PART - II

MAIN LESSONS

LESSON - 1

THE MISSING RING



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PRE-READING

• You must have heard or read the stories about Birbal, a wise and clever man. He had uncommon wit and intelligence. He was a minister in Emperor Akbar's court. Here is a story in which Birbal helps Akbar in finding a thief.



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WHILE-READING

- SGP-1
- Read paragraphs 1 3 silently and answer the questions that follow.
 - 1. Akbar was very fond of jewellery. He had hundreds of rings, in which diamonds and many other gems had been set. But of all the rings he had, he liked one the most. It was a large ring with a number of pearls and diamonds set in it. The ring was a present to Akbar from the Queen.

- 2. At Akbar's palace, there were eight servants who looked after the Emperor's clothes and jewellery. Every day one of these eight servants used to help Akbar get ready to go to the court. None other than these eight servants could enter the Emperor's room.
- 3. One day the Emperor was getting ready to go to the court. He wanted to wear his favourite ring that day. He asked one of his eight servants to bring it. But the servant came back saying that he could not find the ring. Akbar ordered to search for the ring, but it could not be found.

Comprehension Questions:

- 1. What was Akbar fond of?
- 2. How many rings did he have?
- 3. Which ring did he like most? Why?
- 4. Who looked after the Emperor's clothes and jewellery?
- 5. What did they do every day?
- 6. Were others allowed to the Emperor's room? Why?
- 7. What did Akbar want to wear while getting ready to go to the court?
- 8. What was the servant's report?
- 9. What was the Emperor's order?
- 10. What was the result?

• SGP-2

- Read paragraphs 4 5 silently and answer the questions that follow.
 - 4. Akbar was very angry. He felt that one of his servants had stolen the ring. He sent for Birbal. When Birbal came, he told him what had happened and asked him to find the thief.
 - 5. The following day, Birbal called the eight servants who were in charge of the Emperor's room. He gave each of them a short stick and asked them to come back to him the following day. He told them that one of them had stolen the Emperor's ring and that the thief's stick would become longer by as much as the length of a finger that night.

• Comprehension Questions:

- 1. Akbar felt something about the missing ring, what was it? What did he ask Birbal to do?
- 2. What did Birbal give to the servants?

3. What did he tell about the thief's stick?





SGP-3

- Read paragraphs 6 7 silently and answer the questions that follow.
 - 6. The next morning, the eight servants came back to Birbal with the sticks. Birbal asked them to stand in a line, and looked carefully at the stick each one of them was carrying. Suddenly, Birbal caught hold of one of them and took him to Akbar. He told Akbar that he had caught the thief. The man fell at Akbar's feet and said that he had stolen the ring. He was punished by the Emperor.
 - 7. How did Birbal know which of the eight men was the thief? The man who had stolen the ring had believed what Birbal had said about the thief's stick becoming longer by the length of a finger. He had gone home and cut his stick to make it shorter. And Birbal had noticed that this man's stick was shorter than the stick of others!

Session - 3

III POST-READING

1	Visual Memory Development Technique	(VMDT)	:
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Whole Text : the emperor's favourite ring

The ring was found missing. Birbal's plan to catch the thief,

The thief was caught.

Part : Paragraph 1 - Akbar fond of jewellery,

his favourite ring

2 Comprehension Activities :

(a) MCQs:

- Choose the correct alternatives and complete each sentences.
- 1. Akbar liked one of his rings the most because_____
 - A. a number of pearls and diamonds were set on it.
 - B. it was the most precious of all the rings he had
 - C. it was made with special designs
 - D. it was a present to him from the queen
- 2. The ring was stolen by ______.
 - A. one of the eight servants
 - B. all the eight servants
 - C. Birbal and one of the servants
 - D. Birbal and all the servants
- 3. Akbar asked Birbal _____
 - A. to get a new ring made
 - B. to search the lost ring
 - C. to find the thief
 - D. to entertain him with a story

	4.	Birba	al told that the thief's stick would						
		A.	become s	hort	er			C.	become longer
		B.	become g	old				D.	be broken into pieces
	5.	Birba	al was			to ca	tch the	thief.	
		A.	kind	B. c	ruel	C.	clever	D.	foolish
(b)			wing sente ite their se						ou read. But they are not in
			All the eig	All the eight servants came back to Birbal with their sticks.					
			Birbal called all the servants to his presence.						
			He said thief's stick would be longer that night.						
			One day A	kbar	lost hi	s favo	ourite r	ing.	
			He asked E	Birba	l to fin	d the	thief.		
			The thief o	ut hi	s stick	to m	ake it sł	norter.	
			He gave a	stick	to eacl	h ser	vant.		
			The thief v	vas c	aught	at las	it.		
Ses	sion	4							
3	Liste	ening	:						
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		(i)	Akbar was	very	y fond (ofjev	vellery.		
		(ii)	The queer	n pre	sented	l him	a diam	ond ri	ng
		(iii)	The ring w	as h	is favo	urite.			
		(iv)	He put on	ther	ing wh	en h	e went	to the	royal assembly
		(v)	One day tl	ne rir	ng was	stole	en. 🔃		
		(vi)	Clever Bir	bal fo	ound o	ut th	e thief.		
		(vii)	Akbar was	hap	py and	l prai	sed Birl	bal. 🗌	

4	Speaking:
	The jumbled up sentences of the story in Activity 2 (b) have already been put in order. Teacher will ask the students to read out the sentences serially in a chain in the class. For Example:
	Student 1: One day Akbar lost his favourite ring.
	Student 2: He asked Birbal to find out the thief.
	Student 3:
Ses 5	Sion - 5 Vocabulary: Find new words hiding in the word Example: Servant: Van, ant catch : ct palace :ae jewellery : jl ready : rad missing : ms, sn become :o_e punished : i, se, sh pearl : pa_, e
6	Writing:
<u> </u>	You have put the story sentences in order in 2.b.
	Now use the sentences and write the story 'The Missing Ring'
	One day Akbar lost his favourite ring.

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Writ	te answers to the following questions:
(i)	Which ring was Akbar's favourite ?
	Ans
(ii)	What did the eight servants do everyday?
	Ans
(iii)	What did Akbar feel about the missing ring?
	Why did he think so ?
	Ans
(iv)	Who did he ask to find out the thief?
	Ans

(v)	What did Birbal say about the thief's stick?							
	Ans							
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(vi)	Why did the thief cut his stick?							
	Ans							



7 Mental Talk:

- You cannot hide a wrong doing that leads to another.
- It is the wise man who watches the fool.

Tail-piece

You enjoyed how cleverly Birbal caught the thief.

Read another story to learn an interesting way to find the guilty.

FINDING THE THIEF

One night an old man stopped at a small hotel in a village. There he ate his dinner, went upstairs to his room, and went to sleep. Soon afterwards the manager of the hotel came and woke him up and said, "Sir, please come downstairs, I need your help".

The old man got up and went down. "What has happened?" he asked.

The manager said, "These five men came in last night. Now one of them says that his money is missing, and no one has left the room since then. We all have faith in you. Please tell us, if you can, who took the money".

"Go, get me a cock", said the old man. The manager went out, and brought him a cock. The men were wondering what he was going to do with the cock.

"Now" he said, "I'll get a pot". And he went to the kitchen and took a big pot which was kept over the fire.

"Now I'll turn the pot upside down over the cock," said the old man. He put the cock on the table and turned the pot upside down over it. After that he locked the door, and put the keys in his pocket.

"Put out the lights," he said, "and cover the fire". So they did that, making the room quite dark.



Then the old man said, "Now all of you line up and pass the pot one by one. Rub the pot with your hands as you pass. When the thief rubs the pot, the cock will crow three times".

All the men went by the pot and rubbed it. No sound was heard. The cock hadn't crowed at all.

"Anybody else who hasn't rubbed the pot?", asked the old man. Nobody spoke. "Light the lamps," he said.

The men lit the lamps and the candles again and got the fire going bright once more. The room was now well lit, as before.



Then the old man said, "Now, men, line up again and hold your hands up towards me". They did so and he looked carefully at all their hands. And there was only one man whose hands were not black from the soot on the bottom of the pot. So he pointed to the man with clean hands and said, "There's your thief! Catch him and make him give back the money that he has taken".

Word Note

diamond : a very hard, bright, clear precious stone used in

jewellery, ହୀରା

favourite : (spoken as fevorit): a person or thing that you like

more than all others, ବେଶୀ ପ୍ରିୟ, ଭଲ ଲାଗୁଥିବା (ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି, ବସ୍ତୁ ଇତ୍ୟାଦି)

gem : any sort of valuable stone used as jewellery, ରତ୍ରପଥର

jewellery : rings, necklaces etc. that people wear as ornaments,

ଅଳଙ୍କାର

pearl : a small, hard, round white object that grows inside the

shell of an oyster and used to make jewellery, ମୁକ୍ତା

Tail-piece

crow(v) : to make a loud noise by cock, କୁକୁଡ଼ା ରାବିବା

downstairs : (opposite: upstairs), on or to the ground floor, ତଳ ମହଲା

missing : lost, ହଳି ଯାଇଥିବା

rub : to move your hand, a cloth etc. backwards and forwards

over a surface, ଘଷିବା, ମାଜିବା

turn upside down: move the top part to the bottom, ତଳ ମୁହାଁ କରି ଓଲଟେଇବା

soot : black powder that is produced when wood, coal etc. is

burnt, ନିଆଁରୁ ବାହାରୁଥିବା କଳା