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Aladdin Found the Wonderful Lamp

A. Warmer

Have you ever seen someone perform magic? What did he/she do? What did you like the most?

Long, long ago in Arabia, there lived a poor boy whose name was Aladdin. He lived in a small house with his mother. He



was lazy and did not like to work at all. He used to spend his time playing in the street with other boys.

One day a man came along the road and watched Aladdin playing.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I am Aladdin," replied the boy.

"I am your uncle," said the man. ‘

This was not true. The man was not Aladdin’s uncle. He was a wicked wizard. Aladdin took the wizard to his home.

"Look, mother," he said. "Here is my uncle. He has come from Africa." Aladdin’s mother fetched food, and they all had supper.

"Aladdin," said the wizard, "I shall buy you some beautiful clothes."

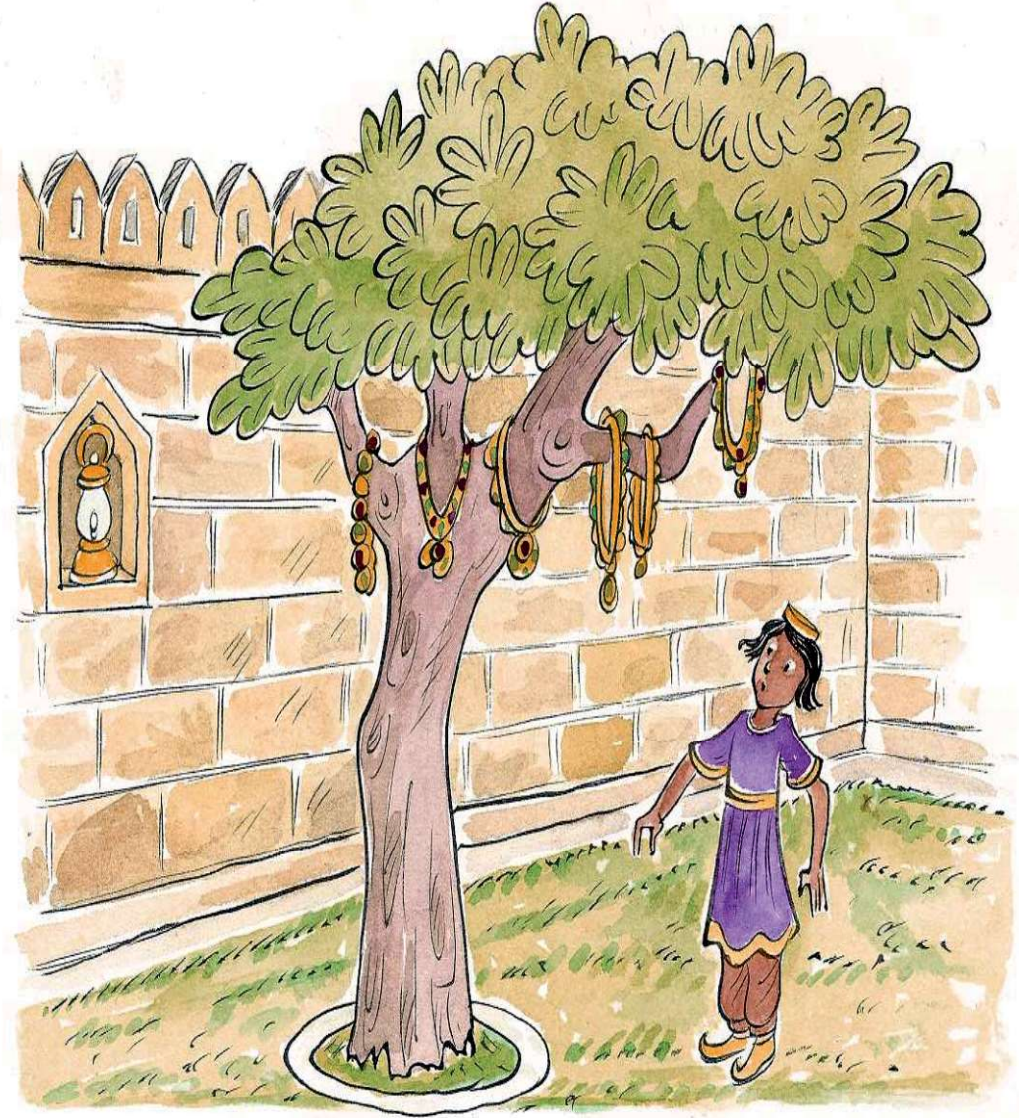
Aladdin and his mother were very pleased. The next day Aladdin and the wizard went to the market. The wizard bought some beautiful clothes for Aladdin, and Aladdin became very happy. Then they went for a long walk. They walked along a stony path. Aladdin was tired.

After some time, they came to the bottom of a hill.

"We will stop here," said the wizard. "Fetch some wood and make a fire."

Aladdin collected some wood and he made a big fire.

The wizard threw something on the fire, and cast a magic spell. The ground shook, and there was a lot of noise and smoke. Aladdin was very frightened. Suddenly a hole opened in the ground. At the bottom of the hole there was a big stone.



"Under that stone is a lamp," said the wizard. "Go down and fetch it. Here is my ring to keep you safe."

Aladdin took the wizard's ring, and went into the hole. He lifted the stone, and saw some steps. Aladdin went down the steps. He came to a beautiful garden. In the garden there were a

lot of trees covered with wonderful jewels. There were red, blue, green, yellow, and white jewels. They were all very big and they sparkled in the sun. At the end of the garden there was a wall. There was a lamp hanging on the wall. Aladdin climbed a ladder and took down the lamp. He put the lamp inside his shirt. Then he picked a lot of jewels off the trees in the garden. He put them in his pockets. He put more jewels inside his shirt on top of the lamp.

Then he hurried back to the wizard. The jewels were heavy, and Aladdin could not climb the steps. The wizard asked for the lamp. It was under the jewels, and Aladdin could not reach it.

The wizard was very angry because he wanted the lamp. He did not help Aladdin. He cast a magic spell, and the stone came down and shut Aladdin in the hole. Aladdin was alone in the dark. He was very frightened. He shouted for help, but nobody heard him. He cried and rubbed his hands together. He rubbed the wizard's ring on his finger. Suddenly a big, ugly genie appeared.

"Who are you?" cried Aladdin.

"That ring is magical," replied the genie. "I am the Slave of the Ring. What do you want?"

"I want to get out of here," said Aladdin.

"All right," replied the genie.

Suddenly the hole opened. Aladdin was outside in the sun again. He was happy and ran home quickly to his mother.

Glossary and notes

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| wizard (n) | a man who is believed to have magical powers, जादूगर |
| magic (n) | the secret power making impossible things happen by saying special words (magic spell) or doing special things, जादू |
| fetched (v) | went and brought, जाकर लाया |
| supper (n) | last meal that is taken before we go to bed, रात का भोजन |
| stony (adj) | full of stones पथरीला, पत्थरों से भरा हुआ |
| cast a spell (verb phrase) | to use words that are thought to be magical and have the power to change or influence something or some one, जादू डालना |
| sparkle (v) | to shine brightly with small flashes of light, glitter, चमकना, जगमगाना |
| slave (n) | a person who is legally owned by another person and is forced to work for him, गुलाम |
| genie (n) | a spirit, जिन्न |

B. Let's Comprehend**B.1. Think and Tell****B.1.1 Answer the following questions orally:**

1. What did Aladdin do all the day ?
2. Why was Aladdin happy?
3. When did the genie appear ?

B.2. Think and Write**1. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements:**

4. The wizard had told Aladdin that he was his uncle but this was not true. Why do you think the wizard lied to Aladdin and his mother?

C. Word Study

C.1. Look at the following sentences :

Suddenly the earth opened. Aladdin was outside in the sun again. He was happy and ran home quickly to his mother.

The word 'suddenly' is made by adding 'ly' to the word 'sudden'. The same happens in 'quickly' where 'ly' is added to 'quick'. 'ly' is called a suffix as it is added at the end of a word.

Both 'suddenly' and 'quickly' are adverbs.

Can you think of more words which are formed in such a way? Some are listed in the Help Box:

Help Box

happy quiet brave secret proper gentle

Add more to this list.

C. 2. Look at the following sentences:

Then they went for a long walk. They walked along a stony path.

Here 'y' has been added to the noun 'stone' to make it an adjective 'stony' that means 'full of stones'. Can you think of more words where meaning changes similarly due to addition of 'y' ?

Some such words are given in the Help Box. Add more to the list and use some of them in your own sentences.

Help Box

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D. Grammar

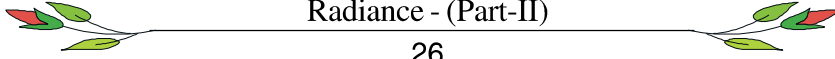
Using 'Shall' for promise

Look at the following sentences :

I shall buy you some beautiful clothes.

Here 'shall' is used for making promise. Now, rewrite the sentences given below, substituting 'promise' in the sentences. Also make other necessary changes in the sentence. The first one has been done for you :

- (a) He has promised to help me.= He shall help me.
- (b) He promises to help me.



- (c) She has promised to reconsider the matter.
- (d) They have promised to invite the Chief Minister.
- (e) The Headmaster promises to improve sports facilities.

E. Let's Talk

Work in pairs

Tell your partner what makes this story interesting to you.

F. Composition

Let us assume that the story of Aladdin has not ended yet. Continue the story to your liking and give it a different end in about five sentences:

2. If you were given a ring which can grant you your wishes, what would you wish for? List your wishes here:

G. Translation

Translate the passage into Hindi :

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H. Activity

Draw the picture of a lamp in the box below and name its parts:



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