

Lesson -3

## The King and the Spider

‘Tis a lesson you should heed,  
Try again:  
If at first you don't succeed.  
Try again.’

Once upon a time, there was a King. He had fought many battles and won. He was a wise, brave and kind ruler. People were very happy in his kingdom.

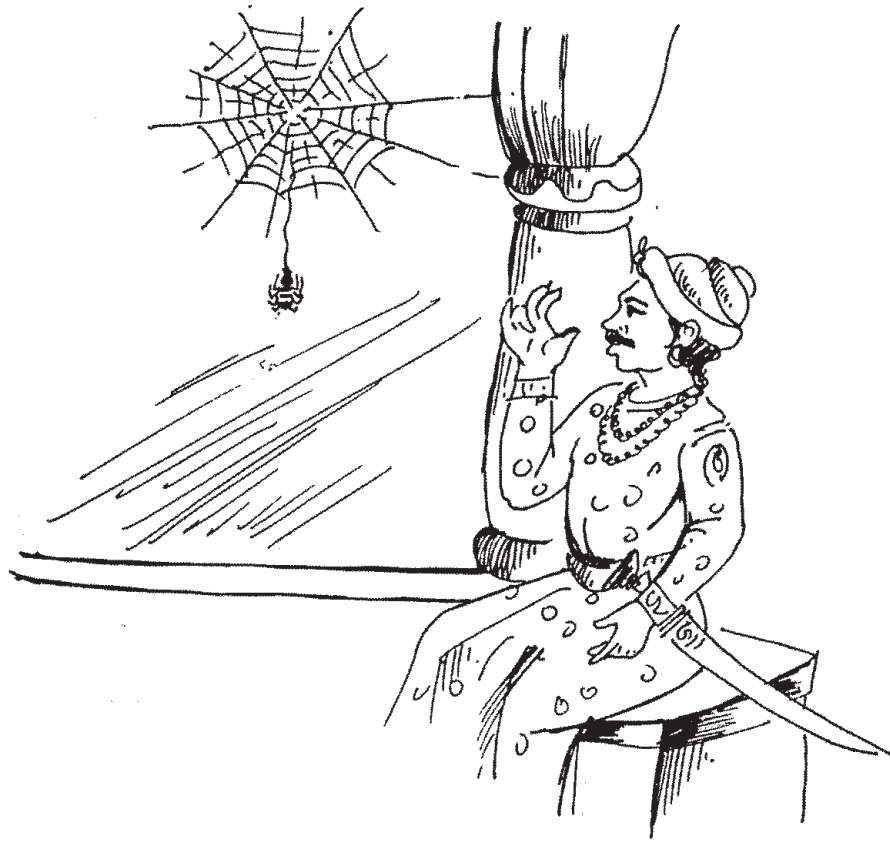
Once a neighbouring king attacked his country. Luck did not favour him this time. He lost the battle. Many of his soldiers were killed and others ran away to save their lives. The King himself had to hide in a cave.

He was very sad and worried. One day he saw a spider going up the wall.



It climbed a little but slipped and fell down. It tried again and fell again. The spider did not give up. It kept on trying and still kept falling. This happened many times.

At last the spider succeeded in climbing the wall.



The King said to himself, "If this spider, a small insect, can succeed in climbing the wall by trying again and again, why can't I defeat my enemies?"

The King got his confidence back. He united his soldiers once again and attacked his enemy. The battle continued for many days and he finally defeated his enemy.

"Try. Try. Try till you succeed."

## 1. Read and learn

run away                  once upon a time                  ruler  
fell down                  give up                  again and again  
once again                  kind                  slipped

## 2. Word power

### 1) Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with suitable words from the text:

The King was \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ruler.  
After he lost the battle, he left \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
On watching the spider he regained his \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ to get his kingdom back.

### 2) Use the words from the box to complete the following phrases:

fleet,	army,	team,	bundle,	cluster,
bunch,	crowd,	herd,	flock,	pair.

A \_\_\_\_\_ of people.                  A \_\_\_\_\_ of cattle.  
A \_\_\_\_\_ of bananas.                  A \_\_\_\_\_ of players.  
A \_\_\_\_\_ of sheep.                  A \_\_\_\_\_ of sticks.  
An \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers.                  A \_\_\_\_\_ of shoes.  
A \_\_\_\_\_ of ships.                  A \_\_\_\_\_ of stars.



#### 4. Comprehension questions

1) **Arrange the following sentences in the sequence in which they appear in the story:**

1. The King was sad and worried.
2. Many of his soldiers were killed.
3. The King was wise, brave and kind.
4. Once a neighbouring King attacked his country.
5. People were very happy in his kingdom.

2) **Answer these questions:**

1. What kind of ruler was the King?
2. Who attacked his country?
3. What happened to the King and his soldiers in the battle?
4. What did the King see in the cave?
5. What did the King do after watching the spider?

#### 5. Let's talk

Team 'A' asks the questions and team 'B' finds the answers from the passage. The teacher then writes the answers on the blackboard.

"Ravinder Tejpal is about 35 years old. He joined the police force when he was 25. He likes his job and finds it very interesting. He is Mohindra Tejpal's son. He lives with his parents, two sons and wife Monika. Sumant is his elder son and Hemant is the younger one. He works from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the evening he plays cricket with his sons."

1. What does Ravinder Tejpal do?

Ans. He is a police officer.

2. How old is he?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. What is his father's name?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_.

4. What are the names of his children?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_.

5. What does he play with his sons?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_.

Ask these questions (pair work)

1. What's your name?
2. How old are you?
3. What things do you like?
4. What's your mother?
5. What's your father?

**6. Let's write**

**Write five sentences about what you see in the picture:**



**7. Let's do**

The spider is an insect. There are many insects living around us. Some of them are useful to us while some are harmful. Find out about useful and harmful insects.

Write the names of at least two useful and two harmful insects. Draw their pictures.