

7-THE HONEST WOODCUTTER



Once there was a woodcutter, who lived in a village. He was a very honest man. One day he was cutting wood with his axe. It was a very hot day. He felt thirsty and went to the river to drink water. His axe slipped accidentally from his hand and fell into the river. The woodcutter started crying.

(The River Goddess heard his cry and felt pity on him, she came out of the water.)

Goddess: Why are you crying?

Woodcutter : My axe has fallen into the river. What will I do now? How will I earn for my family?

(The Goddess went into the water and came out with a golden axe.)

Goddess: Is this your axe gentleman?

Woodcutter : No, no; This is a golden axe but my axe was made of iron.

(The River Goddess went into the water again and came out with a silver axe.)

Goddess : Is this your axe dear?

Woodcutter: No, no; This is a silver axe but my axe was made of iron.

(The River Goddess went into the water again and came out with an iron axe.)

Goddess : Is this yours?

Woodcutter : Yes, yes! This is mine.

Goddess : You are a very honest man. I am pleased with you. I will reward you for your honesty.



(The River Goddess gave all the three axes to the woodcutter.)

Woodcutter : Thank you Goddess! You have saved me and my family.

Honesty is the best policy

New Words

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
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honest -	आँनिस्ट्	- ईमानदार
axe -	एक्स्	- कुल्हाड़ी
slipped -	स्लिप्पड	- फिसल गया
golden -	गोल्डन्	- सोने का
silver -	सिलवर	- चाँदी
iron -	आइअ(र)न्	- लोहा
reward -	रिवाँ(र)ड्	- पुरस्कार देना

Comprehension Question

1. Answer the following questions :

- What was the woodcutter doing?
- How did his axe fall into the river?
- Why did the woodcutter start crying?
- Who came out of the water?
- Why was the River Goddess pleased?
- How did the River Goddess reward the woodcutter?
- Honesty is the best policy. Discuss.

h. The woodcutter's axe was made of _____

(i) gold (ii) iron (iii) silver

i. _____ came out of the river.

(i) River God (ii) River Witch (iii) River Goddess

Word Power

1. Write the opposites of the following words :

a. dishonest _____

b. come _____

c. cold _____

d. laugh _____

e. punish _____

f. sad _____

Language Practice

1. Material noun **is the name of a substance with which things are made.**

Example - cotton, plastic, milk, cement, silver

Choose the material noun from the box and fill in the blanks :

plastic, glass, wood,, gold marble, leather

- a. The chair is made of _____ .
- b. The ring is made of _____ .
- c. The red bucket is made of _____ .
- d. The Taj Mahal is made of _____ .
- e. The jacket is made of _____ .
- f. The window is made of _____ .

2. Answer the following questions in 'Yes' or 'No'. One is done for you :

Will you come to school tomorrow?

No, I will not come to school tomorrow.

a. Do you love to play outdoor games?

b. Is Aruna a good dancer?

c. Are the children going to watch a movie?

d. Were the boys playing football yesterday?

Activity

» Do you think that the woodcutter was right? Give reasons for your answer.

» What would you do if you find a pencil box in the playground? s