

Ali and Jhumu

Lesson

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Initiation : merchant, ass, strong, treated, heavy, distances, protested, faithful, loaded, burden, crawled, bridge, damaged, punished

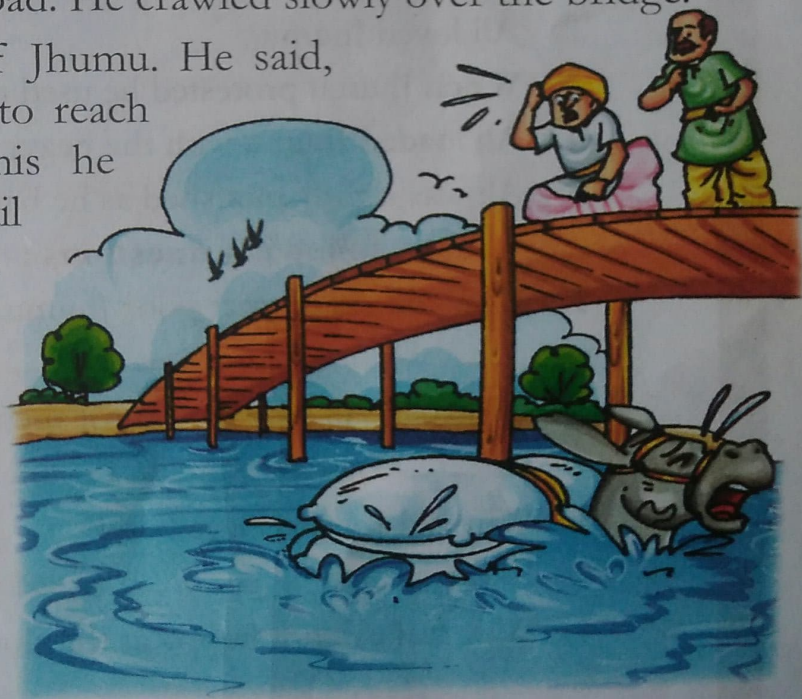
Once there lived a merchant called Ali. He owned an ass. His name was Jhumu. Jhumu was not a strong animal. Ali ill treated poor Jhumu. He often made him lift heavy loads and carry it to great distances. When Jhumu protested he used to beat him with a stick, "Why don't you go faster, lazy animal!"



He was always beaten when he asked for more food. The only reward this faithful and useful animal received from Ali was overwork, starvation and blows. One day a trader asked Ali, "Will your ass carry my bags of salt to the next village? I shall pay you a good sum of money." Ali readily agreed and called Jhumu, "Come here, you lazy animal. You have to carry these salt bags to the next



village.” He loaded Jhumu with the heavy bags of salt. The weight of the salt bags was so much that the poor creature’s back and legs bent beneath the burden. Jhumu tried his best to carry the heavy load. He crawled slowly over the bridge. Ali was not happy at the slow pace of Jhumu. He said, “Go fast, you stupid animal. We have to reach the village by night time.” Saying this he started to beat Jhumu with a stick until the poor animal began to run. As he ran, he fell, rolled over the edge of the bridge into the water flowing beneath. In a minute, the heavy load of salt fell into the water and was completely damaged. Ali started crying, “What have you done! All salt bags are damaged.” Ali was rightly punished as he had been cruel to the animal.



Word Meaning

merchant – trader, **loads** – heavy items, **readily** – quickly, **crawled** – moved forward slowly, **pace** – speed, **beneath** – below



Objective Type Questions

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

1. Ali was a :
(a) woodcutter (b) carpenter (c) merchant
2. He owned an :
(a) elephant (b) ass (c) owl
3. He was always beaten when he asked for more :
(a) water (b) care (c) food
4. He loaded Jhumu with the heavy bags of :
(a) salt (b) cotton (c) wood

Think And Answer

B. Tick (✓) for true and cross (X) for false :

1. Jhumu was a strong animal.
2. Ali loved Jhumu.
3. When Jhumu protested he used to beat him with a stick.
4. Ali loaded Jhumu with the heavy bags of salt.
5. Ali was rightly punished as he had been cruel to the animal.

C. Answer the following questions :

1. How did Ali ill treat poor Jhumu?

2. What did Ali agree to do for the trader?

3. Why did Jhumu's legs bend?

4. Why was Ali not happy at the slow pace of Jhumu?

5. What happened after Jhumu started to run?

D. Fill in the blanks :

1. Ali owned an ass.

- Jhumu was not a strong animal.
- He often made him lift heavy loads and carry it to great distances.
- You have to carry these salt bags to the next village.
- He crawled slowly over the bridge.

E. Make sentences :

- merchant
- ill treated
- faithful
- burden
- damaged

This is a merchant town
The animal had been ill-treated by their owner
A faithful friend is hard to find.
Many hands make a burden lighter.
The car was too much damaged.

F. Who said to whom ?

Statements

- "Why don't you go faster, lazy animal!"
- "Will your ass carry my bags of salt to the next village?"
- "Come here, you lazy animal."
- "What have you done! All salt bags are damaged."

Who said?	To whom?
<u>Ali</u>	<u>Jhumu</u>
<u>Trader</u>	<u>Ali</u>
<u>Ali</u>	<u>Jhumu</u>
<u>Trader</u>	<u>Ali</u>

Vocabulary Skills

G. Encircle the correct meanings of the coloured words :

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|-------------|---|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. merchant | : | woodcutter | <u>trader</u> |
| 2. beneath | : | <u>below</u> | happy |
| 3. readily | : | slowly | <u>quickly</u> |
| 4. loads | : | <u>heavy items</u> | damaged |
| 5. pace | : | <u>speed</u> | crawled |
| 6. lazy | : | <u>indolent</u> | weak |

H. Write opposites of the given words :

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|--------|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| strong | <u>Weak</u> | heavy | <u>light</u> |
| lazy | <u>active</u> | good | <u>bad</u> |
| slow | <u>fast</u> | cruel | <u>merciful</u> |

Grammar Skills

I. Change the gender of the given words :

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|-----|-------------|----------|----------------|
| cow | <u>bull</u> | she-goat | <u>He-goat</u> |
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author author
 nephew niece
 prince Princess
 son Daughter

tigress tiger
 uncle aunt
 father Mother
 horse Mare

J. Fill in the blanks using There is/There are :

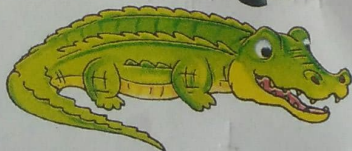
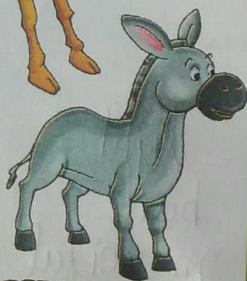
1. There are five boys in the first row.
2. There is a book on the table.
3. There are milk in the glass.
4. There are eight apples in the basket.
5. There is a kitten at the door.
6. There are seven colours in a rainbow.

Writing Skills

K. You might have seen animals in your neighbourhood. How are they ill treated by the people? Write five lines about what people do to them :

Project Skills

L. Find the names of these animals from the grid given below :



C	L	I	O	N	B	C	F	G	E
R	A	B	N	I	C	H	F	K	L
O	G	I	M	O	P	J	E	O	E
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