



Read and Answer

A Tick (✓) the correct words.

- Akbar did not like to lie in bed because
 - there was nothing for him to do.
 - he had to take medicines.
 - he had to listen to stories.
- Akbar couldn't sleep at night because he was
 - cheerful and happy.
 - bored and unhappy.
 - angry and worried.
- One of the hakims came up with the idea that Akbar should
 - listen to a story every night.
 - tell one story every night.
 - read books.
- Akbar was angry with the storytellers because their stories
 - came to an end.
 - did not have an end.
 - made him sad.
- Birbal's story was about
 - five hundred birds in a peepul tree.
 - four hundred and ninety-six birds in a mango tree.
 - birds who lived in an apple tree.



B Match the columns to make sentences.

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| 1. Emperor Akbar (d) | a. gave Akbar medicines. |
| 2. The hakims (a) | b. of Akbar's ministers was Birbal. |
| 3. The emperor (e) | c. narrated a never-ending story. |
| 4. Akbar got angry (f) | d. fell ill one day. |
| 5. The cleverest (b) | e. was unhappy and could not sleep. |
| 6. Birbal (c) | f. when the stories ended. |

C Answer these questions.

1. What advice did the hakims give to the emperor?
2. Why was Akbar bored?
3. Why did it become difficult to find storytellers for Akbar?

D Discuss in class.



1. How did Akbar realize that it was silly to ask for a never-ending story?
2. What kind of stories do you like best? Why? Choose one of the following and tell the class your reasons.

- MYSTERY STORIES _____
- ANIMAL STORIES _____
- ADVENTURE STORIES _____
- SCARY STORIES _____



- REAL-LIFE STORIES _____
- FAIRY TALES _____
- SPORTS STORIES _____
- FUNNY STORIES _____

OR Word Wise

VOCABULARY BUILDING

E Some words tell us what people are like while some tell us what people do. Write the words given in the box in the correct clouds.

eat cheerful clever speak unhappy
listen frightened scold brave sing

WHAT PEOPLE ARE LIKE

Cheerful
clever
unhappy
frightened
brave

WHAT PEOPLE DO

eat
speak
listen
scold
sing

F Mala asks Kabir to make fresh lime juice. Fill in the blanks with the correct words to help Kabir. Choose from the box.

fill take stir add pour cut squeeze place



1. Take a lemon.
2. cut it in half.
3. Place a strainer over a small bowl.
4. Squeeze the lemon over the strainer.
5. Fill a glass with cold water.
6. Add two spoons of sugar to the water.
7. Pour the lemon juice into the glass.
8. Stir well. The fresh lime juice is ready.

Spell Right

G When you add **ing** at the end of words ending with **e**, the **e** is dropped. Rewrite these words as shown in the example.

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| 1. dine <u>dining</u> | 3. come <u>coming</u> | 5. write <u>writing</u> |
| 2. ride <u>riding</u> | 4. shine <u>shining</u> | 6. bake <u>baking</u> |

H Fill in the blanks with the words you wrote in Exercise G.

1. There was a bright star shining in the sky.
2. Latha is writing a letter to her grandfather.
3. Gautam was coming down the stairs when he fell.
4. Rekha and Alice enjoy riding their bicycles.
5. We have just bought a new dining table.
6. Papa is baking a cake in the microwave oven.

Dictionary Check

I Write these words in alphabetical order. (HINT: Look at the first letter of each word.) Then look up the meanings of any five of the words in your dictionary.

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| 1. candle | 2 | star | 3 | bag | 1 | table | 4 | : | 3. orange | 3 | floor | 1 | house | 2 | tap | 4 |
| 2. kitten | 3 | plant | 4 | garden | 2 | flower | 1 | : | 4. dish | 1 | fork | 2 | plate | 4 | knife | 3 |



Understand Grammar

PRONOUNS

Words such as **he**, **she**, **they**, **them** that can take the place of nouns are called **pronouns**. We use these words when we do not want to repeat a noun.

We use **it** when we talk about an animal or a thing.

Akbar was a great emperor. One day *he* fell ill.

The hakims were worried.

They asked Birbal to tell Akbar a never-ending story.

It was about some birds who lived in a peepul tree.

We use the words **I**, **me**, **we** and **us** when we talk about ourselves.

We use **you** for the person we are talking to.

How are *you* feeling, Sir?

I am so bored!

We are very worried about the emperor!

J Circle the correct pronouns in the sentences below.

1. This is Rita. (She / It) is a pilot.
2. Rohit is hungry. (She / He) wants a sandwich.
3. Peter helped the old woman cross the street.
(They / He) is very kind.
4. Salma likes chocolates. Uncle gave (her / him)
a box of chocolates for her birthday.
5. The girls played well. The principal will give (them / her) a prize.
6. Jasbir is my brother. I will ask (him / her) to help you.



Use Grammar

K Work in groups of four. Build a story in about ten sentences. One student in the group makes a sentence using nouns. The next student adds a new sentence using he, she, it or they instead of the nouns.

STUDENT 1: Once there was a girl called Anita.

STUDENT 2: She was a very clever girl.

STUDENT 3: She lived in a big house.

STUDENT 4: It had a beautiful garden.

L Do this activity in pairs. STUDENT A reads out the given passage. STUDENT B reads out the passage using they, we or I in place of the words in bold.

A little girl lived in a small hut in a village with her mother and father. One day, **the girl, her mother and her father** decided to go to a fair in the neighbouring town.

Mother said, "**Mother** will make some tasty dumplings. **Mother** will leave the dumplings in a pot. When **the little girl, mother and father** get back tired and hungry, **the little girl, mother and father** will have something tasty to eat."



Listen Carefully*

P Listen to your teacher and fill in the blanks.

1. Akbar wanted to hear a story that did not end.
2. Birbal decided to tell him a story that did not end.
3. So Birbal told him a story of a tree and the birds living in it.
4. Birbal told him about birds flying out of the tree one by one.

Speak Well

Q Read this picture story about Akbar and Birbal. Take turns with your partner and tell each other the story.

This horse is old but I love him. Look after him well. Whoever tells me he is dead will be punished.



Oh Birbal, the old horse is dead. Now the emperor will punish me!

