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Clever
Tenali
Ramakrishna



Pre-reading



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Look at the picture and answer the questions that follow.



- 1) What do you see in the picture?
- 2) Who is sitting on the throne?
- 3) Can you guess the person who covered his head with a pot?
- 4) Do you know any funny incidents related to Tenali Ramakrishna?

Clever Tenali Ramakrishna

Chitra Varma was the most famous painter in Srikrishna Devaraya's court. The emperor was pleased with Chitra Varma's paintings. People also liked his paintings.

One day Chitra Varma was busy painting. Then emperor Srikrishna Devaraya happened to visit him.



Chitra Varma : Welcome, **Your Majesty!**

Srikrishna Devaraya: Oh! What a beautiful picture! It looks so natural.

The courtiers : Yes, Your Majesty, really it is wonderful.

Srikrishna Devaraya: No painter on earth can compete with you, Chitra Varma. You are a **unique** painter. You shall be rewarded. What do you say Ramakrishna?

Ramakrishna : Yes, My Lord! Such an artist he is! He deserves your encouragement.

Srikrishna Devaraya: That's great! Let him ask for anything. He shall get whatever he wants.

Chitra Varma : Thank you very much, Your Majesty! It's all your affection and encouragement.

Srikrishna Devaraya: Your presence in the council of advisors will be a boon to the Vijayanagar empire.

Chitra Varma : I am afraid I am not, Your Majesty! Your blessings are worth the strength of a thousand elephants.

Srikrishna Devaraya: No, a great painter like you should be rewarded in a fitting manner.

Chitra Varma : Your Highness is merciful!

Srikrishna Devaraya: *(Thinking for a while, he snapped his fingers)*
You will be my chief **advisor** from today onwards.

Chitra Varma : What! I cannot understand, how I am blessed, Your Majesty.

Ramakrishna : Excuse me, Your Majesty! He is talented in painting but... would it be a right decision to make him...?

Srikrishna Devaraya: The emperor of Vijayanagar knows what is right. Minister, please make an **announcement** that Chitra Varma will be the chief advisor hereafter in our court.

Minister : Yes, Your Majesty! I will make an announcement in our empire.

(But Chitra Varma's plans and actions led to confusion everywhere. He had never handled the matters of court before. His decisions were irrelevant. His conclusions lacked sense. With this, the people grew impatient. Yet the emperor continued to support him. The elders of the empire decided to seek help from the court's jester Tenali Ramakrishna in this matter. Tenali Ramakrishna told them that he had an idea and assured them not to worry.) One day Tenali Ramakrishna approached the emperor Srikrishna Devaraya.

Ramakrishna : Your Majesty! You know that I have been blessed with a baby boy. I will be happy if you visit my house for my boy's naming ceremony tomorrow.

Srikrishna Devaraya: O! Wonderful! It's my pleasure, Ramakrishna.
(The emperor visited Ramakrishna's house the next day)

Ramakrishna : *(with a bouquet of flowers in his hands)* Welcome, Your Majesty. We are grateful for your visit. Please bless my son.

Srikrishna Devaraya: **Deerghaayushman bhava.** This is a token of my love.
(The emperor puts a gold chain around the baby's neck)

- Ramakrishna** : Thank you very much Your Majesty! You are requested to join us for lunch.
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- Srikrishna Devaraya**: (After having tasted) Oh! Water! Water. !Give me water. Urgent.
- Courtiers** : Oh..God, Water! Water!!...
- Srikrishna Devaraya**: Hey Ramakrishna, what's this? Horrible dishes!
- Courtier 1** : It's too spicy!
- Courtier 2** : Too salty too!
- Courtier 3** : Not cooked properly.....it is undercooked!
- Srikrishna Devaraya**: (angrily) Who cooked this? Is this the way to cook food?
- Courtiers** : Do you want all of us to die?
- Ramakrishna** : (with folded hands) Please forgive me sir, let me **introduce** the cook to you..
- Srikrishna Devaraya**: Bring him at once or you will be punished.
- Ramakrishna** : (presenting a carpenter) This is the best carpenter in Vijayanagar. He is a brilliant worker. I gave him the task of cooking for today.



Srikrishna Devaraya: Are you crazy, Ramakrishna? He may be an excellent carpenter. How can he be a cook?

Ramakrishna : Pardon me, Your Majesty! If a painter can be your chief advisor, why can a carpenter not be a cook?

Srikrishna Devaraya: (*Lost in thoughts shaking his head slowly*) Ramakrishna, You opened my eyes. You made me **realize** my mistake.

Chitra Varma : I was afraid to say 'No', Your Majesty! I am very thankful to you if I am sent back to my previous job.

Srikrishna Devaraya: Minister, make necessary arrangements to send him back.

Ramakrishna : Thank you very much Your Majesty.

All the people assembled there hailed Tenali Ramakrishna for his presence of mind.



Glossary

Your Majesty	= a title of respect used while addressing king and queen
unique (adj)	= only one of its kind, unmatched
grateful (adj)	= thankful
snapped (v)	= made a sudden sound by the fingers
advisor (n)	= one who offers advice
announcement (n)	= a public notice
irrelevant (adj)	= improper
impatient (adj)	= eager
assured (v)	= convinced / promised
Deerghaayushman bhava	= May you have long life! (A Sanskrit expression)
introduce (v)	= make known
realize (v)	= understand



Reading Comprehension

A. Answer the following questions

1. Who was Chitra Varma?
2. How did Chitra Varma feel when the emperor decided to reward him?
3. Why did Chitra Varma fail as a chief advisor?
4. Why was the emperor angry with Tenali Ramakrishna?
5. Discuss in pairs what will happen when people are offered to do work that is not meant for them.

B. Put the following sentences in the order of events.

1. People went to Tenali Ramakrishna and told him their problem.
2. Chitra Varma was appointed a chief advisor to the emperor.
3. Tenali Ramakrishna implemented his plan by engaging a carpenter as a cook.
4. Emperor Srikrishna Devaraya realized his mistake at the end.
5. Chitra Varma was a famous painter in the emperor's court.

Answer 1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

C. Say whether the following statements are True / False:

1. Chitra Varma was a famous carpenter. []
2. Emperor Srikrishna Devaraya awarded a lot of gold coins to Chitra Varma. []
3. Tenali Ramakrishna was a poet and jester in emperor Srikrishna Devaraya's court. []
4. Tenali Ramakrishna prepared a delicious dinner for the emperor. []
5. Emperor Srikrishna Devaraya realized his mistake at the end. []

Correct the False statements.

1.
2.
3.
4.



Vocabulary

Look at these sentences. Observe the underlined words.

- a. He took some irrelevant decisions.
- b. With this the people grew impatient.

Here the prefixes such as "ir", "il", and "im" are fixed before the root / stem;

"relevant – irrelevant"

"logical – illogical"

"patient – impatient"

These prefixes change the meanings of words. By adding a prefix to a word we get another word. See more examples below.

- happy – unhappy
- sufficient – insufficient
- mature – immature
- agree – disagree
- responsible – irresponsible



The prefixes **ir, il, im, un, in** and **dis** are used to form the opposites in meaning. Now, write the opposite words using the prefixes mentioned above.

Word	Opposite Word
balance	_____
legal	_____
regular	_____
acceptable	_____
comfort	_____
valid	_____



In the story we have come across words such as encouragement, announcement, arrangement, confusion etc. You might have observed that the part ‘-ment’ or ‘-sion’ is added to the words encourage, announce, arrange and confuse in the end. The suffixes, ‘-ment’ and ‘-sion’ are used to form nouns out of verbs. Now, write the noun forms of the following using ‘-ment’, ‘-sion’.

Word	Noun Form
improve	_____
discuss	_____
depress	_____
confuse	_____
enrich	_____
treat	_____



You have come across certain words in the lesson such as "painter, grateful" etc; You can extract some other words from the parent words like..

painter – pain grateful – rate

Now make meaningful words from the following words..

1. reward –
2. blessings –
3. snapped –
4. personal –
5. matter –
6. continue –
7. assure –
8. gold –
9. properly –
10. slowly –



A. i) Read the following sentences.

1. The emperor was pleased with Chitra Varma's paintings.
2. Oh! What a beautiful picture!
3. Make an announcement.
4. Are you crazy, Ramakrishna?

The first one is a "Declarative sentence" as it makes a statement.

The second one is an "Exclamatory sentence" as it expresses a strong feeling.

The third one is an "Imperative sentence" as it gives an order.

The fourth one is an "Interrogative sentence" as it asks a question.

ii) Read these sentences and write "D" for declarative, "E" for exclamatory "In" for interrogative and "Im" for imperative in the brackets given.

1. Please show me the way to the library. ()
2. What a great painting this is! ()
3. Where can I find a sweet shop? ()
4. Mother looks after her children carefully. ()
5. What happened? ()

iii) Read the following sentences and put full stops, question marks and exclamation marks wherever necessary.

1. He got a good job
2. Did he get good job
3. What a great job
4. Get a great job first
5. What is your job
6. Have you finished your job
7. I am ready to finish my job
8. Is he ready to finish his job



B. Conjunctions:

Read the following sentences and observe how the words in bold are used.

1. It is all your affection **and** encouragement.
2. People grew impatient **but** the emperor continued to support him.
3. Bring him at once **or** you will be punished.

The word “and” joins two words or phrases.

The word “but” is used to suggest a contrast.

The word “or” presents an alternative or a choice. These are called conjunctions.

Conjunctions “ *and, but, or, yet, so etc* are joining words. They help to join two or more words, phrases or clauses.

Ex:- He rushed into the hall and sat in the sofa.

It is raining heavily, so we won’t go out to play.

C. Read the passage carefully and underline the conjunctions.

Meena wants to go on holidays. Everyone is happy but Meena is not. She is unhappy because there are some baby sparrows in the nest on a corner of a room. If all the members of the family went out of the house, it would be locked up, then how would the mother sparrow or the father sparrow feed their babies?



Meena’s mother said that they would remove all the things from the room, open the windows and lock the door from outside. Thus the house would be safe and sparrows could come and go freely. So Meena is happy again.



Writing

Conversation: Read the following conversation and write in the form of a narrative / story.

Ramakrishna : Good morning gentlemen.

People : Good morning Raman.

Ramakrishna : Happy to see you all. But ...what made you come here?

People : You know everything. The emperor appointed Chitravarma as his chief advisor.

Ramakrishna : Yes, I know.

People : The decisions....the decisions taken by him confused us.

Ramakrishna : Yes, I'm also thinking about it.

People : Please do something and save us.

Ramakrishna : Don't worry. I have an idea. Your problem will be solved soon.

People : Thank you Ramakrishna, we know you can do this.



A. Announcement

Where do we listen to announcements?

At the bus station, at the railway station, at some public places etc.

Here are some model announcements usually made at the Railway Station.

1. Your attention please... Train Number one, seven, four, eight, seven... the Tirumala Express... from Visakhapatnam to Kadapa is arriving on platform Number 7.
2. A Key Chain of a car has been found on the platform No.1. Whoever has lost it can collect it from Mrs Bharathi at the counter No 2.
3. Departmental announcement... Mr. Rajasekhar, the Electrical Engineer, is requested to attend to A-4 compartment of the Konark express immediately.

B. Role play

Help me please...

Policeman: Who are you, little girl?

Girl : My name is Rishika.

Policeman: Why are you standing alone?

Rishika : I am lost.

Policeman: Oh is it? Why did you come here?

Rishika : I came here with my parents to see the exhibition.

Policeman: Come, I will help you to find your parents.

Rishika : Sorry, my parents and teachers advised me not to go with strangers.

Policeman: I will not harm you. You know, I am a policeman.

Rishika : Ok. Then, I will give you my father's phone number. Please call him.

Policeman: That's good. I will call your father.

Rishika : Thank you sir.



Pronunciation ("P", "Ph" (/p/ /f/))

Read the following words aloud..

/p/ sound	/f/ sound
parrot	photo
parcel	phone
pencil	phrase
happy	alphabet
paper	elephant
apply	dolphin
cap	graph
trip	epitaph
tap	triumph



Read the following sentences aloud..



Put the photo on the pad.

Pay up the penalty.

Post the parcel to the photographer.

Paste the graph and paint it.

Pay the price for a dolphin show.



Listening

Listen to the following story carefully.

An Unexpected Reward

A boy and his grandfather were walking along a road. They passed a farmer working hard on his land. The farmer had taken his ragged shirt and worn-out shoes and placed them at the road's edge. The boy felt he could play a little mischief. He said to his grand dad, "Grandpa, why don't we take the man's shoes and shirt and hide behind the tree? When he finds them missing, he will be so angry. And we'll have the fun of watching his expressions."

But the grandfather replied, "Grandson, never make fun of a farmer or hurt his heart. If you just want to feel happy, then let's do this instead. Take

some coins and place them in each of the farmer's shoes. Then we'll hide behind the tree and see what happens."

The boy did as his grandfather told him. After a little while, the farmer came for his clothes. He put on his ragged old shirt and his feet into his shoes. He felt something hard inside. Annoyed, he took the shoe off to see what it was. There were coins. He was astonished.

He looked up at the sky and fell to his knees.

"Oh! Great God! You are so kind. When I needed money the most, you sent me this gift. Thank you, God! And thank you to whoever you made your messenger."

Then he walked home, overjoyed. The boy felt proud and happy. His grandfather said, "Grandson, the path to happiness is to make others happy."

Answer the following questions:

1. Identify the characters in the story.
2. What did the boy and his father observe while walking along the road?
3. Why did the boy want to hide the farmer's clothes?
4. What advice did the grandfather give to the boy?
5. What was the unexpected reward to the farmer?



Read it yourself...

The Thousand Gold Coins

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Nasruddin had a habit of praying aloud. Every day he used to pray for the same thing - and in the same way. His neighbour wondered about this.

Nasruddin: Oh God! Please give me one thousand gold coins. If you give me

one coin lesser, I won't accept the money.

Neighbour: I will throw him just 999 coins and see what he does.

(He throws a bag of coins)

Nasruddin: A bag of gold coins! Oh! God has answered my prayers. Let me count once. There are only 999!

Neighbour: Hey Nasruddin! You are looking very happy.

Nasruddin: Yes. God has heard my prayers..... *(looks into the sky)* Oh God ! Thank you for the coins.

Neighbour: How did you accept them?

Nasruddin: Why should I reject them?

Neighbour: Because they are not 1000.

Nasruddin: How do you know that?

Neighbour: It's I who have thrown them into your house.

Nasruddin: Who said that this is your money? This money has been sent to me by God.

Neighbour: It was I who threw the money into your house.

Nasruddin: God chose you to do His work. Now please go away.

Neighbour: I won't go anywhere without the money.

Nasruddin: It's not your money, I tell you again and again.

Neighbour: Ok.. Let's meet in the court.

Nasruddin: I am not feeling well. I can't walk all the way to the court.

Neighbour: Then you can have my horse to ride on.

Nasruddin: But, I can't appear before the judge dressed in these old robes.. and I have nothing else to wear.

Neighbour: Don't worry about the clothes, I will lend you my new coat.

Nasruddin: Ok.. then I will go with you. *(At the court)*

Neighbour: Your honour, listen to my story.. this man prays loudly every morning and ..*(he told the whole story).*

Judge : *(to the neighbour)*so the bag of money which Nasruddin found is yours..





Neighbour: That's the truth...your honour.

Nasruddin: Don't believe him, your honour, he always claims other people's property as his own.

Neighbour: No, sir, he is lying.

Nasruddin: I won't be surprised if he says that the horse on which I rode here is his.

Neighbour: Yes, sir, it is mine only.

Nasruddin: Your honour.. next, he will say that this coat is also his coat..

Neighbour: Yes, your honour, it is mine only. He knew it very well.

Nasruddin: Do you see, how it is, your honour..?

Judge : I do indeed. It is clear to me that the bag of money too is his.

Neighbour: No, It is mine..!? Oh God ... I'm ruined.

Judge : The case is dismissed.

Neighbour: I have become mad. Nasruddin, please have mercy on me. You know I am not a very rich man.

Nasruddin: You should have thought of that earlier. Anyway, here's your money, your coat and your horse.

Neighbour: I am very sorry. I will never interfere in your business again.

Nasruddin: That's good..(*folds hands, looks into sky*) Oh God...please send me a thousand gold coins.

Neighbour: Oh my God! (*runs away*)



Comprehension

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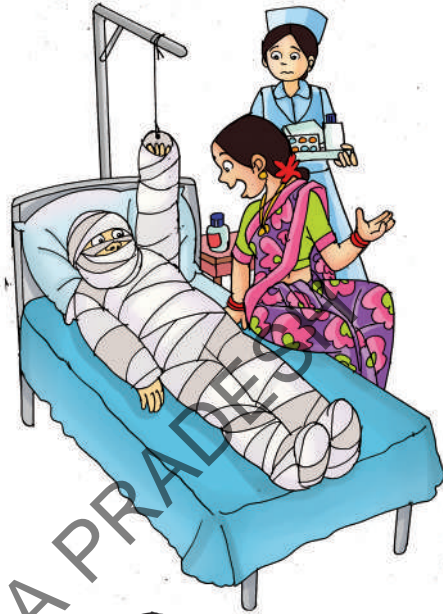
1. Why did the neighbour throw a bag of coins to Nasruddin?
2. Who was the clever man in the story?
3. The neighbour said sorry. Why?



Fun Time

Laugh and make others laugh

Friend : You are so lucky, no mosquito can bite you now.



Joke :

Teacher : If I give an apple to you and your sister, and ask you to share it equally. Which part of the apple will you get?

Me : The whole apple.

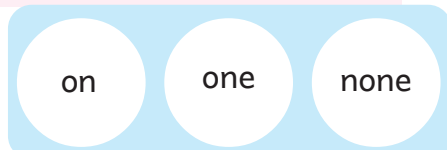
Teacher : How?

Me : My sister doesn't like apples.



You can use any two - letter word in the first step, three- letter word next step, four letter word last.

- e.g. :-
1. In the first step.. AN
In the second step.. PAN
In the third step .. SPAN
 2. In the first step... ON
In the second step... ONE
In the third step... NONE





Study Skills

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Date : 21-07-2020

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Name	No	Rate	Amount
1. Pens	10	10	100
2. Erasers	5	5	25
3. Sharpeners	2	5	10
4. Notebooks	2	40	80
5. Charts	12	5	60
Total			275

1. What is the name of the shop?
2. What is the customer's name?
3. When did he buy the above things?
4. How much money did he pay to the shopkeeper?
5. How many pens did the customer buy?
6. What is the price of one note book?



Check point

Check-points	On my own	With friends' help	With teacher's help
I was able to read the main reading text.			
I got the main idea of the passage.			
I was able to use the glossary given.			
I was able to answer all the questions.			
I was able to do the vocabulary tasks.			
I was able to do the grammar exercises.			
I was able to do the writing task.			
I was able to perform different functions in English language.			
I was able to do the task given under study skills.			
I was able to enjoy the fun-time.			