

1. Topic: True Judgment

Lecture- 1

Date: 20.10.2020



Background (time and place):

In India when Emperor Akbar was the ruler of the kingdom.

Theme of the drama:

‘True Judgment’ is a drama. Drama is a type of story full of different characters’ acting and dialogue (conversation). This drama is about taking right decision for justice. That time emperors or kings could judge people like now Judges of the court can give justice to people.

Characters:

1. Akbar- Emperor of India
2. Birbal- Minister of Akbar
3. Courtier- Minister of Akbar
4. Denu- a poor villager
5. Kanchana- Denu’s wife

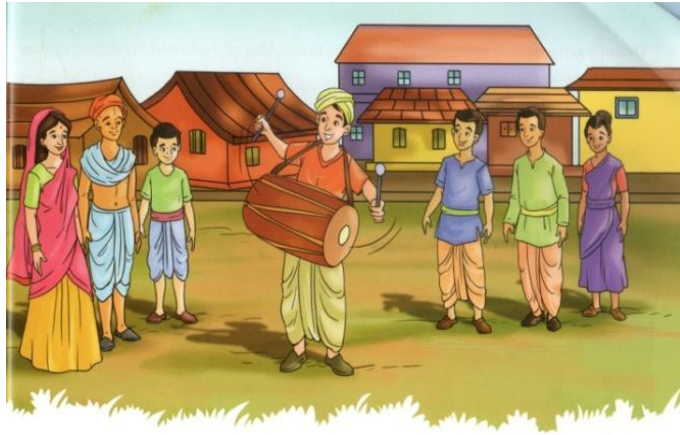
- **Keywords are in paste colour.**

Scene: 1

Summary:

Once in a winter morning, Emperor Akbar and Birbal were pacing (walking) in the **balcony** of Akbar's palace. There was a **river** near the palace and Akbar heard that its water was extreme cold. Birbal said that no ordinary (normal) man can **survive** after staying for a long time in the cold water of the river (the water was cold because it was winter). Hearing this, Akbar whispered a surprising **plan** in Birbal's ear.

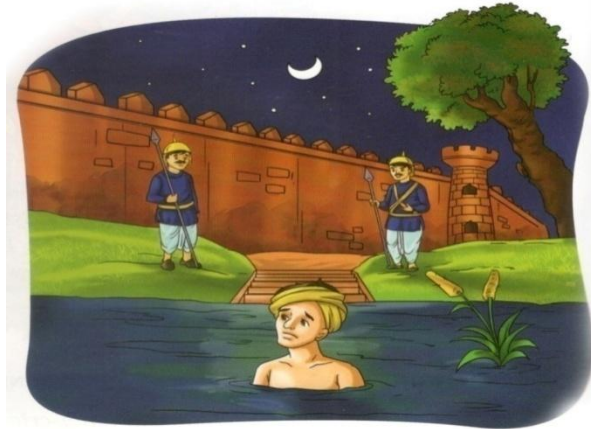
Scene: 2



Summary:

Akbar plans to offer the villagers a **challenge**. The challenge was that if any ordinary man stands in the cold water of the river whole night, he will be **rewarded**. So, at the market place the town-crier gives the villagers this **announcement** of Akbar's challenge by beating his drum. Nobody was ready to accept the challenge but **Denu** accepted. Denu is a poor washer man. He said to his wife Kanchana that he will accept the challenge to try his **luck** and get the reward.

Scene: 3



Summary:

At night, Denu started to **stand** at the middle of the cold river. He stood in the river all through the night and next morning he was **shivering** badly because the water was too cold. He successfully completed the **task**. People **congratulated** him on his wonderful achievement. For this, Kanchana thought that Denu was the luckiest person as he completed the task.

Exercise

Word Meaning:

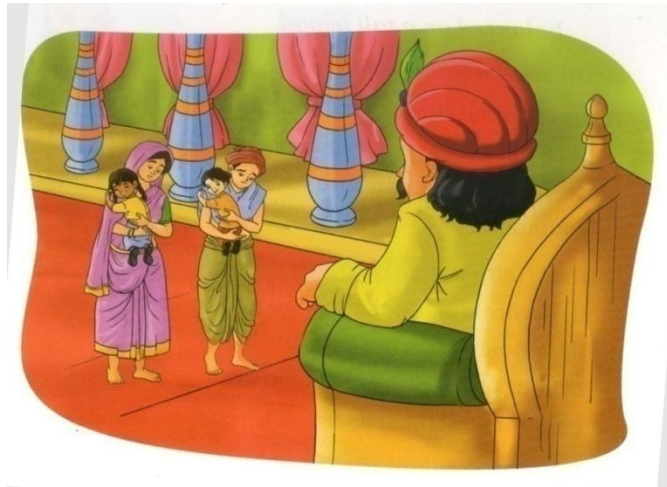
Write the meaning of the given words:

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| 1. Emperor | 9. Courtier |
| 2. Pace | 10. Deserve |
| 3. Ordinary | 11. Warm |
| 4. Survive | 12. Punctual |
| 5. Reward | 13. Briskly |
| 6. Task | 14. Astonished |
| 7. Achievement | 15. Shiver |
| 8. Throne | |

Lecture- 2

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Scene: 4



Summary:

After completing the task, Denu and his family went to Akbar's court to receive the reward. They bowed (saluted) before Akbar. Akbar was happy to see Denu and he said that Denu was a brave young man who completed the task successfully. Suddenly, a courtier interrupted (stopped) Akbar from rewarding Denu. The courtier said that Denu does not deserve the reward, because he was supposed to stand in the 'cold' water near the palace. But the water was not 'cold' because the heat of the lights of the palace kept the water warm (hot). Akbar believed the courtier and did not give Denu any reward. Thus, poor and sad Denu did not get justice and left the court empty handed. Birbal was present in the court and he saw everything. He was unhappy about Akbar's judgment.

Scene: 5

Summary:

Birbal was always punctual because he arrived at court in time. But next day, Birbal was absent in the court. A messenger gave Akbar a message that Birbal would be late today because he was cooking at home and he needed a long time to prepare the food. Hearing this, Akbar got angry and went to Birbal's house quickly to meet him.

Scene: 6 and 7



Summary:

When Akbar arrived at **Birbal's house**, he saw that Birbal placed a **cooking pot** on a tall **tripod** far above the fire. Akbar said that it is **silly** because the pot is not getting the heat of the fire and without heat the food cannot be cooked. Hearing this, **Birbal** replied that the **lights** of the palace were also far away from the cold water and Denu that night. Then the lights of the palace also could not make the water of the river **warm**.

Akbar **realised** his judgment was wrong about Denu. Actually, cooking was a **trick** of clever Birbal to make Akbar realize that justice was not done with Denu. So next day, Akbar called Denu again at his court and gave him his **reward** (a tray of coins). Denu and his family was happy for the true **judgment** of Akbar.

Exercise

Make Sentence:

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Fill in the Gaps using suitable words:

1. Akbar and Birbal are _____ the floor in the palace balcony.
2. "Birbal, I have heard that the water of this river is _____ cold."

3. The emperor _____ something in Birbal's ear.
4. "No ordinary man can _____ after staying for such a long time in the cold water."
5. Nobody is ready to _____ the challenge.
6. Birbal is usually _____.

Reminder:

- ✚ Next class of solving exercises will be held on **03.11.2020**
- ✚ Revision will be held on **08.11.2020**
- ✚ Assessment (CHT) will be hold on **10.11.2020**
- ✚ To practice exercises, you can learn from the attached Answer of the Lecture Sheet.
- ✚ Thank you and good luck. ☺