

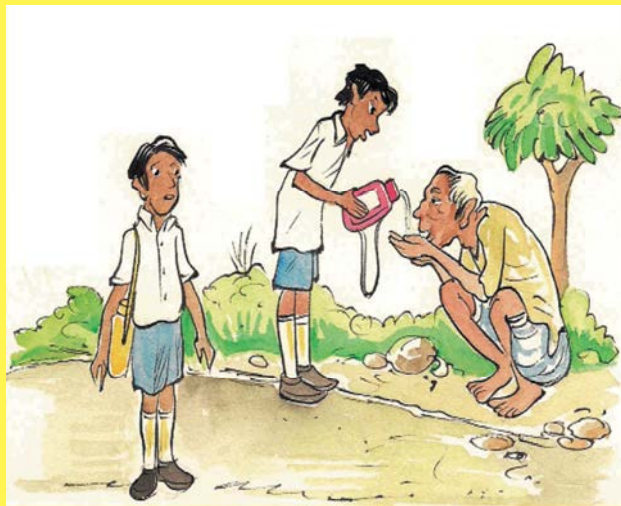
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Sympathy

A. Warmer

The teacher will read out the following text to the students and ask the questions that follow:

A thirsty old man is sitting beside the road. He says, 'Water ! Water ! Water!' Suraj and Ravi are friends. They hear the old man's cry. Suraj ignores it but Ravi stops near the old man. He takes out his water bottle.



He gives the bottle to the thirsty man. The man takes the bottle and drinks water. He thanks Ravi.

- (i) Why does Ravi stop near the thirsty man?
- (ii) Why does the man thank Ravi?
- (iii) Do you ever feel sorry for a person in grief?

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I lay in sorrow, deep distressed;
My grief a proud man heard;
His looks were cold, he gave me gold,
But not a kindly word.

My sorrow passed; I paid him back
The gold he gave to me,
Then stood erect and spake my thanks,
And blessed his charity.

I lay in want, in grief, and pain;
A poor man passed my way ;
He bound my head, he gave me bread,
He watched me night and day.

How shall I pay him back again
For all he did to me ?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy.

Charles Mackay

Glossary and notes

spake(v)	past of speak (old English), बोला
sorrow(n)	grief, कष्ट

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distressed(v)	in great pain, दुखी
erect(adv)	straight, सीधा, तनकर
charity (n)	something given to the poor as help, दान
watched (v)	looked after, देखभाल किया
pay back (phrasal verb)	return, लौटाना
heavenly (adj)	very pleasing, सुखद
sympathy (n)	feeling pity and tenderness, सहानुभूति

B. Let's Comprehend**B.1. Think and Tell****B.1.1. Answer the following questions in a word/phrase/sentence:**

- (i) Who is 'I' in the poem ?
- (ii) Who was in sorrow ?
- (iii) What did the proud man give to the poet ?
- (iv) Who bound the head of the poet in hour of sorrow?
- (v) Which is greater—gold or sympathy ?

B.2. Think and Write**B.2.1. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements:**

- (i) The proud man watched the poet day and night.
- (ii) The proud man's looks were cold.
- (iii) The poet did not return money to the proud man.

- (iv) The poor man went away by ignoring the poet.
- (v) The poet was unable to pay back the poor man's deeds.
- (vi) Sympathy cannot be paid back.

B.2.2. Answer each of the following questions in one sentence:

- (i) Who did not tell a kind word to the speaker ?
- (ii) What did the poor man give to the poet to eat ?
- (iii) What did the poor man do for the poet when he (the poet) lay in want and grief ?

B.2.3. Answer each of the following questions in not more than 50 words.

- (i) How did the proud man help the poet when he was in deep sorrow? Do you like this way of helping a person in need ?
- (ii) Sympathy cannot be compared with gold. Explain.
- (iii) Have you ever shown sympathy to anyone ? If yes, give details.

C. Word Study

C.1. Match the words in Column 'A' with their meanings given in Column 'B'.

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A	B
1. Distressed	a. supreme affection for others
2. Charity	b. return
3. Blessed	c. kindness
4. Watch	d. suffering severe pain
5. Pay back	e. thanked
6. Heavenly sympathy	f. care for

C.2. Look at the rhyming words given below:

- (i) gold (ii) heard
 cold word

Now think of words that rhyme with the words given below:

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| 1. way | 4. air | 7. bed |
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| 2. gray | 5. look | 8. man |
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| 3. pain | 6. slow | 9. sun |
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D. Let's Talk

Talk in pairs about the value of sympathy.

E. Composition

Write 4-5 sentences on 'Sympathy is a virtue' :

F. Translation

Translate the following stanza into Hindi:

“How shall I pay him back
For all he did to me ?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy.”

G. Activity

Group Work

- G.1. Discuss in your group on the significance of providing help to those who need it. Also list the ways in which one could lend help to the needy.**