

6th Standard English

Who Did Patrick's

Patrick hated doing homework. He found it boring. He was interested in playing games. He played, hockey, basketball and Nintendo. His teachers warned him that he must do homework. Otherwise he would remain an ignorant person. Sometimes, he really felt that he was so. But somehow, Patrick could not help it.

One day Patrick found his cat playing with a little doll. He took the doll away. To his surprise, he found that the doll was, in fact, a little man. This man wore old-fashioned britches. His hat was tall like a witch's. That little man cried, "Save me". In return he promised to grant Patrick a wish.

Patrick saved the little man. He was much pleased. He asked the little man to do all his homework till the end of the semester. That way he could get A's. The little man didn't like it, yet he agreed to do so. He began his work in right earnest. However, there was one difficulty. Very often, he needed Patrick's help in doing the homework properly.

Sometimes, the elf would ask for a dictionary. He would request Patrick to look up a word and speak its spellings loudly. When it came to Math, it was even worse. The elf did not know much of it. So, Patrick had to sit beside him and guide him all the time. It was the same thing with History. Patrick had to

go to the library, get the books and read them out to the elf. Then the elf would write those points in his homework answer-book.

Patrick had to do much hardwork. Finally, the last day of school arrived and the elf was free to go. The homework had, of course, been completed. Patrick got his A's. His classmates were amazed and his teachers smiled. His parents wondered how their son had become such a model kid. Patrick had, indeed, developed a whole new attitude.

Of course, Patrick thought that the elf had done his homework. But the truth is that he was all along doing it himself.

