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Lesson 9: My Son will Not a Beggar Be
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1. Read the following extract and answer the following question:
 But when I was three and a half, all these memories were expunged, and with the prolonged sickness (meningitis) I started living in a world of four senses – that is, a world in which colours and faces and light and darkness are unknown.

- a. Who is ‘I’ in the above lines?

- b. What did he suffer from in his childhood?

- c. What is meningitis?

- d. What does it mean, ‘I started living in a world of four senses’?

- e. Who could not sense the colour, faces, light and darkness?

2. Share two fond memories of your childhood.
 i. _____
 ii. _____

3. Write synonym and antonym of the following words

Word	Synonym	Antonym
expunge		
prolong		
convince		
atonement		
penance		
appalled		

4. Make a list of 5 adjectives from the passage

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5. Make list of 5 adverbs from the passage

6. Match the reaction of family members with them in the columns given below:

Family Member	Reaction
Mother	Left him weak
Father	Kept on weeping all the time
Sisters	Treated the narrator with care
Servants	Avoided because of superstitious views
Narrator	Happy for the good medical treatment

7. What did the narrator’s mother do to treat her child? Write any two points.

i. _____

ii. _____

8. What did narrator’s father decide for his son?

9. Write any three things that the narrator missed after losing his eyesight.

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

10. What did the writer mean when he said ‘the potentialities of a blind child’?
