

Lesson -2

The Wise Man-I

1. Do you know what is barter system?
2. When was it used?



Once upon a time there lived a horse trainer in Bhopal who worked for the Nawab of Bhopal. His name was Bhola and his wife's name was Shanti. When Bhola retired, the Nawab gave him a colt and some money. When the colt grew up to be a horse they felt that it ate a lot of fodder. So Shanti and Bhola decided to exchange it for something else. This is what happened after that.

- Shanti : It's very expensive to feed this horse.
Bhola : Yes, it eats like an elephant.
Shanti : If we don't sell it, we'll become poor in a few days.
Bhola : Oh, yes! Should I take this horse to the market and try to sell it?
Shanti : Yes, this is a right decision.
Bhola : What would you like to exchange it for?
Shanti : Just anything. This horse eats too much.
Bhola : Do not be angry with me if I make a poor bargain.
Shanti : Have I ever complained to you ?
Bhola : No, never !

Shanti : You must leave at once otherwise it will be too late.

Bhola reaches the market. He sees a man with a donkey. He thinks a donkey to be more useful than a horse.

Bhola : Hello gentleman, will you give me your donkey in exchange for this horse?

The man : Oh, why not? You can have my donkey in exchange for your horse.

Bhola took the donkey. He walked a few yards. He saw a woman with a sheep. He thought his wife would like to have a sheep in place of a donkey. So he went up to the lady.

Bhola : Hello pretty lady, would you like to give your sheep in exchange for this donkey?

The Woman: Oh, with great pleasure. You can have my sheep in exchange for this donkey.

While passing through a herd of cattle in the market, Bhola saw a boy carrying a hen. He thought that it would eat less than the sheep so he went up to the boy.

Bhola : Hello little angel, would you like to exchange your hen for my sheep?

The boy (smiling): Yes, you can take my hen in exchange for your sheep.

Then Bhola met a girl carrying a basket of mangoes.

Bhola : Hello, little fairy, what have you got in your basket?

The girl : Green mangoes.

Bhola : My wife loves to eat chutney and these mangoes will make delicious chutney. Will you give me your mangoes in exchange for my hen?

The girl : Does it lay eggs?

Bhola : Of course, it does.

The girl : Alright. You can have these mangoes and give the hen to me.

Bhola took the mangoes and handed over the hen to the girl.

1. Read and Learn:

bargain	exchange	angel	decide	delicious
fairy	a lot of	a few	colt	a herd of cattle
pretty	cattle	yard	fodder	lay egg

2. Comprehension:

A) Answer the questions given below:

- (1) Why did the horse trainer and his wife decide to sell the horse?
- (2) Where did Bhola go to sell the horse?
- (3) Whom did he meet first?
- (4) Why did Bhola think of buying a sheep?
- (5) What did the girl having the green mangoes ask the horse trainer?

B) Tick the correct answer [✓] true/false.

1. Bhola's wife was Asha. **T/F**
2. Bhola spent little money for feeding his horse. **T/F**
3. His wife loved to eat mango chutney. **T/F**
4. The girl had a basket full of green mangoes. **T/F**
5. Bhola gave the sheep to the girl in exchange for her green mangoes. **T/F**

3. Word Power:

(A) Write one word for these:

1. One who trains a horse _____
2. One who looks after sheep _____
3. One who rides and controls an elephant _____
4. The person who controls wild animals in a circus _____

(B) Match the two columns:

1. a herd of cattle
2. a bunch of soldiers
3. a heap of bees

4. a bouquet of flowers
5. a swarm of grapes
6. an army of stones

4. Grammar in Use:

Combine the pairs of sentences given below using "who"

1. (a) The girl is wearing a red sweater.
(b) The girl is Sarita.

Eg. The girl who is wearing a red sweater is Sarita.

2. (a) The boy is wearing a blue cap.
(b) The boy is the tallest boy in the class.
3. (a) Seema studies in class viii.
(b) Seema is the most brilliant student of the class.
4. (a) John is a good story teller.
(b) John is telling an interesting story.
5. (a) Gurmeet helps the boy.
(b) The boy is blind.

5. Let's Talk:

- (i) Sit in groups of 4-5 and make a list of domestic animals and birds.
- (ii) Compare your lists and discuss about their usefulness.

Ask the following questions and fill up the table.

1. Which is the most commonly seen bird in your neighbourhood?
2. How many birds visit your neighbourhood regularly?
3. Do you know their names? Write at least two.
4. Which animals are seen near or in your home?
5. How are these useful to you? Write two things.

S.No.	Birds	Animals
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

6. Let's Write:

Write a paragraph using the group of words given below.

- (a) (1) The horse trainer, market, sell, horse, buy, donkey.
 (2) Bhola, exchange, donkey, sheep, hen
 (3) a girl, hen, buy, green, mango.
- (b) Write a paragraph about mangoes, using the following clues:
 shade, fruit, green, ripe, sweet, sour, jelly, jam, pickle, juice.

7. Let's Do It:

(A) Read the following sentences and rewrite them using 'should':

	Sentence	using "should"
1.	Plant new trees.	We should plant new trees
2.	Never cut green trees.	
3.	Do not hurt animals and birds.	
4.	Don't be cruel to animals.	
5.	Feed our pets properly.	

B) Now write more sentences using "We should do" and "We should not do".

We should do	We should not do
1. We should get up early in the morning.	1. We should not get up late in the morning.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.