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CLASS - VIII SUBJECT - ENGLISH TOPIC- If you Can't Go Over or Under, Go Around

B. Reference to Context:

1. a) The mole's grandpa spoke these words to the mole.

b) In these lines, the speaker is trying to say that this task the mole is doing is impossible. Although mole's head is made of bone, his brute force won't overcome the barrier made of solid stone, so he needs to find some more creative solution.

c) The tone of the speaker doesn't seem to be angry or upset. Instead, it is more instructive as he is offering advice on how to approach challenges.

2. a) He is a traveller. He was angry because a stream has blocked and crossed his way. His anger further rose because the stream wouldn't turn around to suit his whim.

b) He was determined to cross the barrier/stream directly right from where he stood, despite the receiving advice to find another way around.

c) The outcome of the man's determination was that he jumped violently into the stream, got overpowered by the stream's swift current and steep waters, and was about to be drowned.

C) Answer the following Questions:

1. The baby mole was sitting on his haunches and pouting to convey frustration and disappointment when he was hit by something hard while plowing dirt.

2. When the traveller saw the stream crossing his way, he became determined to cross it despite the obstacles and violently jumped right in.

3. The man was saved from drowning by the fisherman who dragged him out of the water. He was advised to go around or take an alternative route/ solution when he can't "go over or under.

4. Several examples are given in the poem to show the concept of going around obstacles.

- Instead of trying to climb over the high mountains, one can go around them by traversing through the valley.
- When faced with blocked streets. one can navigate through smaller paths/alleys.
- If the luxury passenger cars are full, one can opt for the less glamorous freight cars to continue the journey.
- When the main entrance is inaccessible, one can use the alternative ones such as the side gates.