

Lesson - 2

THE BOY WHO LOST HIS APPETITE

A. WARMER

What food do you find tasty? If you are told to sit at home and enjoy yourself tasty food without any activity, would you enjoy it? Give reasons.

Sham was a rich young man. When his father passed away early, he became the owner of all his father had. He now started living a luxurious life. He ate rich food and lay in bed all day. As a result, he did not find any food tasty.

Months passed. One day, in spite of laziness, he agreed to take part in a hunt. He was not used to riding fast so he found himself lagging behind other friends. He got lost and wandered



away in the woods. Six to seven hours passed with him roaming around like this. He felt tired and hungry.

Suddenly he saw a peasant's hut. He rode up to it and asked for a little food.

"I am a poor man. I have only *roti* and *dal*, sir," said the peasant "but you are most welcome to have these."



The young man was very hungry and he really loved the food. He liked it more than all the rich food he had been eating earlier. He thanked the peasant who also gave him directions back to his home. He got back to return home and rested. He went back to his rich food and lazy ways. The food was again tasteless. He wondered why the simple *dal roti* tasted so nice.

GLOSSARY AND NOTES

appetite	(एपेटाइट), भूख,	natural desire to satisfy one's hunger.
luxurious	(लग्जुरिअस), शान-शौकत,	very comfortable and expensive.
lagging	(लेगिंग), पीछे छुट जाना,	to fall behind others.
wandered	(वान्डःड), इधर-उधर घूमा,	moved about aimlessly, roamed.
peasant	(पेजैन्ट), किसान,	farmer, farm labourer.
wondered	(वॅन्डःड), गंभीरता से सोचा,	to thought deeply of something.

B. COMPREHENSION

B.1 Think and Tell

B.1.1 Answer the following:

1. Why did Sham lag behind other friends?
2. What kind of life did he live after his father's death?

B.2 Think and Write

B.2.1 True or False

1. Based on the story write 'true' or 'false' next to each sentence given below :

- (a) Sham was a young boy.
- (b) Sham lay in bed all day because he became sick.
- (c) Sham rode very slowly.
- (d) The peasant offered Sham roti and vegetables.
- (e) Sham was lost in the woods when he was returning home from the peasant's house.

B.2.2 Tick (✓) the answers to each of the questions given below :

1. Why did Sham find the food tasteless?

- (a) The food was prepared badly.
- (b) He felt sad for his father.
- (c) He did not feel much hungry because he passed his day without any activity.
- (d) He was sleeping.

2. Why did Sham like the dal and roti?

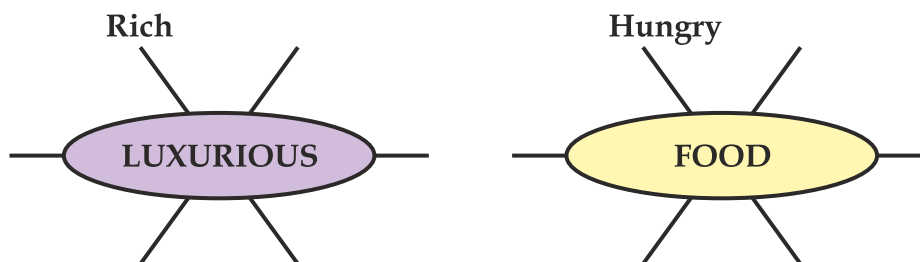
- (a) It was cooked in a special way.
- (b) Sham had not eaten roti and dal for many days.
- (c) Sham was tired and hungry.
- (d) Sham liked the huts.

B.2.3 Answer the following questions in not more than 50 words :

- 1. How did Sham spend his life after his father died?
- 2. What made Sham lose his way in the woods?
- 3. Who helped Sham when he lost his way? How?
- 4. What made the food tasty or tasteless for Sham. Give reasons for your answer.

C. VOCABULARY

Think of words related to 'luxurious' and 'food'. Now complete the web chart with those words.



D. GRAMMAR

D.1 Conjunctions

Read the following sentence:

He ate rich food and lay in bed all day.

We can break this sentence into two sentences.

1. He ate rich food.
2. He lay in bed all day.

We use 'and' to join two or more words or group of words.

We also use 'but', 'when', 'because' and 'or' to join two or more words or group of words.

Now break the following sentences into two sentences as shown in the example above :

1. He rode up to it and asked for a little food.
2. I have only roti and dal, sir.
3. He went back to his rich food and lazy ways.

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box :

But, when, because, and, so, or

1. The boy opened his umbrella _____ it started raining.
2. Mukul _____ Arti will bring the book to school.

3. Rahim had high fever _____ he could not come to school.
4. Munna ran very fast _____ could not win the race.
5. Ram _____ Pawan went to see a film yesterday.
6. Lalit had high fever _____ he got wet in the rain.

E. Let's Talk and Write

E.1.1 Discuss your daily routine in groups. Also, share your food habits with your friends.

E.1.2 Write 6 sentences about the food you like to eat and why you like it:

1. I like to eat _____
2. It is made of _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

F. TRANSLATION

Translate the following joke into your mother tongue/Hindi.

A little Bit of Nonsense.

There was an old man with a beard
Who said. 'It is just as I feared'
Two owls and a hen.
Four larks and a wren.
Have all built their nests in my beard.

