Cheshire Cat Contest 2010. <u>Tasks 7-8.pdf</u> . 23. Explain: "He was parted from his parents"

This phrase is obsolete. I checked it out in Google Books. It was used earlier than the 20th century, also in the Bible. Maybe they just used a translation of The Black Hen by Pogorelsky. Then again, why do they want the new generation to learn an obsolete phrase?