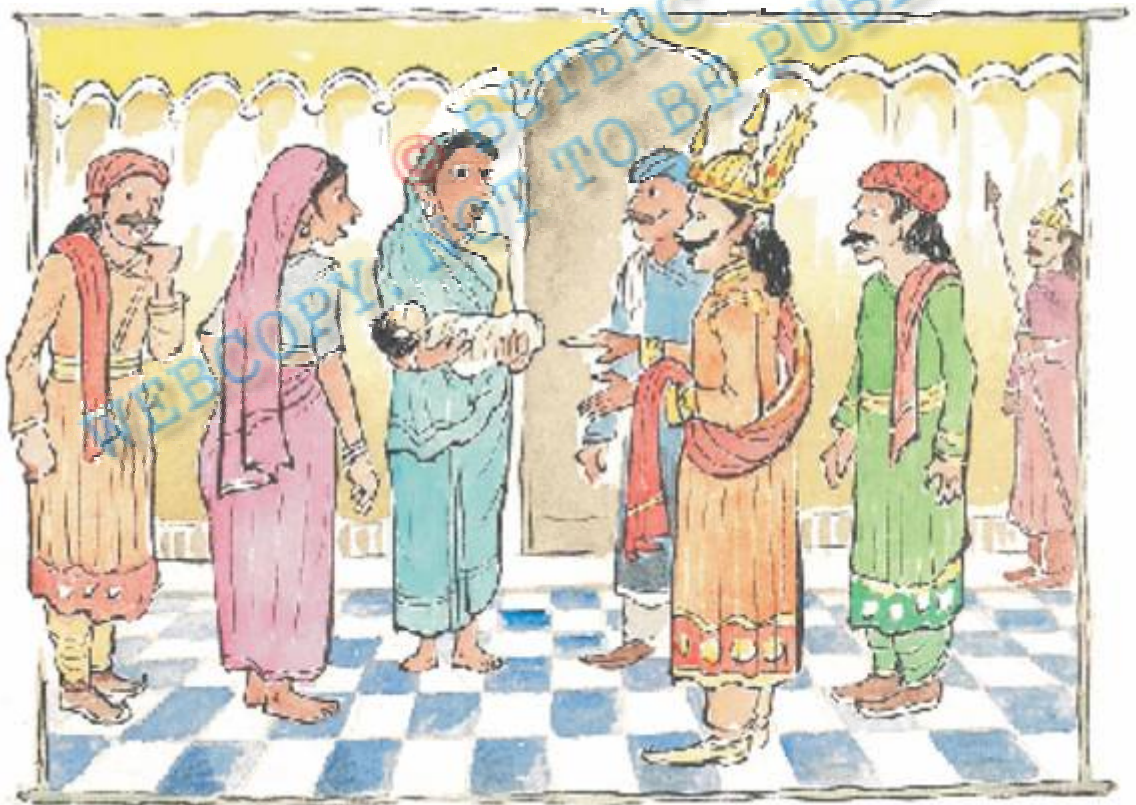


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VIKRAM, THE WISE KING

A. Warmer

Have you ever attended a panchayat meeting in your village in connection with a quarrel ? If yes, who was the judge ? What judgement did he give ? What were the reactions of the other people present there ?



There was a king. His name was Vikram. He was very wise. He was a great judge. He was also very just and kind.



One day his officers brought two women to his court. They were Sita and Lila. They were quarrelling over a baby.

Sita Said, "The baby is mine. Lila has stolen the baby."

"No, the baby is mine. This woman is telling a lie," said Lila.

King Vikram heard the two women. He thought over the matter deeply. Then he ordered his officers to bring a sword.

The king said to one of his officers, "Divide the baby into two halves. Give one half to Sita and the other half to Lila".

Hearing this, Sita cried loudly, "No! No! My lord. Don't divide the baby into two halves. Give this baby to Lila. Let the baby live."

The King ordered his officers, "Give the baby to Sita. She is the real mother."

Everyone present at the court was surprised. They appreciated the wisdom of King Vikram.

Words to know

judge	जज	न्यायाधीश
just	जस्ट	न्यायप्रिय
divide	डिवाइड	काटना, बाँटना
real	रियल	वास्तविक
wisdom	विजडम	बुद्धिमानी
surprised	सरप्राइज्ड	आश्चर्यचकित
appreciated	अप्रीशिएटेड	प्रशंसा किया

B. Let's Think and Tell

B.1. Answer the following questions orally in very few words:

- (i) Who was Vikram ?
- (ii) What were the names of the two women ?
- (iii) Why were the two women quarrelling ?
- (iv) Who was telling a lie ?
- (v) Which of the two women was the real mother?

B.2. Answer these questions in a phrase or sentence :

- (i) What kind of king was Vikram ?
- (ii) What did Sita say ?
- (iii) Who brought the two women before the king ?
- (iv) Who was not the real mother ?

B.3. Say whether the following statements are true or false:

- (i) The two women were quarrelling over a house.
- (ii) Sita cried loudly.
- (iii) King Vikram gave the baby to Lila.
- (iv) The king ordered his officers to divide the baby into two halves.
- (v) Everyone was happy to hear the judgement.

C. Let's Think and Write

C.1. Select the right words from the brackets given below and fill in the blanks :

- (i) King Vikram was _____. (just/proud)
- (ii) He was _____. (great/simple)
- (iii) _____ was the real mother of the baby. (Sita/Lila)
- (iv) Lila was telling a _____. (lie/truth)
- (v) Lila said, "The baby is _____. (mine/yours)"

C.2. Answer the following questions in complete sentences :

- (i) What did the two women ask the king to decide ?
- (ii) What convinced the king that Sita was the real mother?
- (iii) How did the king show his wisdom ?

C.3. Rearrange the following sentences in proper order to make a meaningful paragraph. Put (1) for the first, (2) for the second and so on. One has been done as an example.

- (1) There was a king whose name was Vikram.
- () The baby was given to Sita.
- () The king thought over the matter a little.
- () The king's officers brought the two women before the king.
- () The two women were quarrelling over a baby.
- () He ordered to cut the baby into two halves.
- () "Don't divide the baby into two halves", Sita cried.

C.4. Complete the summary of the story by inserting the words opposite in meaning to the words given in brackets :

King Vikram was a very _____ (foolish) king. One day his officers brought two _____ (men) before him. They were quarrelling over a _____ (big) baby. The _____ (queen) ordered the officers to divide the baby into two halves. All those _____ (absent) were surprised. But Sita cried loudly. She was the _____ (false) mother. The king gave the baby to Sita.

D. Let's increase word power

D.1 Fill in the blanks to make meaningful words:

- (i) w... sd... m (ii) ... ff... c... r (iii) q... arr...l
(iv) s...o... d (v) d...v...d... (vi) j ... st

D.2 Rearrange the following jumbled letters to make meaningful words :

- (a) dievdl (b) ffoice (c) dmosiw
(d) woerd (e) rurqael

E. Let's Learn

Look at the following sentences from the lesson :

- Divide the baby into two halves.
- Don't divide the baby into two halves.
- Give this to Lila.
- Let the baby live.



All these sentences express either an order, request, advice or proposal. Such sentences, as you can see, begin with the verb in the first form and the subject 'You' is dropped. These sentences are called imperative sentences.

Now, read the story and find which of them expresses an order, request, advice or proposal.

E.1. Now write imperative sentences for the following situations. One is done for you.

1. When you are thirsty.
Give me water.
2. When you ask someone not to do anything.
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3. When you want other's pen.
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4. When you want to help your friend.
.....
5. When you want to get a seat from someone.
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E.2. Rewrite the following sentences as shown in the example.

Ex. You are requested to help me.
Please help me.

1. You are requested to have a cup of tea.
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2. You are requested to help the poor.

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3. You are requested to go there.

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4. You are requested to come here.

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5. You are requested to lend me some money.

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E.3. Rewrite the following sentences as shown in the example.

Ex. You are prohibited from touching the fire.
Don't touch the fire.

1. You are prohibited from coming inside.

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2. You are prohibited from teasing the dog.

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3. You are advised not to hate anyone.

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4. You are advised not to tell a lie.

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5. You are advised not to run in the sun.

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F.1. Let's Talk and Write

Should Lila be punished by the king or the king should set her free? If you say 'Yes' explain 'why', but if you say 'No' explain. 'Why not'.

G. Let's Say Aloud

Say these words aloud

thought	theft	stump	stand
theme	think	stolen	stir
thin	throw	stone	sticker
thigh	throne	stop	steam

H. Let's Listen and Write

H.1. For the teacher : Select some of the sentences or a paragraph from the story and give a dictation to test children's spelling ability and enrich their writing ability.

I. Let's Play

Ladder Game

This game may be played between two groups or individuals.

The first participant shall speak out a word and the opposite participant has to speak out a new word starting with the last letter of that very word.

Example :

START

TOMATO

ORANGE

EGG

GOAT

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