

Lesson - 10

BAMBOO CURRY

A. WARMER

**Have you ever eaten a dish made of bamboo?
Let's read this story and find out which part of bamboo
can be cooked and eaten.**

One day the mother-in-law of a Santhal bridegroom cooked a special dish for him when he visited her.

"This curry is delicious. What is it?" The mother-in-law pointed at the bamboo door.

Next morning, just as he was about to leave, he remembered that there was no bamboo in his village.

So he removed the bamboo door and carrying it with him left for his home.

On reaching his village, he told his wife, "Make curry with this bamboo door."

She was shocked. "How can I make curry out of a bamboo door?"

"Come, I'll help you by chopping up the bamboo," he said.

His wife boiled it and boiled it. Later when her husband tasted it he said, "It's too hard to eat. You don't know how to cook."

His wife added more water and boiled it and boiled it.

"It's still too hard. I can't eat it."

The in-laws came to visit the young couple that evening. They all laughed at his foolishness. The mother-in-law said, "Didn't you know the curry was made from bamboo shoot and not from a bamboo door?"

(A Santhal folk tale)

GLOSSARY AND NOTES

bridegroom	:	(ब्राइडग्रूम)	दुल्हा
mother-in-law	:	(मदर इन लॉ)	सास, पत्नी या पति की माँ
special	:	(स्पेशल)	विशिष्ट
delicious	:	(डेलिसिस)	स्वादिसुख
pointed	:	(पॉइन्टीड)	इशारा किया
remembered	:	(रिमेमबर्ड)	याद किया
shocked	:	(शोकड)	सदमा लगा, स्तब्ध हुआ
chopping	:	(चॉपिंग)	काटते हुए
couple	:	(कपल)	जोड़ा, युगल
foolishness	:	(फुलिशनेस)	मूर्खता
santhal	:	(सांथल)	एक जनजाति

B. COMPOSITION

B.1 Think and Tell

B.1.1 Answer the following:

1. He was the bridegroom of which tribe?
2. From what was the curry made?
3. Why did the in-laws laugh at the young couple?

B.2 Think and Write

B.2.1 Answer in a word or sentence :

1. What did the mother-in-law cook for his son-in-law?
2. Why did the Santhal bridegroom believe that the dish is made of the bamboo door?
3. Why did he carry the bamboo door to his village?
4. Why was the dish made by his wife so hard?

C. WORD POWER

C.1 Complete the sentences meaningfully :

- (i) The bridegroom left with the door of his in-laws' house because it was made of _____ and there was no bamboo in his _____ .

- (ii) The bridegroom was unable to have bamboo curry in the end because _____ .

C.2 Fill in the blanks with words from the story :

- (i) The bridegroom went to visit his _____
(ii) The mother-in-law pointed _____ the bamboo door.
(iii) He stayed at the night _____ his in-laws.
(iv) He carried the _____ back with him.
(v) The curry was made _____ bamboo shoots.

D. GRAMMAR

Read the following sentences carefully :

- (a) He said, "It's too hard to eat."
(b) He said, "I can't eat it."
(c) He told his wife, "Make curry with this bamboo door."
(d) "What is it?" he asked.
(e) The mother-in-law said, "Didn't you know the curry was made from bamboo shoot?"

Notice that each sentence given above consists of two parts, one within the inverted commas and another outside it. The part within inverted commas is called reported speech and part outside it is called reporting clause. Reported speech is also called direct speech. We can change the direct speeches into the indirect ones as follows :

- (a) He said that it was too hard to eat.
(b) He said that he couldn't eat that.
(c) He asked his wife to make curry with the bamboo door.
(d) He asked what it was.

- (e) The mother-in-law asked if he didn't know the curry was made from bamboo shoot.

Notice the differences between the sentences in direct speech and indirect speech. Then do the following exercises.

D.1 Write Direct speech or Indirect speech against the sentences given below :

- (a) "This curry is delicious", he said.
(b) She said, "How can I make curry out of a bamboo shoot?"
(c) She asked him to post the letter.
(d) "Come, I'll help you by chopping up the bamboo." he said.
(e) The mother-in-law told him how to make bamboo curry.

D.2 Change the speech of the following sentences :

- (a) "I am writing a letter," he said to his mother.
(b) She said, "I'll help you."
(c) 'Can you show me the way?' he said.
(d) The teacher said to me, "Post the letter."
(e) "Are you serious?" She said.

D.3 Answer each of the following in not more than 50 words :

- (i) Why did the son-in-law commit the mistake?
(ii) Why and how did the wife of Santhal tribe try to make the dish soft?

E. LET'S TALK AND WRITE

1. Name the food that is made in your home on the following occasion :

- (i) For a feast/festival
- (ii) When you are well
- (iii) Everyday

2. Do you have a similar dish in your area made from a mix of many vegetables?

- (a) What is it called?
- (b) Note down the ingredients used to make it.
- (c) Write down the recipe
- (d) Present the recipe attractively and display it on your class board.

You can draw it or stick its picture.

F. TRANSLATION

Translate the following into English.

- 1. तुम्हारा प्रिय भोजन क्या है?
- 2. मुझे मिठाई खाना बहुत पसंद है।
- 3. मछली मांसाहारी भोजन है।
- 4. मैं शाकाहारी हूँ।

