

Rachel:here are you rushing off to?

Mike: Off to play!

Rachel: With whom do you have a match today?

Mike: With Bani and his team. Oh no, my bat! My bat has cracked. Good gracious! I bought it only last week!

Rachel: How often have I heard your bats creak and crack? Why don't you buy one of solid steel!

Mike: That sounds crazy. One can't play with steel bats.





Rachel: Then why don't you buy a bat of good quality? Mike :Rachel my sis, a good bat is made of willow tree wood. A bat has willow clefts but because of the shortage of willow trees, bat makers are switching to poplar trees as well. The cost of a poplar bat is 100 while that of a 'willow is 1000.' Rachel: I feel your bat is too weak to bear the impact of a leather ball.

Mike: My bat is of a good quality. It is made of a superior variety of Kashmir willow. Its high strength makes it ideal for cricket bats.

Rachel: Then what went wrong?

Mike: I can't really make out. I'll have to get back to the sportshop.

Rachel: I'll also come along. I've to get my badminton rackets repaired.

