



Lecture Sheet, 2nd Term, 2020

Class: 4, Subject: English Literature

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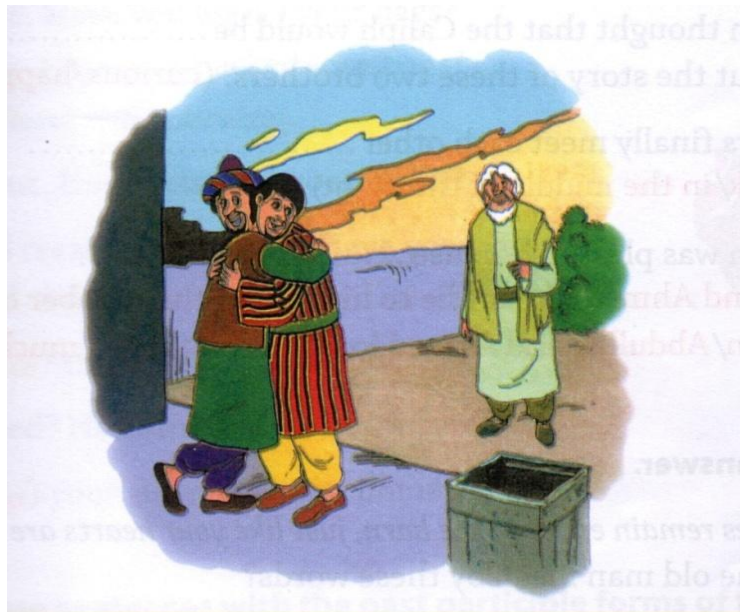
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3. Topic: The Old Man and Two Brothers

Lecture-1

Date: 02.06.2020



Background (time and place):

A village near Baghdad (capital of Iraq) when *the great Caliph Harun al-Rashid* the ruler.

Theme of the drama:

‘The Old Man and Two Brothers’ is a drama. This drama is about love, care and responsibility of brotherhood.

Characters:

1. Osman- elder brother
2. Omar - younger brother
3. Fatima - Osman's wife
4. Old man - neighbour

Scene: 1

Key words:

1. brothers
2. Baghdad
3. love
4. festival
5. sheaves
6. wish
7. secretly
8. plan
9. Fatima
10. barn
11. Omar
12. Secretly

Explanation:

Once there lived two **brothers** called Osman and Omar in a village near **Baghdad**. They **loved** each other very much. There was a Harvest **Festival** in the village where people could sell and buy various cheap crops, vegetables and grains. Osman and Omar also attended the festival and returned home buying some **sheaves** from there.

Osman **wished** to help Omar by giving him some sheaves but he knew that Omar would not accept his help easily. So he planned to give Omar some sheaves secretly when Omar was asleep. Osman shared his **plan** with his wife Fatima. **Fatima** became happy hearing his plan because she knew how much Osman loved Omar. Three hours later, Osman took some sheaves to his brother's **barn**.

On the other side, **Omar** also thought the same. He also wanted to help Osman by giving him some sheaves. But he knew that Osman would never take help from him. So he planned to add some sheaves to Osman's store secretly and according to his plan, he took some sheaves to Osman's barn.

So, both gave sheaves each other **secretly**.

EXERCISES

WORD MEANING:

Write the meaning of the given words.

1. Caliph
2. Barn
3. Grain
4. Sheaves of corn
5. Carry out
6. Stroll
7. Well stocked
8. Keep watch

Answer each question in one sentence:

1. How was the Caliph?
2. Who was Harun al-Rashid?
3. Who are two brothers?
4. Where does Osman arrive from?
5. Who arrived home?

Lecture-2

Date: 06.06.2020

Scene: 2 and 3

Key words:

1. confused
2. number
3. thought
4. again
5. old man
6. understood
7. meet
8. solve
9. plan

Explanation:

Next morning, both Osman and Omar looked at the number of their sheaves in the barn. They became surprised and **confused**. The **number** of the sheaves was the same as before! They **thought** that maybe they gave their brother only few sheaves that is why the number of sheaves remained the same. So, both brothers Osman and Omar planned to give sheaves **again**. It happened for few days.

At night, an **old man** was walking on the road and saw Osman taking some sheaves to Omar's barn secretly. Later that night, the old man saw Omar taking the sheaves to his brother Osman's barn secretly. He became **confused** thinking what the brothers are doing. But then he **understood** each goes secretly to his brother's house for helping. The old man wanted to make the brothers **meet** at night and to **solve** the mystery. He made his **plan**.

Scene: 4

Key words:

1. Osman's house

2. asked
3. told
4. suggested
5. Omar's house
6. asked
7. told
8. meet
9. sheaves
10. understood
11. embraced
12. barn
13. love

Explanation:

According to the plan, the old man went to **Osman's house** next morning. When he **asked** Osman why he was looking surprisingly at his barn, Osman **told** him everything. Knowing that, the old man **suggested** him to go to Omar's barn tomorrow just before the sun rises. Things will become clearer then.

After that the old man goes to **Omar's house**. When he asked Osman why he was looking surprisingly at his barn, Omar told him everything. Knowing that, the old man suggested the same to him to go to Osman's barn tomorrow just before the sun rises. Things will become clearer then.

The brothers **meet** each other on their way carrying **sheaves** just before the sun rises. The brothers **understood** everything. They **embraced** each other. The old man keeps watch at daybreak the next day and said that now their mystery is solved and their sheaves remain equal in the **barn**, just like their hearts are equal in **love**.

EXERCISE

Find out whether the statements are true or false. If false then give the right statement.

1. The old man tells Omar to go to Osman's house after the sun rises.
2. Omar will not do as the old man says.
3. The brothers meet each carrying a packet of sweets.
4. They do not embrace each other.
5. Their hearts are not equal in love.

Fill in the blanks using suitable words:

1. Three hours later, Osman takes the sheaves to his brother's _____.
2. Omar _____ what he will do.
3. Omar _____ out his plan.
4. Osman is _____ as the number of sheaves is the same as before.
5. Osman asks himself if he made a mistake in _____ the sheaves.
6. The story was based on the _____ of two brothers.
7. They used to live in a village near _____.
8. The name of the Osman's wife was _____.

ANSWER

Lecture-1

Word Meaning:

1. Caliph (n.)- the chief Muslim civil and religious ruler
2. Barn (n.)- storehouse
3. Grain (n.)- crop
4. Sheaves of corn (n.) – bundles of corn stalks tied together
5. Carry out (v.) – to do or complete something
6. Stroll (v.) – a slow and relaxed walk
7. Well stocked (adj.) – full of grain
8. Keep watch (v.) – to guard or care for someone or something

✚ Answer each question in one sentence:

1. Ans. Harun al-Rashid was considered as the great Caliph of Baghdad.
2. Ans. Harun al-Rashid was the Caliph of Baghdad.
3. Ans. The two brothers are Osman and Omar.
4. Ans. Osman arrives from from the harvest festival.
5. Ans. Osman and Omar arrived home.

Lecture-2

✚ Find out whether the statements are true or false. If false then give the right statement.

1. False
Correct answer: The old man tells Omar to go to Osman's house after the sun rises.
2. False
Correct answer: Omar will do as the old man says.
3. False
Correct answer: The brothers meet each carrying sheaves.
4. False
Correct answer: They embrace each other.
5. False
Correct answer: Their hearts are equal in love and care.

✚ Fill in the blanks using suitable words:

1. barn
2. thinks
3. carries
4. confused
5. counting
6. love
7. Baghdad
8. Fatima

✚ **Next class (solving exercise) on 09.06.2020**

✚ **Revision on 13.06.2020**

✚ **CHT on 16.06.2020**

✚ **Keywords of the story are in paste colour.**

✚ **Dear students, please learn the word meaning above and read the story again and again for a better understand. Good luck and thank you. 😊**