

## Supplementary Reading

### 1. Rats, Cats and Cows



Once the kingdom of Vijaynagar was troubled by rats. King krishnadevaray decided to give a cat to each house to hunt rats. He gave a cow to each house to feed the cats. Tenali Raman thought that the whole idea was stupid.

Next day, Tenali Raman gave his cat hot milk in a bowl. The cat's tounge was burnt and ran away. The king inspected his kingdom. He was happy to see healthy cats everywhere. When he reached Tenali Raman's home, he was shocked to see a thin and weak cat. He asked, "Why is your cat so weak? He replied, "your majesty, my cat doesn't drink milk." Then he put a bowl of milk infront of the cat. The cat did not even look at the milk.

The king guessed what had happened. Tenali Raman said, "Tell me one thing, if the cats are well fed, will they hunt rats? Instead of giving milk to cats, we should give milk to our poor people. When cats will be hungry, they will definitely hunt the rats. The king liked the idea and ordered to give milk to the poor people. After some days the cats ate up all the rats. All the people became happy.

## PRACTICE

### 1. (A) Find the nearest meanings of the underlined words:

1. The king inspected all over his kingdom,  
a. supervised                      b. was careful                      c. met people
2. The noble king liked the idea.  
a. appreciated                      b. disliked                      c. neglected

### 1. (B) Find the meanings of the following words from a dictionary and note them:

1. fault \_\_\_\_\_
2. folly \_\_\_\_\_
3. mistake \_\_\_\_\_
4. houseboat \_\_\_\_\_
5. houseful \_\_\_\_\_
6. guard \_\_\_\_\_
7. gatekeeper \_\_\_\_\_
8. watchman \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. (A) Answer in one or two words:

1. Who was the king of Vijaynagar? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who thought the king's plan was stupid? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who got milk at the end? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Tenali give to the cat? \_\_\_\_\_



### 2. (B) Answer the questions:

1. Why Tenali give hot milk to the cat?
2. Do you like Tenali Raman's problem-solving skill?
3. Do you think Krishnadevaray is a good king?
4. Why did the cats not eat rats in the beginning?