

Raman, The Clever

Once upon a time, there was a man named Tenali Raman. He was a Telugu poet. He was always happy and made others also *laugh*. The king made him one of his ministers.

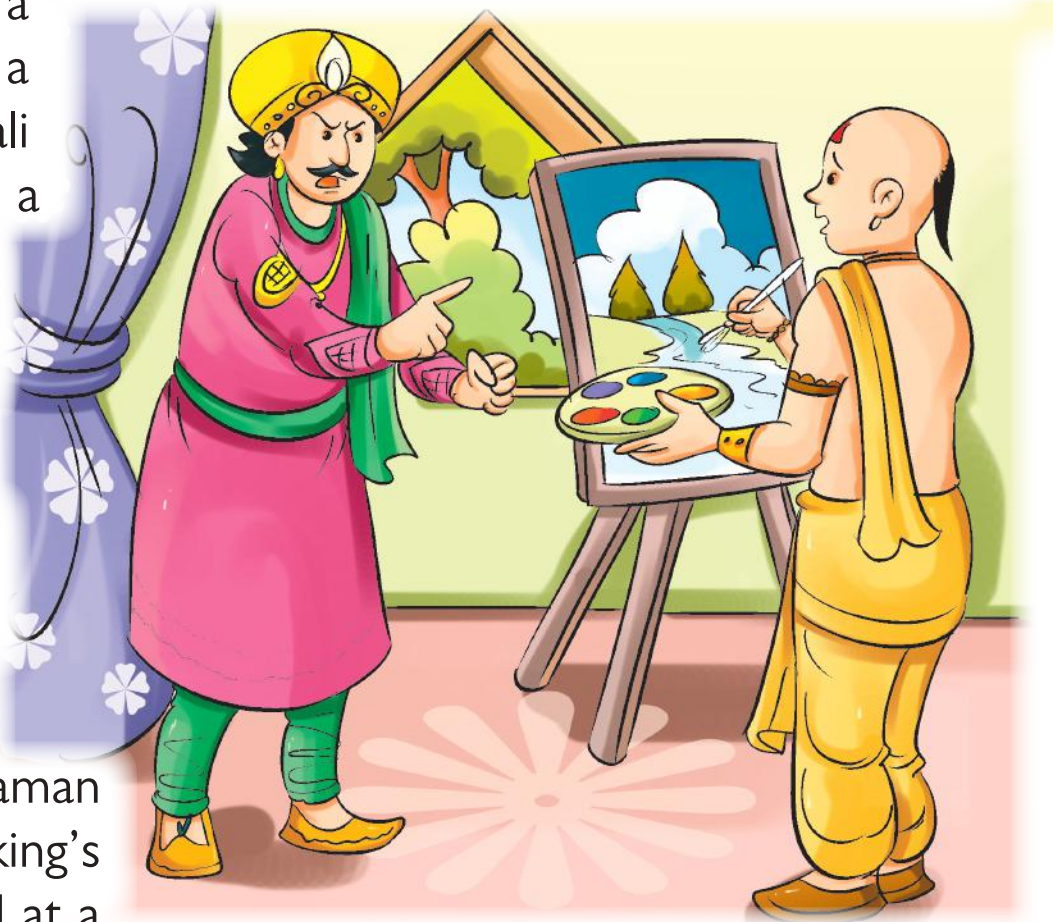
One day, Tenali Raman was at the king's *palace*. He looked at a painting and did not like it.

So, he took a brush and some colours and painted all over the picture. When the king saw this, he got very *angry*.

He said, "Raman, why have you spoiled the picture? Get out of here and don't show me your face for a week."

Unhappy Raman walked away from there.

The next day, when the king was at court with his other ministers,





a **strange** man came there. He had a mud pot which covered his head. The pot had two holes for his eyes.

“Who are you ?” asked the king.

“Your Majesty, I am Tenali Raman,” said Tenali.

“But why have you come like this ? Remove the pot from your head.”

“Your Majesty, I can’t **disobey** your order. You ordered me not to show my face to you for a week.”

Everyone present at court started laughing. Raman removed the pot and took his seat. The king too could not control himself and **continued** to laugh.

New Words

laugh : make fun of

angry : annoyed

disobey : disregard orders

palace : residence of a king

strange : unusual

continued : carry on



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skill

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

- Tenali Raman was a _____.
a. Urdu poet b. Telugu poet c. Bengali poet
- Then the king saw to the picture, he got very :
a. happy b. angry c. sad
- A strange man had a mud pot which covered his _____.
a. hand b. head c. all body

B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements :

- Tenali Raman was always sad.
- Tenali Raman took a brush or colours and painted all over the pictures.
- Tenali Raman spoiled all seats.
- He came into court and his head covered with mud pot.
- The king too could not control himself to laugh.

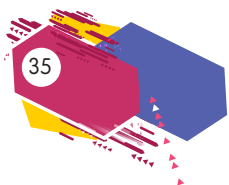
C. Answer the following questions :

- Who was Tenali Raman ?
- What did the king make him ?
- What was Tenali wearing on his head ?
- Why were there two holes in the pot ?

Fun with Words

D. Match the words to their meanings :

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| 1. spoiled | a. not to do what others tell you |
| 2. strange | b. sad |
| 3. disobey | c. damaged |
| 4. unhappy | d. unusual |



Now use the above words of column I in sentences of your own :

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

E. Look at these words :

weak – week

Both words are pronounced in the same way but have different meanings. Find similar words for the following :

know

one

not

brake



Essential Grammar

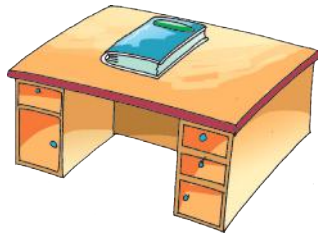
F. Fill in the blanks with the proper noun of your choice :

1. _____ (*covered*) his head because it was raining.
2. _____ (*comes*) to school late.
3. _____ (*go*) to the forest and see a big cave.
4. _____ got the prize.

G. Pick out nouns from the following sentences :








1. The Ganga is a holy river. _____
2. There is an english book on the table. _____
3. Waqar is playing in the ground. _____

4. He is a doctor Mr. Sharma. _____.



Essential Writing

H. Write words in place of the pictures and read this story :

It is morning. It is . Two  are sitting under a . They are looking at a . The monkey is eating a . He is throwing the wrapper in the . "That  is better-behaved than us," says one of the girls. The other one says, "We should never throw wrappers here and there."

Essential Speaking

I. Talk about other stories related to Tenali Raman in the class.

Fun to Do

J. Collect some pictures of Tenali Raman with different expressions and paste in your scrap-book.