

LESSON - 6

THE LONGEST STORY

Session-1

I Pre-reading

Everyone of you likes listening and reading stories. Each story has a beginning, middle and an end. Have you ever heard or read a story which never ends? Here is a story for you. Read and see whether it ends or not.

II While-reading

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Text

● Read the paragraphs 1-5 silently and answer the questions that follow.

1. Once there was a king.

The king had a beautiful daughter. The king loved to tell stories. His daughter loved to listen to stories. The princess grew up listening to stories from her father.

2. One day the king declared, "one who can tell the longest story lasting more than ten

days will marry my daughter. And if one fails he will be my servant for the rest of his life." Story telling experts came from far-off places to tell the longest story and marry the princess.



3. First, a handsome young man told a story. The story lasted for three days and three nights. But on the fourth day the story came to an end. The young man was made the king's servant for the rest of his life.
4. Then came another young man from a distant country. He told a story which lasted for five days and five nights. But on the sixth day, the story came to an end. The young man was made servant at the royal palace for the rest of his life.
5. Next, another young man, a real expert in storytelling, came from another country. He told a story which lasted for six days and six nights. But on the seventh day the story came to an end. The young man became the king's servant for the rest of his life.

- **Comprehension questions**

1. Who are there in the story ?
2. Who loved to tell stories ?
3. Who loved to listen to stories ?
4. What did the king declare ?
5. Who came from far -off places to tell stories ?
6. Who came first to tell a story ?
7. How long did his story last ?
8. What happened to the young man ?
9. Who came next ?
10. How long did his story last ?
11. What happened to him ?
12. Who was the next story teller ?
13. Where did he come from ?
14. Was he successful in telling an unending story ?
15. What happened to him?
16. Do you think another story teller would come and tell a story ?

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- **Read the paragraphs 6 to 11 and answer the questions that follow.**

6. A long time passed. No one dared to tell the longest story. It seemed that the princess would remain unmarried. But one day a not-so-handsome poor young man from a village came to tell the longest story. He was not an expert in storytelling. Everyone thought that his story would not last even for a day. Indeed his story lasted for half an hour. But the king gave him his daughter in marriage. See how it all happened.
7. The young man started. "Once a happy-go-lucky ant was living in a small hole. He was fond of singing and dancing. Throughout the spring he only sang and danced. He did not store any food for winter. When winter came he had nothing to eat. So he went to an old ant to borrow some food. But the old ant was a miser. He asked the young ant many questions: What was he doing in spring ? Why didn't he store in spring for winter ? etc, etc. And finally he refused to lend him food. With great difficulty he managed the winter with very little food. When spring came, he did not sing and dance. He kept himself busy in collecting food and storing them for the winter. How did he do it ?



8. One day the young ant saw a big barn. The barn was full of grains. He got into the barn through the loft, brought one grain and stored the grain in his hole. Then again he went to the barn through the loft and brought another grain. Next again he went to the barn through the loft, carried away another grain.....
9. The story went on and on and on. Again the ant went to the barn through the loft brought a grain and stored it in his hole. The king could guess, the story would never end. The young man was very clever. He had thought of a story which would never come to an end. Then all of a sudden, the king declared, "You young man, if you end your story, I'll give you my daughter in marriage."

10. Finally, the happy go lucky ant got into the barn through the loft and brought the last grain and stored it in the hole for the winter.” concluded the young man.
11. The king gave him his daughter in marriage and the young man and the princess lived happily thereafter.



● **Comprehension questions :**

1. Why did it seem that the princess would remain unmarried ?
2. Who came to tell the longest story ?
3. Was he an expert in telling stories ?
4. What did everyone think of him ?
5. How did the young ant spend his time ?
6. Where did he go to borrow some food ?
7. Why didn't the old ant give him any food ?
8. What did the young ant do when spring came ?
9. What did the young ant see one day ?
10. What did it do then? How often ?
11. What did the king think of the story ?
12. When did the story teller end his story ?
13. What did the king do finally ?
14. Was the young story teller clever or foolish ?

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III Post - reading

1 Visual Memory Development Technique (VMDT) :

Picture – the young man – the king- the princess - the old ant – the young ant

Whole Text- The king had a beautiful daughter-loved to listen stories
–declaration of the king- the story teller 1,2, and 3- the last story teller

Part: The king – his daughter – young ant - begged for food- saw a big barn – brought grain – If you end your story, give you my daughter.

2 Comprehension Activities :

(a) MCQs :

Choose the correct option .

- (1) The king loved to _____.
(A) listen to stories
(B) tell stories
(C) write stories
(D) buy story books
- (2) There were _____ story tellers in this story.
(A) one (B) two (C) three (D) four
- (3) The last story teller was _____.
(A) a handsome young man
(B) a young man from a distant country
(C) a not- so- handsome poor young man from a village
(D) a handsome rich young man
- (4) The last story teller's story lasted for _____.
(A) three days and three nights
(B) five days and five nights
(C) six days and six nights
(D) half an hour
5. The king guessed the story would _____.
(A) come to an end
(B) please his daughter
(C) please him
(D) never end

6. The young happy-go-lucky ant was fond of _____.
- (A) singing
 - (B) singing and dancing
 - (C) storing food for winter
 - (D) collecting food for winter

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- (b) Given below are some sentences. They are not in order. Write serial number in the space provided against each statement. One is done for you.
- (i) Once a princess wanted to listen to the longest story. 1
 - (ii) A poor young man from a village came to tell the story. _____
 - (iii) The king declared anyone who would tell the story more than ten days would marry his daughter. _____
 - (iv) His story lasted only for half an hour. _____
 - (v) Three story tellers came to tell their stories. _____
 - (vi) They were made servants. _____
 - (vii) He gave his daughter in marriage to him. _____
 - (viii) Their stories did not last more than six days and six nights. _____
 - (ix) The king knew the story would not end. _____

3. Listening :

Listen to your teacher reading aloud a paragraph. Fill in the blanks after listening.

Then for a long time no one dared to tell the _____ story. It seemed that the _____ would remain _____. But one day a not-so-handsome _____ from a _____ came to tell the longest _____. He was not an _____ in storytelling.

Everyone thought that his story would not _____ even for a day. Indeed his story lasted for half an hour. But the king gave him his daughter in _____.

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4. Speaking :

- (a) Dialogue practice (Teacher vs. students, students vs. students , finally two students in pair)

Young ant : Good morning, sir !
Old ant : Good morning, young one!
Young ant : Can I have some food, please?
Old ant : Haven't you stored any food for winter?
Youn ant : No, I haven't.
Old ant : What did you do in spring?
Young ant : I sang and danced all through.
Old ant : Why not then go and enjoy music?
We don't feed a sleeping lion.

- (b) Chain-drill :- (i) The young ant was busy in collecting food for winter.
(ii) The young ant was busy in storing food for winter.

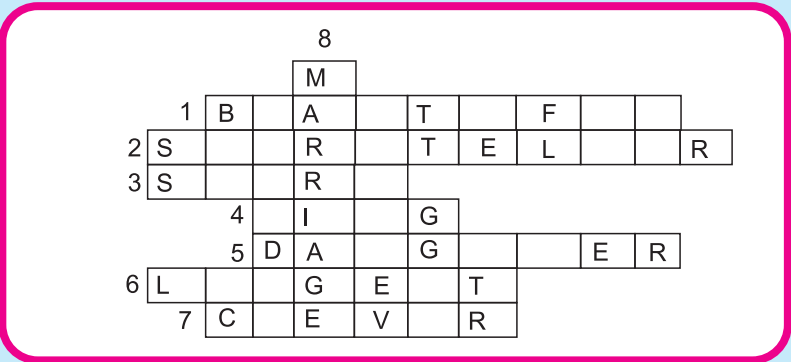
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5. Vocabulary :

- (a) One or two words are hiding in each of the following words. Find them out.
Some are done for you.

- (i) father fat her
(ii) remain main _____
(iii) handsome _____
(iv) country _____
(v) another _____
(vi) indeed _____
(vii) happen _____

- (b) There are seven words in the following puzzle. Find them using the clues given.



Clues-

1. Very good to look at
2. A person who tells stories
3. A story-teller tells it.
4. The person who rules a kingdom
5. A girl child
6. The word is made from 'long'
7. Opposite of foolish

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6. Usage :

Mark the underlined words in the following sentences.

The first young man's story lasted for three days.

His story came to an end on the fourth day.

In the first sentence, 'for' goes before a number (one, two). It answers to the question "How long?". But in the second sentence 'on' goes before a certain day for example, on the fifth day, on Monday It answers to the question "On which day?" Here are some sentences below. Fill in the blanks using '**for**' or '**on**' correctly.

- (i) The first young man's story lasted _____ three days.
- (ii) His story came to an end _____ the fourth day.
- (iii) My father stayed in Cuttack _____ five days.
- (iv) He came back _____ the sixth day.

- (v) My friend waited me _____ ten days.
- (vi) He asked me for money _____ the eleventh day.
- (vii) He met me _____ Sunday.
- (viii) He was with me _____ three days.
- (ix) He went back _____ Tuesday.
- (x) The last storyteller's story lasted _____ half an hour.

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7 Writing :

(a) Answer the following questions :

- (i) How did the princess grow up ?

- (ii) What did the king declare ?

- (iii) How many story tellers failed to tell the longest story ?

- (iv) What happened to the story tellers ?

- (v) Who came to tell the story at last? Was he successful?

- (vi) What was his story about ?

(vii) What did the king do finally ?

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8. Mental Talk :

"Clever people can even work better than experts."

9. Let us Think :

"Do we have kings and queens as they were there in the past ?"

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FOLLOW-UP LESSON

THE KING WHO LOVED STORIES

- Read the following text silently and do the activities that follow.

Once there was a king. He loved to listen to stories. He loved to listen to stories in the morning. He loved to listen to stories at noon. He loved to listen to stories in the afternoon. He loved to listen to stories in the evening and at night.

Listening to stories almost became a disease with him. He did not do any work. The only work he did was listening to stories. He appointed hundreds of story tellers to tell him stories. When the king was in the bathroom or when he was asleep, someone told him stories. But every story had an end. There was always a gap of time between the ending of a story and beginning of another story. This gap he did not like. So he wanted an endless story.

He promised to give half of his kingdom if one told him an endless story. Hundreds of story tellers came. But everyone's tale had an end. Then he promised to give the whole of his kingdom and his beautiful daughter if someone told him an endless story. But on one condition. If one failed, his head would be cut off. Being afraid of death, no one came

for a long time. But finally came a brave and handsome young man. He started;

“Once there was a great famine. A hundred thousands of locusts searched for food. They looked for food everywhere. Finally, they found a king's barn full of grain. But there was only one small hole, large enough for only one locust to get in. One got in, brought a grain and came out. Next another, next another, next another

The king was tired of listening to the story. And he knew the story would never come to an end . He, therefore, asked the brave young man to stop the story and gave him his kingdom and his daughter in marriage. From that day he was cured of his disease of listening to stories. He realised the truth once for all.

“If a story has no end, it stops to be a story.”

For the Teachers :

The teacher is to use the follow-up text like the main text. S/he is to follow steps and frame activities on his/her own. Some activities /hints are provided.

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(a) Answer the following questions

1. What did the king love to do ?

The king loved to _____

2. Why did the king want an endless story ?

Because there was a gap between _____

3. What did he promise to give first ?

First he promised _____

4. What did he promise to give next ?

(b) The young man tells his experience to one of his friends.
Fill in the blanks to complete what he told.

Once there _____. He loved to _____.
He listened to stories at noon. He _____. He
_____. He did not like a story to end. He, therefore,
wanted an _____ story. He promised to give _____ if one
told an _____. I told and
_____ and got his
_____ and kingdom.

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Let us Think

When a story has no end, it stops to be a story.

Word Note : (The words/phrases have been defined mostly on their contextual meanings)

afraid of	- fear , ଭୟଭୀତ
borrow	- to use/take something from others on promise to return , ଧାର କରିବା
brave	- fearless, ସାହସୀ
concluded	- finished, ଶେଷ କଲେ
disease	- illness, ରୋଗ, ଅସୁସ୍ଥତା
expert	- a person having special skill and knowledge , ଦକ୍ଷ, ବିଶେଷ ଜ୍ଞାନୀ, ବିଶାରଦ
happy go lucky	- carefree , ଲଗାମଛଡ଼ା, କାମ ନକରି ମଜା କରି ବୁଲୁଥିବା
indeed	- really , ବାସ୍ତବରେ, ପ୍ରକୃତରେ
miser	- one who does not like to spend money or give anything to others - , କୃପଣ
princess	- king's daughter , ରାଜକୁମାରୀ
tale	- story, ଗଳ୍ପ