

SUMMARY OF THE LESSON

I

A king once thought that he would never fail if he knew three things. One, what the right time was to begin something. Two, which people he should take advice from. Three, how to decide what the most important thing to do was.

He sent messengers throughout his kingdom. He promised to give a reward of a large sum to the person who answered his three questions.

Many wise men tried their luck. They gave a number of answers. One said that the king should go by a timetable. Another said that the king should do whatever seemed him necessary at the moment. The third suggested that the king should consult wise men or magicians.

Answering the second question, they gave top importance to his councillors, or to priests or to doctors or to soldiers.

In reply to the third question, the wise men gave importance to science or fighting or religious worship.

The king was not satisfied. He went to a hermit in the jungle alone. There he saw the old and weak hermit digging the ground. The king asked his questions but got no answer. Then he took the spade from the hermit and began to work in his place. Several hours passed. It was evening, so the king stopped digging the beds. The king was ready to take leave from the hermit. Just then the hermit told that someone was running towards them.

II

The king saw a bearded man running towards them. His hands were pressed against his stomach from which blood was

oozing. As he reached the king, he fainted and fell to the ground. He had a large wound in his stomach.

The king washed the wound and compressed it with his handkerchief. At last the bleeding stopped. The man felt better and asked for water to drink. The king gave him fresh water.

The sun had set by then. The king and the hermit carried the wounded man into the hut and laid him on the bed. The tired king also fell asleep. When he awoke, the bearded man asked to forgive him.

The man was, in fact, the king's enemy. He had followed the king to take revenge on him. He had vowed to kill him. The king had once put his brother to death. The man hid himself in a bush on the way to the jungle. He came out of his hiding place when the king did not return for long. He got wounded by king's bodyguards. He would have died if the king had not dressed his wound. He felt grateful to the king who had saved his life. He promised to serve the king as a faithful servant.

The king was happy that he had made peace with his enemy. He forgave the man and promised to give back his property.

The king then went up to the hermit. He again asked for answers to his three questions. The hermit explained that by digging the beds for him, the king had escaped attack. So the most important time was when he was digging the beds. The hermit himself was the most important person. So to do him good was the king's most important business.

The hermit further told the king that the most important person for him was the person with him at a particular moment. The most important business was to help that person. And the most important time was 'now' that is, the present moment.

TEXTBOOK QUESTIONS SOLVED

COMPREHENSION CHECK

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1. Why did the king want to know answers to three questions?

Ans. The king wanted to know the answers to three questions for his own safety, success and good governance.

2. Messengers were sent throughout the kingdom

- (i) to fetch wise men.
- (ii) to find answers to the questions.
- (iii) to look for the wise hermit.
- (iv) to announce a reward for those who could answer the questions.

Mark your choice.

Ans. (iv) to announce a reward for those who could answer the questions.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

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A. Complete the following sentences by adding the appropriate parts of the sentences given in the box.

1. Many wise men answered the king's questions,
2. Someone suggested that there should be a council of wise men
3. Someone else suggested that the king should have a timetable
4. The king requested the hermit
5. The king washed and dressed the bearded man's wound,

- but the bleeding would not stop.
- to answer three questions.
- but their answers were so varied that the king was not satisfied.
- and follow it strictly.
- to help the king act at the right time.

- Ans.**
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 3. and follow it strictly.
 4. to answer three questions.
 5. but the bleeding would not stop.

WORKING WITH THE TEXT

(Pages 14-15)

Answer the following questions:

1. Why was the king advised to go to magicians?

Ans. The king was advised to consult some magicians because they alone could look into the future and decide the right time to do a thing.

2. In answer to the second question, whose advice did the people say would be important to the king?

Ans. In answer to the second question, the people said that the advice of the councillors or priests or doctors or soldiers would be important to the king.

3. What suggestions were made in answer to the third question?

Ans. In answer to the third question some said that science was the most important thing. Others suggested fighting or religious worship.

4. Did the wise men win the reward? If not, why not?

Ans. No, the wise men didn't win the reward because none could give a satisfactory answer.

5. How did the king and the hermit help the wounded man?

Ans. The king and the hermit removed the wounded man's clothing. The king washed the wound and covered it with his handkerchief. He dressed the wound a second time to stop the bleeding. Then the king and the hermit carried the man to a bed in the hut.

6. (i) Who was the bearded man?

(ii) Why did he ask for the king's forgiveness?

Ans. (i) The bearded man was, in fact, the king's enemy. He had taken a vow to take revenge. The king had killed the man's brother and confiscated all his property.

(ii) The wounded man begged the king to forgive him. He was grateful to the king who had saved his life. He felt guilty at heart. He promised to serve the king all his life.

7. The king forgave the bearded man. What did he do to show his forgiveness?

Ans. The king forgave the bearded man. He promised to send his servant and the doctor to look after him. He also returned the property seized by him.

8. What were the hermit's answers to the three questions? Write each answer separately. Which answer do you like most, and why?

Ans. The hermit answered the king's questions in his own way. Now, the present time, was the best time. Had he gone back, he would have been killed by his enemy. The bearded man was the best man at the moment. To do good to the hermit and the bearded man was the most important thing for the king. I like the answer to the first question most because it is most logical.

WORKING WITH LANGUAGE

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1. Match items in List A with their meanings in List B.

fainted: lost consciousness

A	B
(i) wounded	got up from sleep
(ii) awoke	give back
(iii) forgive	small patches of ground for plants
(iv) faithful	severely injured
(v) pity	pardon
(vi) beds	loyal
(vii) return	feel sorry for

Use any three of the above words in sentences of your own. You may change the form of the word.

Ans.	A	B
(i) wounded	-	severely injured
(ii) awoke	-	got up from sleep
(iii) forgive	-	pardon
(iv) faithful	-	loyal

- (v) pity - feel sorry for
 (vi) beds - small patches of ground for plants
 (vii) return - give back

Sentence Making:

- (i) Faithful-Dogs are usually faithful to their masters.
 (ii) Pity-Take pity on the poor.
 (iii) Return-The king returned the property of the bearded man.

2. Each of the following sentences has two blanks. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the word given in brackets.

He has to help me. Do you think he will remember his..... (promise)?

He has promised to help me. Do you think he will remember his promise?

- (i) The said that only fresh evidence would make him change his..... (judge)
 (ii) I didn't notice any serious.....of opinion among the debaters, although they.....from one another over small points. (differ)
 (iii) It's a fairly simple question to, but will you accept myas final? (answer)
 (iv) It isn't.....that..... should always be the mother of invention. (necessary)
 (v) Hermits are..... men. How they acquire their no one can tell. (wise)
 (vi) The committee has.....to make Jagdish captain of the team. Theis likely to please everyone. (decide)
 (vii) Asking for.....is as noble as willingness to..... (forgive)

- Ans. (i) judge, judgement
 (ii) difference, differ
 (iii) answer, answer

- (iv) necessary, necessity
 (v) wise, wisdom
 (vi) decided, decision
 (vii) forgiveness, forgive

SPEAKING AND WRITING

(Page 16)

1. Imagine you are the king. Narrate the incident of your meeting the hermit. Begin like this:

The wise men answered my questions, but I was not satisfied with their answers. One day I decided to go and meet the hermit.

Ans.I left my bodyguard behind. I went alone to the hermit's hut. I found him digging beds. He was old and looked tired. I put him my questions but he gave no answer. I took the spade from him and began to work in his place. When I had dug two beds, I repeated my questions. Several hours passed and the sun went down. Now, the king decided to take leave of the wise man. Suddenly they saw some one running towards them.

2. Imagine you are the hermit. Write briefly the incident of your meeting the king. Begin like this:

One day I was digging in my garden. A man in ordinary clothes came to see me. I knew it was the king...

Ans.but I went on digging the beds. The king asked me some questions. He wanted their answers. But I did not speak. He noticed that I was tired. So he took my spade and began to dig himself. He repeated his questions. He was about to go away when a wounded man came running there.

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★ The Squirrel

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SUMMARY OF THE POEM

Squirrel is a little fun-loving creature. It sits on a tree and loves eating nuts. It has a tail with a curve at the tip. The tail looks like a question mark. Its loose skin looks like a gray overcoat. It likes to play. When a person runs after it, it goes in the opposite direction.

TEXTBOOK QUESTIONS SOLVED

WORKING WITH THE POEM

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1. Why does the poet say the squirrel "wore a question mark for tail"? Draw a squirrel, or find a picture of a squirrel sitting on the ground. How would you describe its tail?

Ans. The tail of a squirrel is curved at the tip. It is so made that it looks like a mark of interrogation.

(Paste the picture of a squirrel with his long, curved tail. Then describe it yourself.)

2. Do we usually say that an animal 'wears' a tail? What do we say? (*Think: Does an animal wear a coat? Consult a dictionary if you like, and find out how 'wear' is used in different ways.*)

Ans. No, we do not use the word 'wear' for an animal's tail. We say that the tail is straight or curved. Different ways in which 'wear' is used:

- She wears jeans and top.
- She always wears a smile.

- This slipper will wear out soon.
- The day wore on until it became dark.

3. "He liked to tease and play." Who is teasing whom?
How?

Ans. The squirrel teases the person with whom he plays. He will run around the tree and change direction suddenly.

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