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A. Warmer

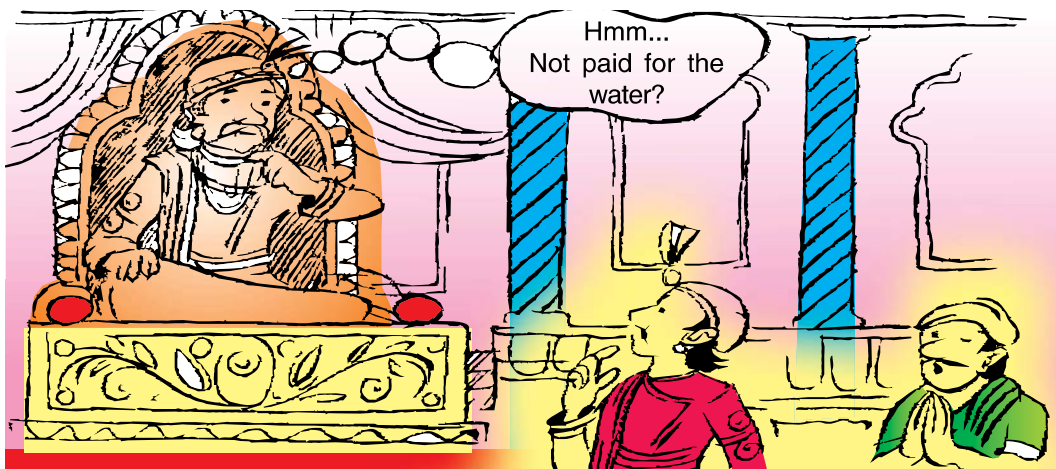
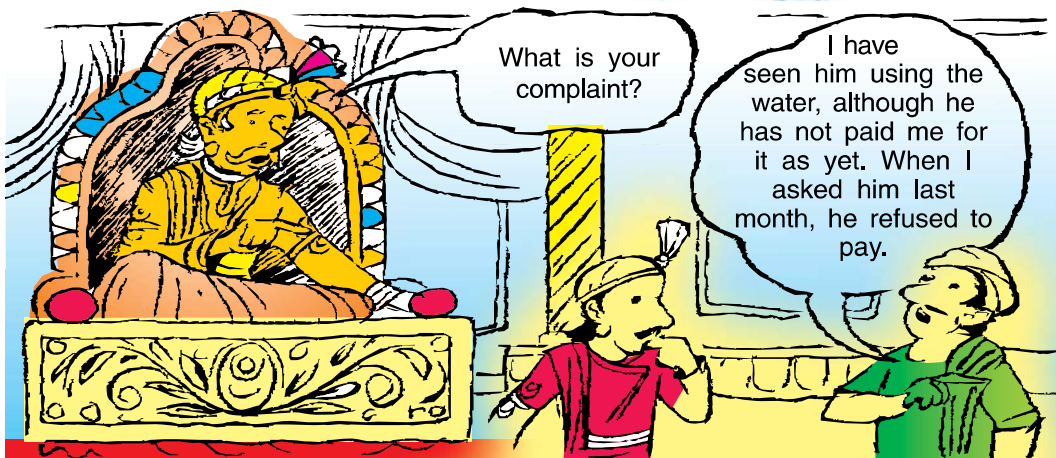
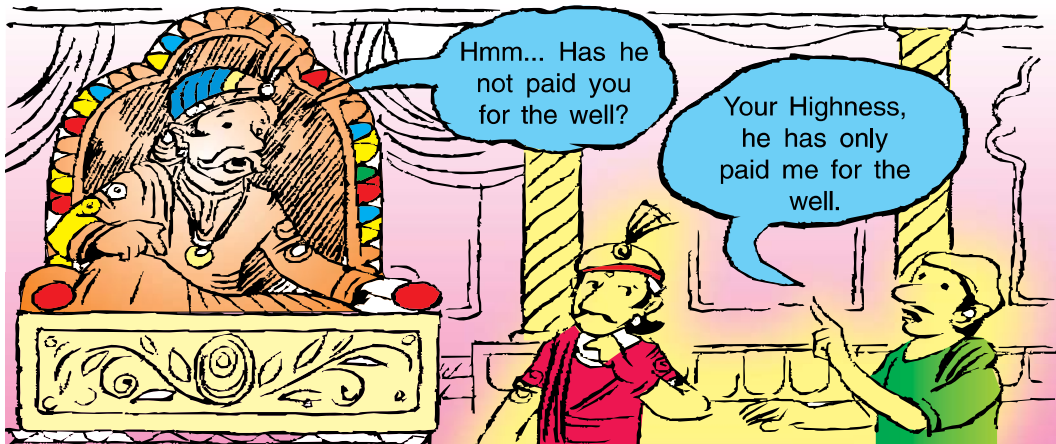
Have you ever cheated your friends in a game? What was the occasion? How did you feel afterwards?

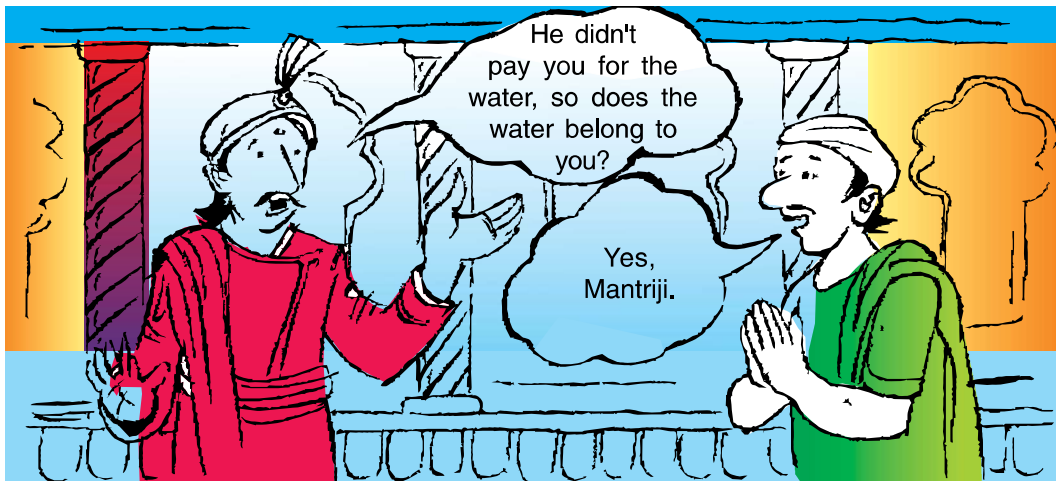
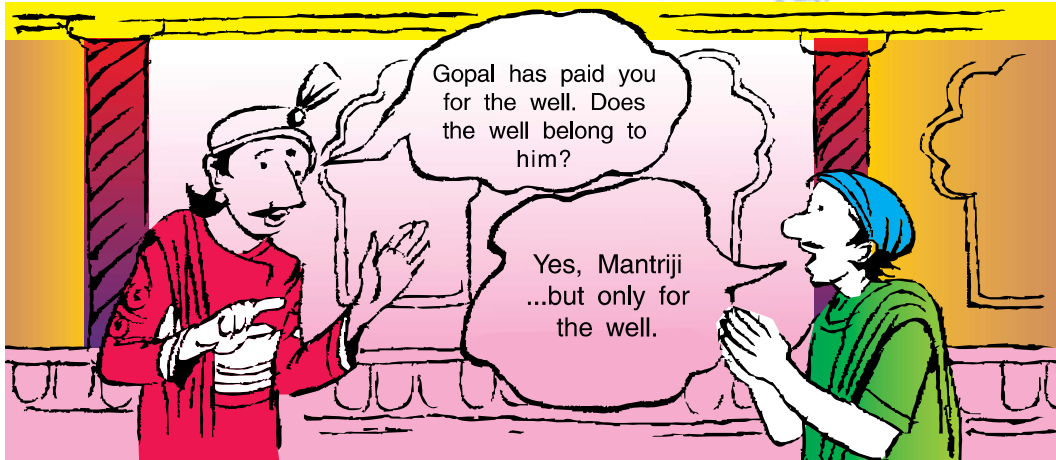
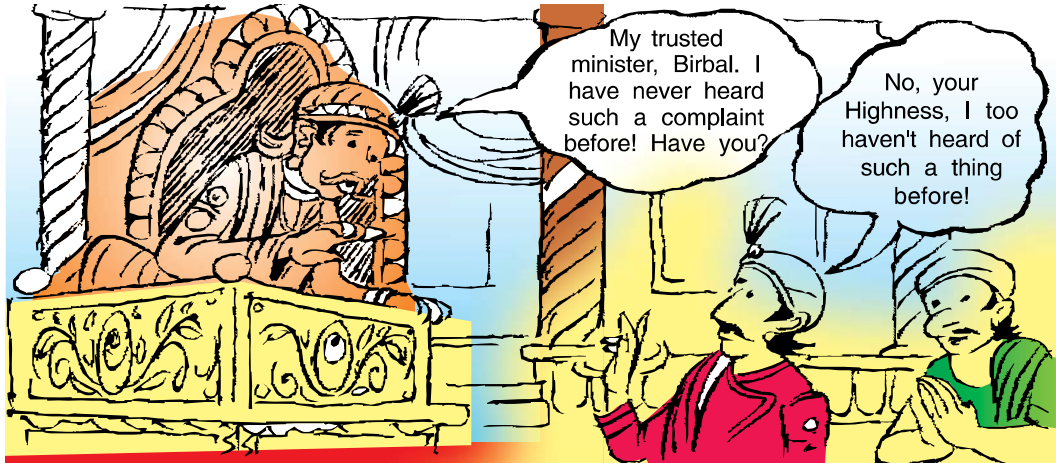
This is a scene from the durbar of Emperor Akbar. He always had his trusted advisor and minister, Birbal, by his side. Birbal was known for his wisdom. Read and enjoy the following story to find out how Birbal helped Emperor Akbar to solve a case.



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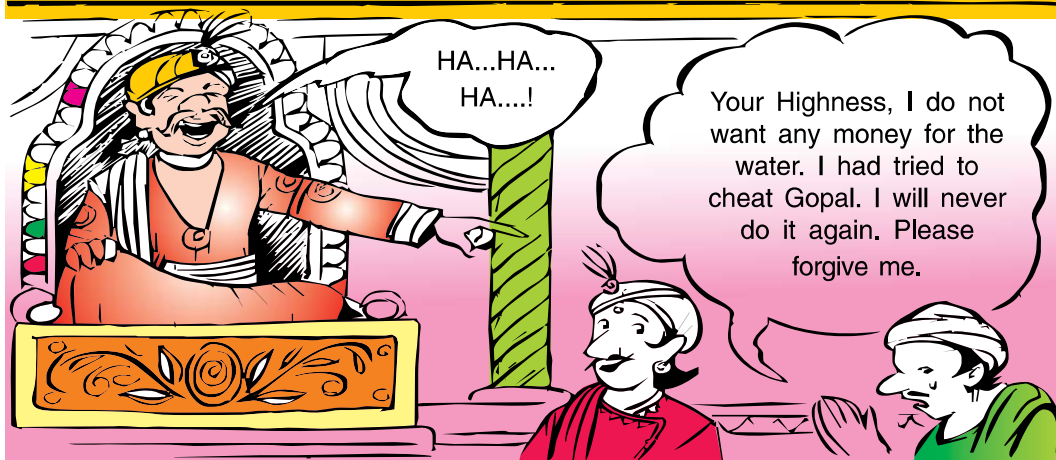
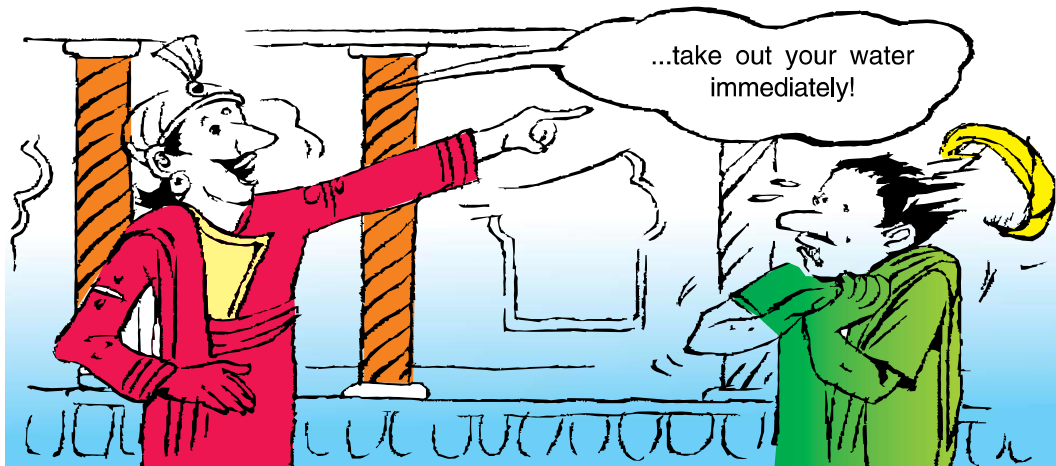
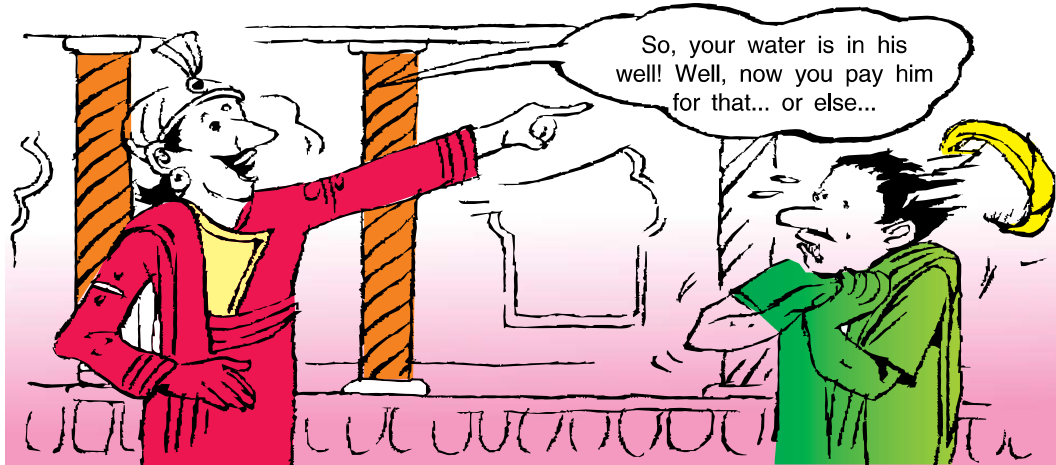
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Glossary and notes

cheat (v)	to act dishonestly or unfairly, बेईमान व्यक्ति, बेईमानी करना
darbar (n)	the king's court, राजा का दरबार
emperor (n)	king, राजा, बादशाह
trusted advisor (noun phrase)	someone who can be depended upon, विश्वसनीय, सलाहकार
wisdom (n)	being wise, showing knowledge and experience, बुद्धिमत्ता, विवेक
wit (n)	to have quick thought and understanding, हाज़िरजवाबी, चतुराई
Your Highness (noun phrase)	a respectful title to king or queen, राजघराने की उपाधि
although (conjunction)	but, हालांकी
complaint (n)	a reason for dissatisfaction शिकायत
minister (n)	king's advisor, मंत्री
immediately (adv)	at once, तुरंत ही, फौरन

B. Let's comprehend

B.1. Think and tell

B.1.1. Answer the following questions orally:

- Who was Birbal ?
- Where did the man go to complain ?
- Who bought the well ?

B.2. Think and Write**B.2.1. Match the following:**

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| (a) | Akbar | a minister |
| (b) | Birbal | a person with a complaint |
| (c) | Villager | a king |

B.2.2. Tick (✓) the most appropriate option for each of the questions given below:**1. Who was Gopal?**

- (i) the person who had bought the well.
- (ii) the person who had sold the well.
- (iii) the king.

2. How was the villager trying to cheat Gopal?

- (i) he was trying to sell Gopal's well to Akbar.
- (ii) he was trying to make Gopal pay for using the water, even though Gopal had paid for the well.
- (iii) he was trying to destroy Gopal's well.

3. How did Birbal outwit the villager?

- (i) He told the villager that Akbar would buy both the water and the well.
- (ii) He told Gopal to steal water from the villager.
- (iii) He told the villager to pay for using Gopal's well or take out his water from the well immediately.

4. How would you describe Birbal in one word, according to this story?

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| (a) clever | (b) angry |
| (c) talkative | (d) sad |

B.2.3. Answer the following:

1. What was the villager's complaint?
2. Do you think that the villager was right? Why or why not ?
3. Did Akbar and Birbal realise that the villager was trying to cheat Gopal?

C. Word Study**C.1. Find the right word**

Fill in the blanks with the correct word. You can take help from the Help Box. Some words may be repeated.

Once there was an named Akbar. His most trusted was Birbal. One day a villager came to Akbar's with a He said that he had sold his to a named Gopal. However, Gopal was not only using the well but also the in the well. He wanted Gopal to pay for the water, too. Birbal realised that the was trying to cheat Gopal. He told the villager that the belonged to Gopal. The was in the well. So the villager must pay Gopal for taking water from it.

Help Box

well	person	emperor	minister
water	complaint	court	villager

D. Grammar**D.1. Negative sentences**

Birbal: No, Your Highness! I too haven't heard of such a thing before!

Let us look at the following sentences:

I have heard of such a thing before.

I have not heard of such a thing before.

I haven't heard of such a thing before.

The second sentence becomes a negative sentence when we add the word 'not' after an auxiliary 'have'.

The third sentence means the same thing as the second sentence. However, in this sentence we have used contracted form of 'have not' to make it 'haven't'.

Remember : we always use 'not' after and auxiliary like do, does, did, is, an, are, was, were, has, have, had, can, may, could, might, should, etc.

Now, like the example above, make negative sentences (both types) for the sentences given below. You can use the Help Box for making short forms.

1. Kavita can sing very well.

2. You should play cricket every evening.

3. I was tired yesterday.

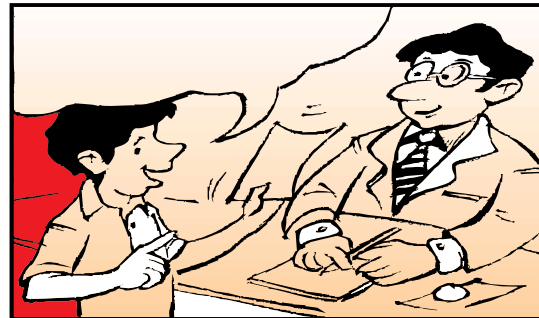
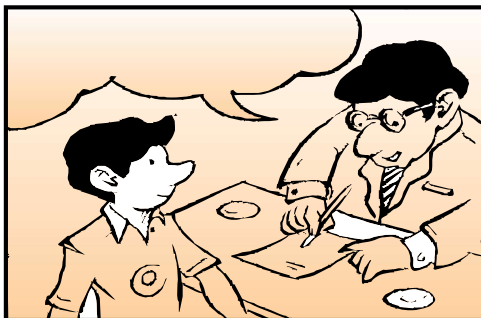
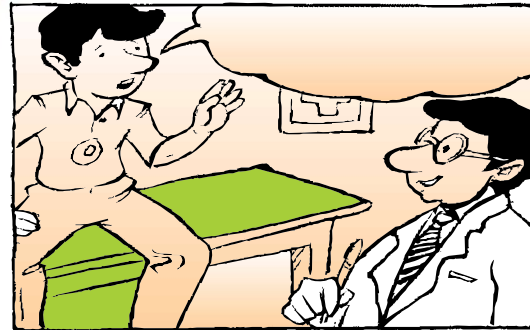
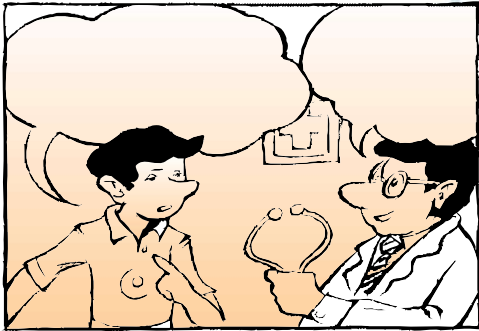
4. We have finished our homework.

Help Box

can't haven't wasn't shouldn't

E. Composition

Write the dialogue in the empty speech bubbles.
Choose the dialogues from the Help Box:



Help Box

Can I go to school tomorrow ?	Yes, Ravi you have viral fever.
No. you must take complete rest for three days, I'll give you some medicines too.	
Thank you doctor, I'll take your advice.	Doctor, I have a sore throat and a bad cold.

F. Translation

Translate the following sentences into Hindi or your mother tongue:

1. I sold my well to Gopal.
2. He has paid for the well.
3. I have seen him using the water.
4. He didn't pay you for the water.
5. I had tried to cheat Gopal.

G. Activity**Work in groups**

Act out the story "Birbal Outwits the Cheat". While speaking the dialogues, be careful about showing appropriate expressions.