

4. Tenaliraman and the Two Thieves

WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage carefully.

One day, Emperor Akbar and three of his bodyguards were hunting in a forest. The forest was quite far from the capital, the city of Agra. Emperor Akbar and his bodyguards were chasing a tiger. While chasing the tiger, they entered deep into the forest. It was late afternoon. At last, Akbar and his bodyguards decided to stop chasing the tiger. They were tired and thirsty. They considered it better to return to the capital.

Emperor Akbar and three of his men were returning slowly. At a point, outside the forest, they came where three roads met. Only one of these roads led to Agra. But, which one? Emperor Akbar who was leading the party, stopped at the point and looked puzzled. "Which one to take?" asked Emperor Akbar looking at them. None of them knew which road to take.

Just then, a young man came walking down along a road. Seeing the man, Emperor Akbar hurriedly called him, "Hey young man, we have lost our way to Agra. Please tell us which road goes to Agra." The young man laughed and said, "Huzoor, how can a road go to Agra? Can a road walk? People ride on a road and go from one place to another."

Hearing this funny answer, Emperor Akbar and others also began to laugh. "You're right, young man. A road never goes. Now, tell me which road will take us to Agra?" asked Emperor Akbar.

The young man guided him. "What's your name?" asked Emperor Akbar.

"Mahesh Das," replied the young man. "And Huzoor, you?" asked he.

Emperor Akbar took off a diamond ring upon which his name was written and gave it to Mahesh Das. "You're speaking to Akbar, the Emperor of Hindustan. We need fearless young men in our court. Bring this ring with you when you come and I will recognise you," said Emperor Akbar and rode towards Agra. Do you know who Mahesh Das was? He was wise Birbal, who later became one of the nine gems of Emperor Akbar.

A. Tick (✓) the right answer.

1. Who was hunting in the forest?

(a) Babar

(b) Akbar

(c) Sherkhan

2. Which was the capital of Akbar's kingdom?

(a) Delhi

(b) Lucknow

(c) Agra

3. Who was the young man talking to Emperor Akbar?

(a) Mahesh Das

(b) Bhagwan Das

(c) Ram Das

B. Write True or False.

1. Emperor Akbar was chasing a lion.

2. At a point outside the forest, they came where three roads met.

3. Emperor Akbar wanted to return to Gwalior.

4. Emperor Akbar gave a diamond ring to the young man.

5. Mahesh Das was known as Birbal.

GRAMMAR

A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate personal pronouns given in the brackets.

1. This is not the umbrella that _____ bought. (me/I)
2. Nora met _____ on the way to school, I suppose. (your/you)
3. Reena and Shruti are classmates. _____ sit together. (They/You)
4. Suhel looked at the moon in the sky. _____ shone brightly. (He/It)
5. The baby cried loudly. _____ was hungry. (He/It)

B. Complete the following sentences with appropriate possessive pronouns from the box.

theirs ours hers

1. This town is _____. We should keep it clean.
2. I found this pen under the desk of Shashi. I think it is _____.
3. The children have kept the bags in the cupboard. They are _____.

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Add the prefixes 'dis' or 'un' to the words given below and form new words that mean the opposite.

1. _____ popular

2. _____ respect

3. _____ please

4. _____ likely

5. _____ equal

6. _____ place

B. Write a short paragraph on the wit and wisdom of Tenaliraman.
