

A Genie whom No One liked

- Have you heard the story of genie and the magic lamp or chirag ka jinn?
- Do you know how the genie came out of the lamp?
- Genie of the lamp is known to fulfil the wishes of people. Can a genie be ever unhappy?



Let's read and find out.

Once upon a time there was a genie. But this particular genie was famous for spoiling things up. Whenever someone rubbed the magic lamp, he would come out and say, "What is your wish?" Then a great cloud of smoke would appear. Hundreds of things would fly through the air. When somebody wanted something, he would bring it covered in so much dust, that nobody wanted to even touch it. So silly were his mistakes that no one liked the magic lamp. So the genie didn't come out for years.

One day a lonely boy named Pankaj, found the lamp. He heard the sad cries of the genie. So he decided to try to become his friend. The wish he asked to be granted was to be able to

enter and leave the lamp. The genie was happy to grant this wish. As soon as Pankaj entered the lamp, he could see what the genie's problem was. It wasn't that he was a bad genie. It was just that he was untidy! In the lamp, everything was thrown all over the place, whether it be jewellery, books, boats or camels. It was clear that the place had not been cleaned for years. Pick up anything and a cloud of dust would fly up.



Pankaj was surprised. The genie felt ashamed and apologised. He said that a genie's job was very important and he had no time for cleaning. But Pankaj remembered his mother's advice. He told the genie that it was important to keep all his things in order. And so, they decided to give the place a good clean. It took them quite a few days. When they finished, everything was gleaming and in its correct place. Now it was very easy to find whatever gift was asked for, and to get it without breaking anything.



And so the genie began to be respected and liked once more. He learnt that nothing great can be achieved without order and cleanliness in all things.

~ Pedro Pablo Sacristan
(adapted)

Glossary

genie	:	a spirit with magic powers, especially one that lives in a bottle or a lamp; जिन्न
spoil	:	to mess up; काम बिगाड़ना
untidy	:	not neat; अव्यवस्थित
apologise	:	to say that you are sorry for doing something wrong; क्षमा माँगना
in order	:	as it should be; जैसा होना चाहिए

a good clean : the process of cleaning something

thoroughly; पूर्ण सफाई

gleaming : shining brightly; चमकती हुई

achieve : to succeed in doing something; प्राप्त करना

Activity – I

A. Rearrange the following sentences and put them in correct order according to the story.

1. One day, a lonely boy named Pankaj found the magic lamp and rubbed it.
2. It was clear that the genie's house had not been cleaned for years.
3. Pankaj wished to enter the magic lamp as he wanted to see what the genie's house looked like.
4. Whenever somebody rubbed the magic lamp, the genie would come out and say, "What is your wish?"
5. Together Pankaj and the genie put everything in order. Now the genie was respected.
6. Pankaj told the genie that it was important to keep things in order.

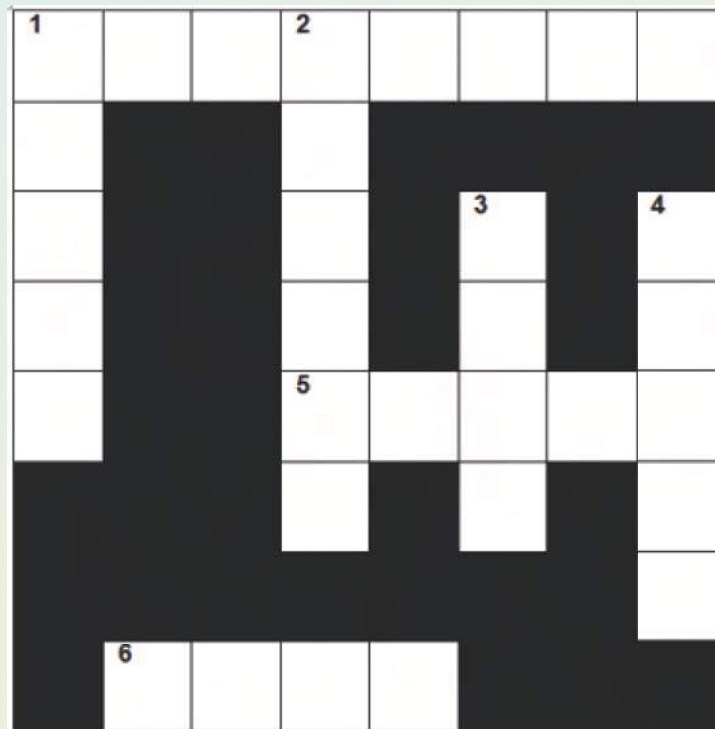
B. Answer the following questions.

1. What happens when someone rubs a magic lamp?
2. What does the genie do?
3. Why do you think Pankaj asked the genie to let him enter the lamp?
4. Why did the genie feel ashamed?

5. What advice did Pankaj's mother give?
6. Why did people begin to respect the genie again?

Activity – II

A. Complete the following crossword puzzles with the help of clues given below:



Clues:

Across

1. shining brightly
5. an animal found in the desert
6. a set of pages put together to be read

Down

1. spirit with magic powers
2. suggestion
3. an object that provides light
4. foolish

B. Fill in the blanks using appropriate words from the box.

gleaming apologised rub untidy advice

1. The teacher used a duster to the black board.
2. 'Always speak the truth' is a good
3. Sunil keeps his things in proper place. His room never looks
4. Mahesh does not chew gutkha. He has white teeth.
5. Neeraj for his rude behaviour.

Activity – III

Read the following sentences from the lesson:

- Pankaj found the lamp.
- He heard the sad cries of the genie.

These sentences are the examples of simple past tense. It is used to talk about an action that took place in the past. Notice that past forms of verb 'find' and 'hear' have been used in these sentences.

Now fill in the blanks using past forms of the verbs given in the brackets.

1. Nitesh to Jaipur yesterday. (go)
2. Raju a letter to his father. (write)
3. Kavitaher homework before going to bed.
(complete)
4. Manjeet a beautiful paper boat. (make)
5. The teacher Poonam why she was absent the
previous day. (ask)

Activity – IV

What wish will you ask for if you happen to meet a genie?
Discuss with your friend. (Work in pairs)

Activity – V

Draw a picture of genie and the magic lamp on a chart paper and
write a paragraph on it describing what the genie does.