

Lesson-3

The Wise Man-II

1. Who are thugs?
2. Are they always successful?

Two thugs were watching Bhola in the market exchanging his things. They made a plan to deceive him. They went to Bhola and asked him:

The first thug : Will you sell these mangoes, Sir?

Bhola : No, not at all, these are for my wife. She likes mango chutney very much.

The second thug : If she sees the mangoes, she will be angry with you.

Bhola : Why? Why will she be angry with me?

The second thug : Because you sold the horse and bought these cheap mangoes?

Bhola : Ho, ho, ho! No chance of it! She is an obedient wife. She always agrees to my decisions.

The first thug : Alas! but not this time. Will you have a bet on it?

Bhola : Why not? What will be the terms?

The second thug : We shall give you a thousand rupees if your wife does not get angry with you. You will pay the same amount to us if she goes against your decision.

Bhola : Though it is a very large amount, I am certain you will lose the bet.

Bhola came back home with the two strangers. His wife was eagerly waiting for him.

Shanti : Did you get rid of the horse?

Bhola smiled and replied, "Yes, my dear."

Shanti : What have you brought for me and who are these gentlemen?

Bhola : I have brought something special for you and these gentlemen are my new friends?

Shanti : What is it?
 Bhola : Have patience dear! I sold the horse for a donkey.
 Shanti : Oh, good! we shall use it in our field.
 Bhola : But dear! I exchanged the donkey for a sheep.
 Shanti : That's even better. We shall have plenty of wool.
 Bhola : But then I sold it for a hen.
 Shanti : How wise you are! A hen is cheaper to feed than a sheep.
 Bhola : But dear! I exchanged the hen for a basket of mangoes.
 Shanti : That's the best bargain you have ever made in your life. I have been longing for mango-chutney for more than a fortnight.
 Bhola : Here is the basket full of mangoes. Now take this and make two types of chutney, first sweet for us and sour chutney for my clever friends.

Shanti went into the house with the mangoes. The two thugs heard their conversation with great surprise.

The first thug : Bhola, you have won the bet, here is the amount.
 Bhola : Thank you Sir. So kind of you!
 The Second thug : One thing more, Sir, would you please tell me how you will spend this money?
 Bhola : I shall buy another horse.

1. Read and Learn:

thug	deceive	angry
eager	cheap	decision
bet	stranger	conversation
sour	delicious	

2. Comprehension:

(A) Answer the questions given below:

- (1) What did the thugs ask Bhola?
- (2) Did Bhola agree to sell the green mangoes?
- (3) Did Bhola's wife like chutney?

- (4) What was the bet?
- (5) Who won the bet?
- (6) How did Bhola plan to spend the money?

(B) Tick the correct option:

- (1) Where did Bhola meet the thugs?
 - (a) Bhopal
 - (b) village
 - (c) market
- (ii) What did the thugs say to Bhola?
 - (a) to have a bet
 - (b) to throw the mangoes
 - (c) to sell the mangoes
- (iii) How much money was offered in the bet?
 - (a) A hundred rupees
 - (b) Ten thousand rupees.
 - (c) One thousand rupees.
- (iv) With whom did Bhola return home?
 - (a) the thugs
 - (b) friends
 - (c) strangers
- (v) Did the thugs succeed in their plan?
 - (i) No.
 - (ii) Yes.
 - (iii) I am not sure.

2. Word Power:

(A) The mango is called "the king of fruits."

Now match these:

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| (1) The Queen of Satpura | : | the Taj Mahal |
| (2) The King of the forest | : | the Narmada |
| (3) The life line of Madhya Pradesh | : | lion |
| (4) A dream in marble | : | Pachmarhi |
| (5) The ship of the desert | : | camel |

(B) Pick the odd word out and encircle it:

- (1) man, gentleman, sir, madam
- (2) girl, little fairy, little queen, boy.
- (3) mango, apple, knife, orange
- (4) thug, thief, robber, constable
- (5) smile, laugh, weep, chuckle

(c) Match the two columns:

A	B
1. a horse	1. neighs
2. a donkey	2. mews
3. a cat	3. barks
4. a dog	4. roars
5. a lion	5. bleats
6. a sheep	6. brays

4. Grammar in Use:

(A) Use of 'for, to'.

Complete the sentences using 'to' or 'for':

- (1) They made a plan _____ deceive him.
- (2) The mangoes are _____ my wife.
- (3) She always agrees _____ my decisions.
- (4) You will pay the same amount _____ us.
- (5) His wife was waiting _____ her husband.
- (6) What have you brought _____ me?
- (7) I sold the horse _____ a donkey.
- (8) I exchanged the donkey _____ a sheep.
- (9) A hen is cheaper _____ feed than a sheep.
- (10) I shall use money _____ buy another horse.

(B) Fill in the blanks with these words:

little, a little, few, a few

- (1) I have _____ time to stay.

- (2) He knows_____of the story.
- (3) I have_____milk so we can't have tea.
- (4) They have_____coins.
- (5) He has _____friends, as he is new to Indore.
- (6) She left Bhopal_____days ago.

5. Let's Talk: (work in pairs)

(A) With your partner's help, fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the table given below and complete the story :-

to the market, basket, more, many more, what happened, stumbled, full, looking, were thrown out, broke.

- (1) A woman was carrying a _____ of eggs.
- (2) She was going _____to sell them.
- (3) She thought she would get_____money by selling.
- (4) Then she would buy____ hens.
- (5) She was not _____ on the road.
- (6) Do you know _____?
- (7) She _____.
- (8) All the eggs _____.
- (9) Most of them _____.

6. Let's Write:

Suppose you went to market yesterday. Describe about it in sentences of your own. Use the words given below in your sentences.

(hustle and bustle, shopkeepers bargaining with customers, colourful lighting, swings, sweet-shops, eateries, fancy goods and clothes shops.)

7. Let's Do It:

Read the following story and answer the questions given below it:

Two Friends

Two friends, Deepak and Bhola, were walking through the forest when a bear attacked them. Deepak climbed a tree and sat there, while Bhola remained on the road. There was nothing for him to do but fall to the ground and play dead. The bear came up to him and sniffed. The boy even stopped breathing. The bear sniffed his face, decided he was dead and lumbered off.

When the bear had gone, Deepak climbed down and said with a smile, "What did the bear whisper in your ear?"

Bhola said, "It said that someone who deserts his friend in times of danger is not a friend at all."

1. What happened when Deepak and Bhola were walking through the forest?
2. What did Deepak do?
3. What did Bhola do?
4. What did the bear do?
5. What did Deepak say to Bhola when the bear had gone?
6. What did Bhola say to him?
7. Was Deepak a good friend?

Match the following words with their meanings:

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| 1. breathing | - | to smell by drawing air suddenly through the nose |
| 2. sniff | - | to act harmfully |
| 3. lumbered off | - | to pretend to be dead |
| 4. play dead | - | to take air into lungs and expel it |
| 5. attack | - | walk away with heavy steps |