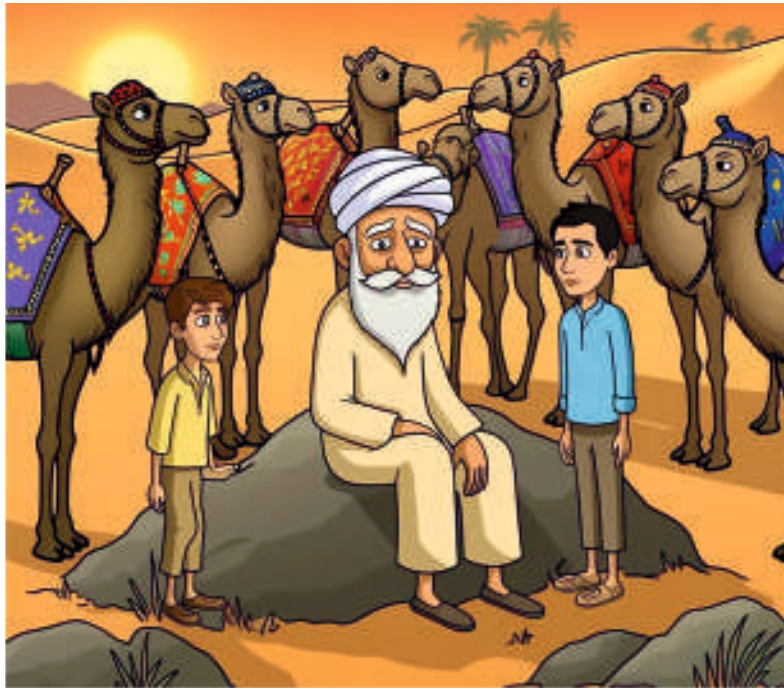


2. 17 Camels



Once a group of villagers came to Mulla Nasiruddin. They had a problem that they could not solve. The Sarpanch's son, Raja said, "I'll tell you what the problem is. My father has made a will. In that he has written that I should get half of his property and the rest should be divided equally among these four cousins," Mulla said, "Ok. What is the problem, Raja?" Raja said, "We have divided the land and other properties according to the will. But the problem is with the camels."

Mulla said, 'What is the problem with the camels? Why don't you divide them also in the same way?' Raja said, "We can't do it because we have seventeen camels."

Mulla said, "Oh, I see your problem." Mulla thought for a while and said "Please, wait here. I'll be back in a moment."

In a short while, Mulla came out with his own camel. Mulla said, "My camel can solve your problem." Everybody was surprised. They thought Mulla must be joking. They thought, "When the entire village could not solve the problem, how can a camel do it?" Mulla said, "Make all the camels stand in a line. Add my camel in it." Raja said, "Mulla, do you want to gift us your camel? That would be very nice." Mulla said, "I have no plan of doing anything like that. Just do as I say and your problem will be solved." Then one clever boy counted them and said, "There are eighteen camels." Mulla said, "Now divide it by two." The boy said, "Eighteen divided by two is equal to nine, Raja will get nine camels and the cousins will get nine camels."

Mulla said, “That’s right. Now divide the nine camels equally among the four cousins.” The villagers said, “But Mulla, what about you? You will lose your camel.”

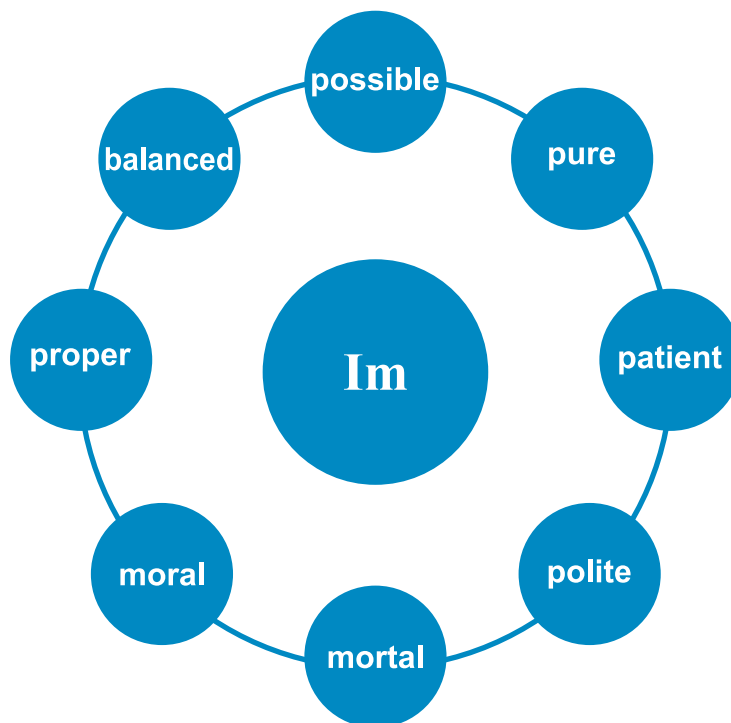
Mulla said, “Let’s see. You first divide the camels and then we can decide what to do.” The boy said, “Two camels for each cousin. But it leaves us with one extra.” Mulla said, “That’s mine. Thanks for returning it to me.”

PRACTICE

1. (A) Know the difference between the underlined words:

- (a) 1. My father will come tomorrow.
2. My father has made a will.
- (b) 1. After hard work, take rest.
2. I had three apples. I ate one. The rest are in my bag.
- (c) 1. He always jokes with his friends
2. Do you like jokes?

1. (B) Write the words and their meanings from the following word web:



Example:	Im +possible	Impossible	not possible
1.	Im +balanced	Imbalanced	_____
2.	Im+moral	_____	_____
3.		_____	_____
4.		_____	_____
5.		_____	_____
6.		_____	_____
7.		_____	_____

2. (A) State True/False:

1. Raja and his cousins could not divide the camels. _____
2. Raja did not want to share the camels with his cousins. _____
3. Nasiruddin divided the camels in a satisfactory manner. _____
4. Nasiruddin was selfish. _____



2. (B) Answer the questions:

1. Who was Raja?
2. Who made a will?
3. How many camels did the Sarpanch leave?
4. How many camels did Raja get?
5. Did Nasiruddin get his camel back?
6. Do you have another idea to solve the same problem?