along the road, he suddenly stops in front of a church. The atmosphere created by the light shining through the coloured windows of the church and also by the organ music to be heard on the road outside the church makes Soapy start thinking about his life. At the same moment as Soapy decides to start a new life, a policeman comes towards him and arrests him because he was not allowed to stand there.

Soapy is condemned to three months in prison as he had wanted it all the time!

Let's recapitulate the lesson through the following exercises:-

(Please note that Ex. A and B are to be done orally)

A. Arrange the following events that happen in the story in correct sequence:-

- a. Soapy tries to get into a fancy restaurant but was refused entry.
- b. He throws a stone at the glass window of a shop.
- c. Soapy is a homeless man who decides to commit a crime to go to the prison for three months.
- d. In Blackwell's Island prison, food, bed and blanket were provided free to the prisoners.
- e. He is been thrown out on road for not paying the food bill.
- f. He tries to act like a drunk man and shouts in front of a theatre.

B. Find words from the story that convey the following meanings.

1. coming closer or nearer- _____
2. most wanted or needed desperately- _____
3. aim or reason- _____
4. to speak strongly in favour of anyone /anything- _____
5. a song of praise of God/ nation- _____

Please Note:- Ex. C, D and E to be done in English notebook .)

C. With reference to the context answer the the given questions :-

I. "Where's the man who did it?"

- a. Who said this and to whom?
- b. Who was the speaker looking for?
- c. Why didn't the speaker believe the listener?

II "What are you doing hanging around here?"

- a. Who said this to whom?
- b. Did the speaker trust him?
- c. What happened in the end?

D. Answer the following questions in short (40 – 50 words):-

- Q1. Why did Soapy want to go to the Blackwell's Island?
- Q2. How many attempts did he make to get into the prison? Was he successful any time?
- Q3. What brought a change in his mind? What did he decide to do from that day?
- Q4. Did Soapy deserve to be arrested in the end of the story? Give at least two reasons for your answer.

E. Select the correct option to complete the given sentences:

- i) Soapy hoped to spend the winter _____
 - a) by sailing away on a ship.
 - b) at his seat in Madison Square.
 - c) in the prison on Blackwell's Island.

- ii) The head waiter at the door of a large and brightly lit restaurant at Broadway Street didn't allow Soapy to enter the restaurant because _____
 - a) of Soapy's rude behaviour.
 - b) of Soapy's untidy hairstyle.
 - c) of Soapy's worn out shoes and the torn clothes.

- iii) Soapy's home was _____
 - a) a seat in a park in Madison Square Garden.
 - b) a bungalow in Madison Square.
 - c) in a church having coloured glass windows.

WORDLY WISE

clarify

glare

applaud

strategy

awkward

COLUMN A (Words)

1. strategy
2. applaud
3. glare
4. clarify
5. awkward

COLUMN B (Meanings)

- a. simplify
- b. difficult or embarrassing
- c. a plan of action
- d. stare in an angry way
- e. cheer or clap

(Please Remember:- This work is to be done in the Vocabulary Notebook)

Vocabulary Enrichment

Children, in this section we are familiarising you with the words which convey something that is more than ordinary. We need to replace these with a single word to make the language more compact and richer. Let's look at the words for this week.

very wet: dampened ----- The books got dampened due to heavy showers.

very wise: insightful ----- She offered some really insightful observations.

very annoying: bothersome----- The man with the hat is bothersome.

very crowded: cramped -----We should avoid visiting cramped places during a pandemic.

very careful: conscientious-----She is conscientious with regard to her duties as a captain.

Make use of these new words while conversing with others.

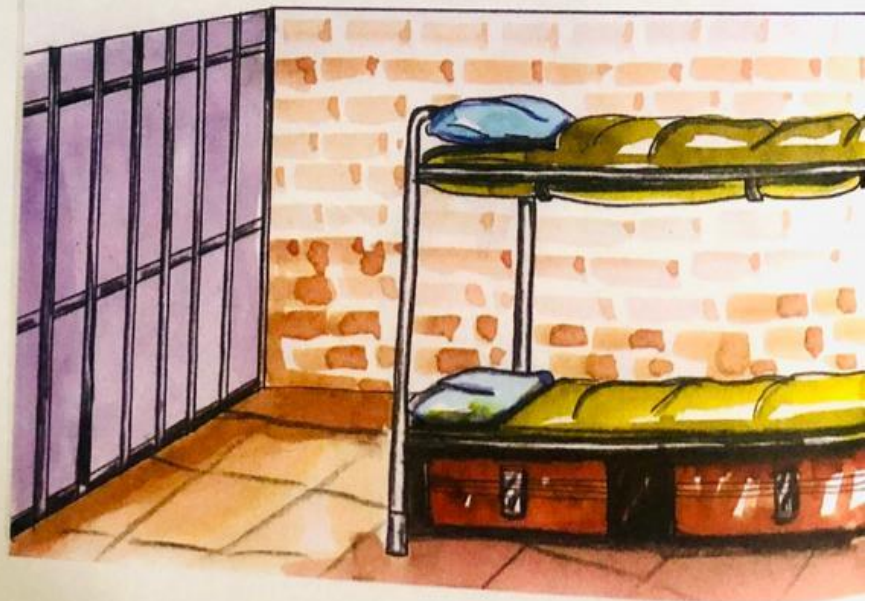
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Should we get what we want or what we need? What do you think is the difference?

Soapy moved endlessly on his seat in Madison Square¹. Winters were **approaching**. He had to find some way to take care of himself during the cold weather.

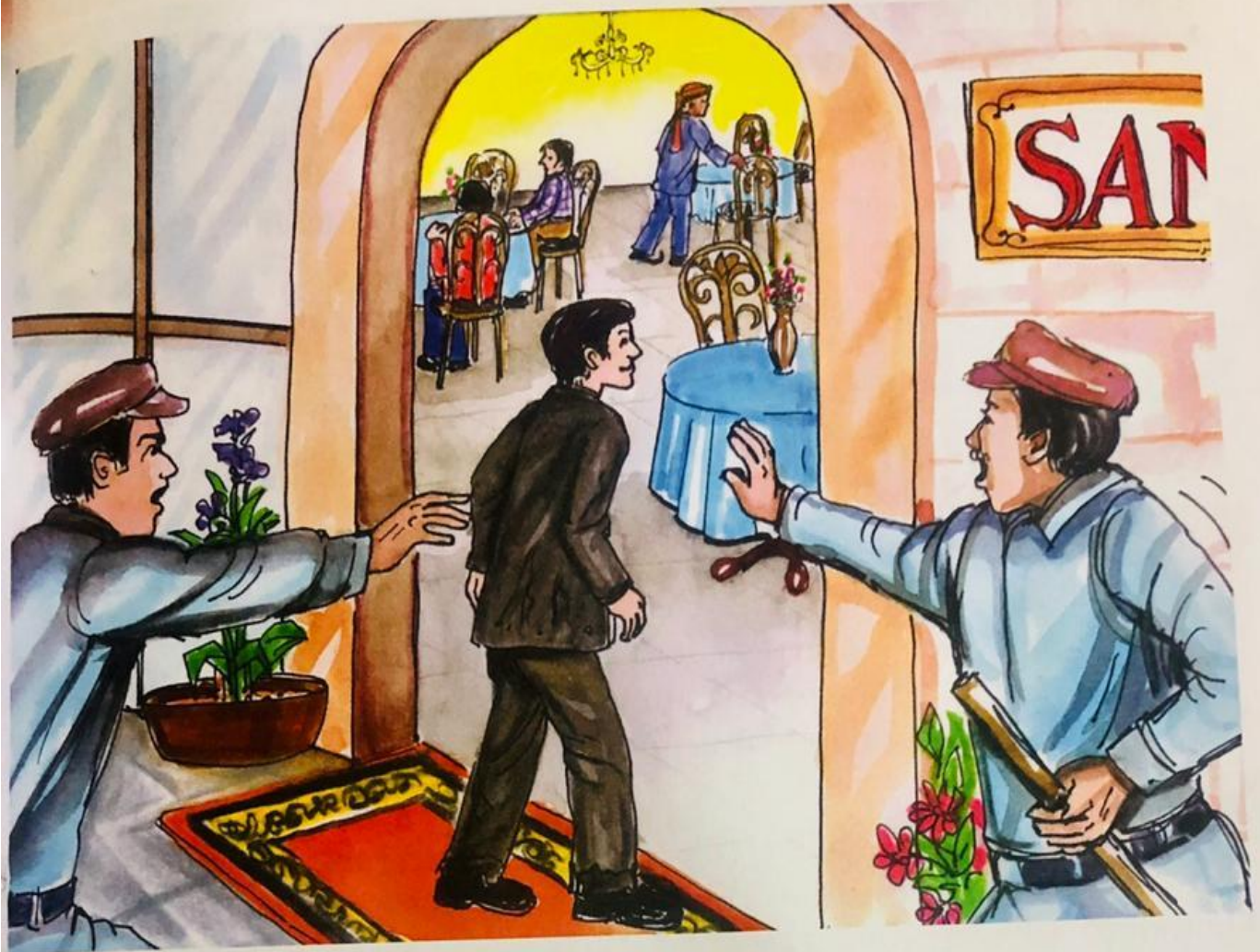
His hopes for the winter were not very high. He was not thinking of sailing away on a ship. Three months in the prison on Blackwell's Island² was what he wanted. Three months of food every day and a bed every night, three months safe from the cold north wind and safe from cops. This seemed to Soapy the most **desirable** thing in the world. There were many easy ways of doing this. The most pleasant way was to go and have a good dinner at some fine restaurant. Then he would say that he had no money to pay. And then a cop would be called. It would all be done very quietly. The cop would arrest him. He would be taken to a judge. The judge would do the rest.

Soapy left his seat and walked out of Madison Square to the place where the great street called Broadway and Fifth Avenue meet. He went across this wide space and started north on Broadway. He stopped at a large and brightly lit restaurant.



1 a place in New York City

2 a narrow island located in East River in New York



This was where the best food was served and the best people in the best clothes appeared every evening. Soapy believed that above his legs he looked all right. His face was clean. His coat was good enough. If he could get to a table, he believed that success would be his.

But as Soapy put his foot inside the restaurant door, the head waiter saw his broken old shoes and the torn clothes that covered his legs. Strong and ready hands turned Soapy around and moved him quietly and quickly outside again. Soapy turned off Broadway.

At a corner of Sixth Avenue was a shop with a wide glass window, bright with electric lights. Soapy picked up a big stone and threw it through the glass. People came running around the corner. A cop was the first among them. Soapy stood still, and he smiled when he saw the cop.

'Where's the man who did that?' asked the cop.

'Don't you think that I might have done it?' said Soapy. He was friendly and happy. What he wanted was coming towards him.

But the cop's mind would not consider Soapy. Men who break windows do not stop there to talk to cops. They run away as fast as they can. The cop saw a man further along the street, running. He ran after him. And Soapy walked slowly away. He had failed twice.

Across the street was another restaurant. It was not as fine as the one on Broadway. The people who went there were not as rich. The food was not as good. Into this, Soapy took his old shoes and his torn clothes, and no one stopped him. He sat down at a table and was soon eating a big dinner. When he had finished, he said that he had no money.

'Go, call a cop,' said Soapy.

'No cop for you,' said the waiter. He called another waiter. The two waiters threw Soapy upon his left ear on the hard street outside. He stood up slowly, one part at a time, and beat the dust from his clothes. Prison seemed only a happy dream. A cop who was standing near laughed and walked away.

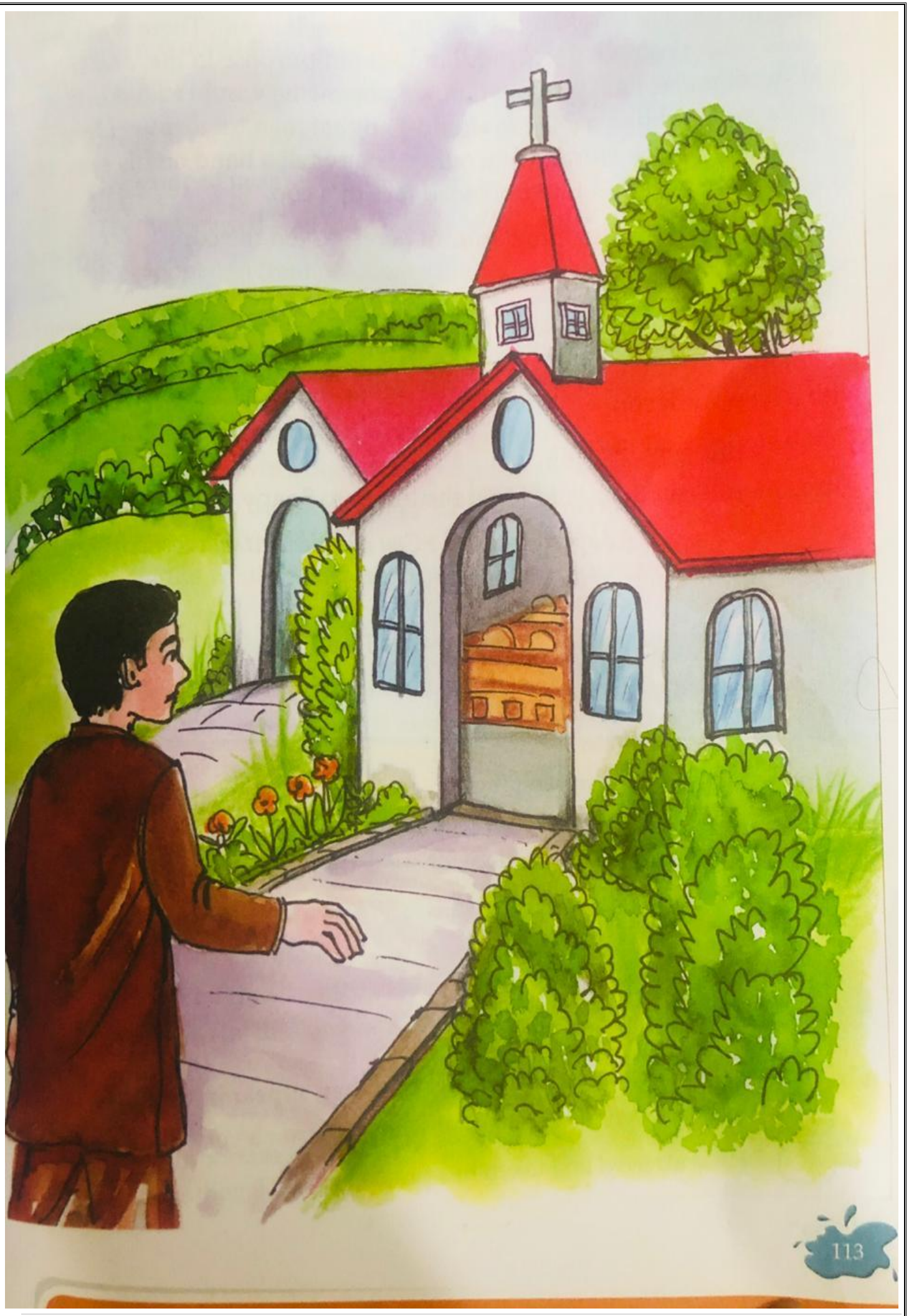
Soapy travelled almost half a mile before he tried again. When he stopped, he was near several theatres. He saw a cop standing in front of a big theatre. He thought of something else to try. He began to shout as if he had had too much to drink. He danced, he cried out.

But the cop turned his back to Soapy, and said to a man standing near him, 'It's one of those college boys. He won't hurt anyone. Let him shout.'

Soapy was quiet. Was no cop going to touch him?

At last Soapy came to one of the quiet streets on the east side of the city. He turned here and began to walk south towards Madison Square Garden. He was going home, although home was only a seat in a park. But on a very quiet corner Soapy stopped.

Here was an old, old church. Through one coloured-glass window came a soft light. Sweet music came to Soapy's ears and seemed to hold him there. And the anthem that came from the church held Soapy there, for he had known it well long ago. In those days, his life contained such things as mother and flowers and high hopes and friends and clean thoughts and clean clothes.



There was a sudden and wonderful change in his soul. He would fight to change his life. He would make a man of himself again. There was time. He was young enough. He would find his old purpose in life, and follow it. That sweet music had changed him. Tomorrow he would find work. A man had once offered him a job. He would find that man tomorrow. He would be somebody in the world. He would... Soapy felt a hand on his arm. He looked quickly around into the broad face of a cop.

'What are you doing **hanging around** here?' asked the cop.

'Nothing,' said Soapy.

'You think I believe that?' said the cop.

Full of his new strength, Soapy began to argue. And it is not wise to argue with a New York cop.

'Come along,' said the cop.

'Three months on the Island,' said the Judge to Soapy the next morning.

Adapted from *The Cop and the Anthem* written by O Henry

NEW WORDS

approaching

(here) coming

desirable

pleasing, something really wished for

hanging around

to wait a place for some time