

3-SANJAY THE BRAVE BOY



Sanjay was a student of class 7. He lived with his parents in the village, Shantipur. He had lost one of his legs in an accident. He always felt that everyone looked at his leg and laughed at the way he walked. So he always tried to avoid people.

(One morning when Sanjay did not get up, his mother woke him up.)

Mother : Wake up Sanjay! You are getting late.

Sanjay : Mother, I don't want to go to school.

Mother : Why Sanjay?

Sanjay : I feel neglected maa. My schoolmates don't like my company.

Mother : My dear child, you are a strong boy. Don't lose heart. You have so many good qualities. A day will come when everyone will praise you.

Sanjay : (half heartedly) Okay mother. I'll go.

Sanjay walked slowly to the school. As he entered the school, he tottered and fell down. He noticed that the children were staring at him. Suddenly they burst into laughter. He felt miserable. He thought of his mother's words. He chinned up and went to the class.

During the break he tried to talk to Amit who sat beside him. "Your watch is very nice Amit", he said, but Amit turned away towards Vipin. Amit pretended not to have heard him. Sanjay moved closer to Amit so that he could be heard easily.

Sanjay : Hey Amit, which is your favourite game? Do you like swimming?

Amit : (without looking at him) Yes, I like swimming.

Sanjay : I also like swimming.

(Suddenly everyone stopped talking and looked at him.)

Arun : (in disbelief) Do you know how to swim?

(All the students started laughing.)

Sanjay was very upset. When he reached home that day, at once his mother came to know that something had gone wrong.

Mother : What happened son? Why are you so upset?

Sanjay : I will never go to school again. The students are not friendly with me. They don't even share anything with me.

Mother : Don't get upset son. Be friendly with them and very soon things will change.

The next morning, when Sanjay was going to school, he saw a girl drowning in the canal near the school. He immediately offered his crutch to the girl. She held it. The flow of the water was rapid. Sanjay caught the hand of the girl tightly. After trying hard, he could pull her to the bank. Sanjay was astonished when he saw the face of the the girl he rescued. She was Amit's sister, Rita. By then many people had gathered. Everyone was praising Sanjay.



The next day when he reached the school, the students were standing in a queue and were clapping for him. Every student wanted to talk and shake hands with him. Meanwhile, Amit came to him and said-

Amit : I am sorry, please forgive me for my misbehaviour.

Sanjay : It's okay. You are my friend. Don't feel sorry.

In the morning assembly, the principal of the school called Sanjay onto the stage. Sanjay stepped forward confidently onto the stage to accept the 'Bravery Award' of the year from the principal. Now Sanjay is everyone's favourite.

New Words/Phrases

Word Pronunciation Meaning

neglected - निग्लॅक्टिड् - उपेक्षा की

company - कम्पनी - साथ

half heartedly - हाफ् हा(र)टिडिलि - बेमन से

tottered - टॉटअ(र)ड् - लड़खड़ाया

burst into - ब(र)स्ट् इन्टू - ठहाके मारकर

chinned up - चिन्ड अप - कठिन परिस्थिति में प्रसन्न रहना

miserable - मिज़ब्ल् - दयनीय

pretended - प्रिटेंडिड् - दिखावा किया

drowning - ड्राउनिड् - डूब रहा है

canal - कनैल - नहर

crutch - क्रच - बैसाखी

astonished - अस्टॉनिश्ट् - आश्चर्यचकित हुआ

rescued - रॅसक्यूड् - बचाया

Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions:

- a. Why did Sanjay always try to avoid people?
- b. How did mother help Sanjay in building up his self-confidence?
- c. What did Sanjay do when he saw a girl drowning in the canal?
- d. How did the students behave with Sanjay after he rescued Rita?

2. Who said these and to whom:

- a. "You are getting late."
- b. "I will never go to school again."
- c. "Please forgive me for my misbehaviour."

Word Power

1. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box:

confidently, misbehaviour, queue, astonished, rescued

- a. The teacher does not like ___ in the classroom.
- b. The army ___ many people affected by flood.
- c. Ritu was ___ to see the beauty of the place.
- d. Ritesh entered ___ in the room for the interview.
- e. There was a long ___ of vehicles on the road.

2. un-, im-, dis-, ir- are added before some words to form their opposites. These are called prefixes.

Rewrite the following words with appropriate prefixes:

Words	Opposites
polite	<u>impolite</u>
comfort	_____
regular	_____
ability	_____
safe	_____
honest	_____

Language Practice

1. Write the negative and interrogative sentences of the given positive sentences. One is done for you:

Positive sentences	Interrogative sentences	Negative sentences
Rita sings well.	Does Rita sing well?	Rita does not sing well.
The curd is sweet.		
They will go to Delhi.		
He has written a letter.		
These roses are red.		
Nidhi has a doll.		

Activity

» Write a short paragraph on any act of bravery that you or your friend has ever committed.