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The Most Difficult Job in the World

2.1 What you will learn?

At the end of this lesson you will be able to:-

- read and understand a story
- use adjectives
- group words of the same type
- ask and answer questions
- write a description of an animal

2.2 Let's read

Here in a story about Tenali Raman. Let us read and find out more about him:

Section – I

Tenali Raman was a very wise and witty man in the court of King Krishnadeva Raya. Krishnadeva Raya was the ruler of the Vijayanagar kingdom. Tenali Raman was the court jester, and many stories are told about him.

One day, King Krishnadeva Raya asked his courtiers, “You are wise and learned men. Tell me, which is the most difficult job in the world?”

The courtiers had a ready answer. They said, “Your Majesty, everyone knows that the job of ruling the country is by far the most difficult job in the world.’

The king was pleased with their answer. But he noticed that Tenali Raman was smiling to himself, as if he found this answer funny.

The king asked him why he was smiling. “Perhaps you don’t agree with your friends that my job is the most difficult job in the world. Is that why you are smiling?”

Tenali Raman said, “Your Majesty, I agree that it is difficult to rule a country well. But I don’t think that it is the most difficult job in the world. There is another job which is much more difficult.’

2.3 Read, Think and Answer I

Fill in the blanks:

- (i) Tenali Raman was a court _____.
- (ii) Tenali Raman was _____ and _____.
- (iii) Krishnadeva Raya wanted to know _____
_____.
- (iv) _____ said that to rule a kingdom was _____
_____.
- (v) But Tenali Raman said that he did not think _____
_____.

Section II

Let us read and find out what Tanali Raman felt was the most difficult job in the world.

“Tell us what that job is, Raman,” said the king.

“A mother’s job,” said Raman, “It is much more difficult to keep a child happy than to look after a kingdom.”

The whole court broke into loud laughter, and of course Raman was asked to prove the truth of his words.

So Raman brought a woman and her young son to the king.

“Now ask the kind Raja for anything that you want,” he told the little boy.

“An elephant,” said the little boy at once.

An elephant was immediately brought for him.

“Put him into my basket,” the boy said, “I want to take him home.”

“But he won’t fit into your basket, son. He’ll come walking behind you when you go home.”

The little boy was stubborn. “I want him in my basket,” he said, “My friends won’t know that he is my elephant if I don’t take him home in my basket.”

He started crying, and nothing that anyone said would make him change his mind. The king and his courtiers tried everything they could. But the boy just did not listen. He cried and cried and cried. Then the mother said something to Raman, and he immediately sent for a toy elephant. She turned to her son and said, “Look, my son. Here’s a small elephant which is much more beautiful than the big elephant. It is wearing a gold chain, and there is a golden umbrella on top of its head. It has wheels so that you can pull it behind you wherever you go. It will fit easily into your basket. Tell the man to take away the big elephant - your basket will break if you put him in it, and you can’t take him to your friend’s house because he is so big.”

The boy stopped crying. The mahout led away the elephant, and the little boy and his mother went away happily.

Then the king wiping the sweat from his brow, said, “Raman, I agree that a mother’s job is the most difficult job in the world.”

2.2 Read, Think and Answer II

Answer the following questions in not more than 25 words each.

(i) What according to Tenali Raman was the most difficult job in the world?

(ii) Who did Tenali Raman bring to court?

(iii) What did the little boy ask from the king?

(iv) Why did the boy start crying? Mention 2 reasons.

(v) What did the mother do?

2.3 Overall Questions

Answer the following questions in not more than 40 words.

(1) What did Krishnadeva Raya ask his courtiers? Why did Tenali Raman smile at their answer?

(2) How did Krishnadeva Raya learn that a mother's job is the most difficult job in the world?

2.4 Let's Learn Grammar

You must have read these words in the text:

Wise, witty, stubborn

They tell us more about a person. – a wise courtier, a stubborn child. They are called adjectives. Words which tell us more about a person, thing or place are called adjectives.

Look at the following words. Use them to fill in the blanks below:

Cold, warm, nice, tall, beautiful, high

Shimla is a _____ place. There is a _____ mountain close to it. It has many _____ trees. It is _____ in winter. But it is _____ in summer. In the summers we see many _____ flowers.

2.5 Increase Your Word Power

Look at the following table. Words given under names go together. They belong to the same type.

Type	Names
Animals	Elephant, Tiger, Lion, Giraffe
Place	Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Aiwzal
Fruits	Mango, Apple, Guava, Banana
Things	Book, Pencils, Pens, Mugs

Underline the odd one out from the words given below

eg: Mohan, Lalit, Pencil, Reena

- (i) Pigeon, Peacock, Kabaddi, Sparrow
- (ii) Cricket, Khoko, Football, Gulabjamun.
- (iii) Rice, Dahi, Idli, Swimming.
- (iv) Kolkata, Guwahati, Puri, Guitar

2.6 Let's Talk

Asking and Answering Questions

Practise the following dialogue with your friend.

Friend: Where did you go to this morning?

You : I went to the market.

Friend : What did you do there?

You : I bought vegetables.

Friend : When did you come back?

You : I came back before noon.

2.7 Let's Write

You must have seen pictures of elephants. Complete the description of an elephant. You can use the following words.

Legs, trunk, bananas grey, tail, ears, tusks

The elephant is a large animal. It is _____ in colour. It has four fat _____. It has a long _____ in front. It has two _____. The elephant has a small _____ but it has two big _____. The elephant loves to eat _____.

2.8 Check Your Answer

Read, Think and answer I

- (i) jester
- (ii) wise, witty
- (iii) What was the most difficult job in the world
- (iv) the courtiers, the most difficult job in the world
- (v) that ruling a Kingdom was the most difficult job in the world.

Read, Think and answer II

- (i) a mother's job
- (ii) a mother and her young son

(iii) an elephant

(iv) elephant did not fit into the basket; he could not take him home to show his friends

(v) asked for a toy elephant.

Overall Questions

(1) What was the most difficult job in the world, because the fact a mother's job was more difficult.

(2) Tenali Raman brought a young boy - boy asked for an elephant - wanted to take elephant home in his basket - would not fit in - started crying - was given a toy elephant - was finally happy.

Let's Learn Grammar

Cold, high, tall, cold, warm, beautiful

Increase your word power

(i) Kabaddi (ii) Gulabjamun (iii) Swimming (iv) Guitar

Let's Write

gray, legs, trunk, ears, tail, tusks, bananas