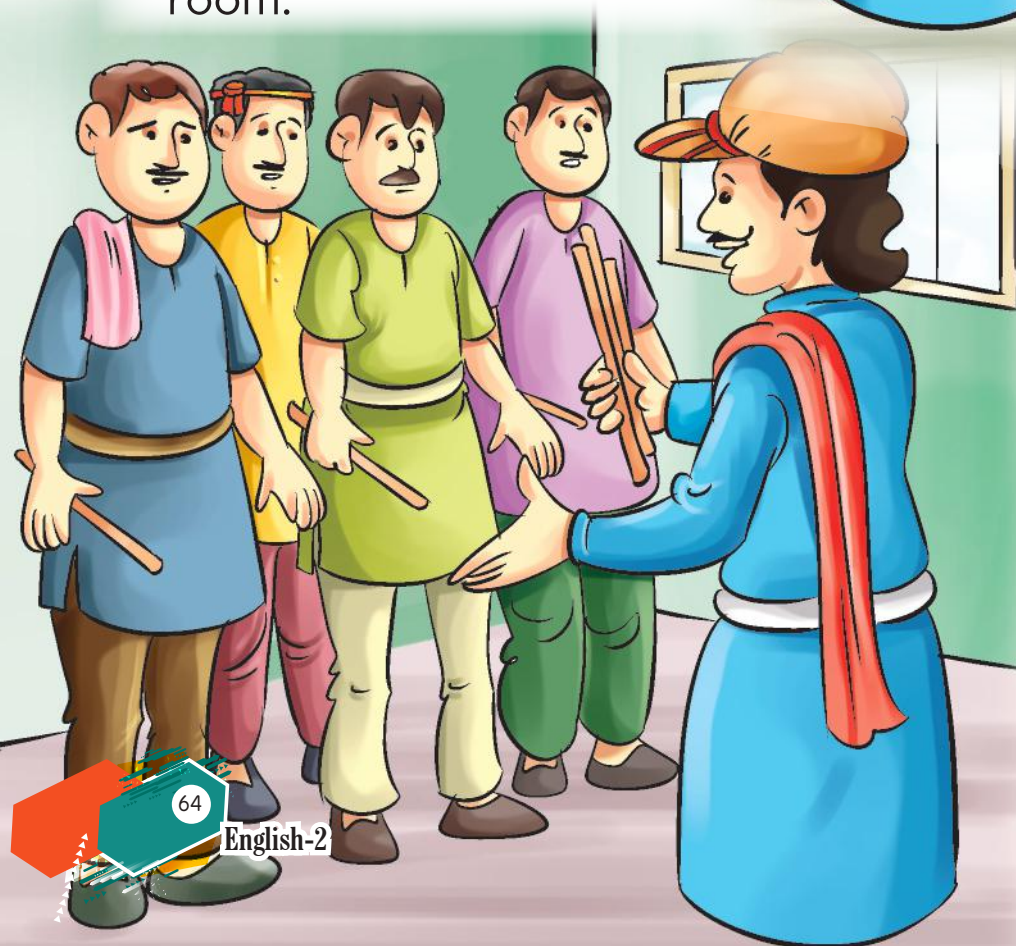


Once upon a time, a rich merchant came to Birbal. He said to Birbal, “I have seven servants in my house. One of them has stolen my bag of *precious* pearls. Please help me to find out the thief.”

Birbal went to the rich merchant’s house. He called all the seven servants in a room.



He gave a stick to each one of them. Then he said, “These are magic sticks. Just now all these sticks are equal in length. Keep them with you and *return* tomorrow. If there is a thief in the house, his stick will grow an inch longer by tomorrow.”

The servant who had stolen the bag of pearls was **scared**. He thought, “if I cut a piece of one inch from my stick, I would not be caught.” So he cut the stick and made it shorter by one inch.

Next day Birbal collected the sticks from the servants. He found that one servant’s stick was short by an inch. Birbal pointed his finger at him and said, “Here is the thief.” The servant **confessed** his crime. He returned the bag of pearls. He was sent to jail.

## Word Treasure

**precious** : valuable

**return** : to give back

**scare** : to frighten

**confess** : to admit



## EXERCISE TIME

### Comprehension Skills

#### A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

1. The merchant has \_\_\_\_\_ servants in his house.

a. Six

b. Three

c. Seven

2. Birbal gave \_\_\_\_\_ to all the servants.

a. Sticks

b. Marbles

c. Books

3. A servant had stolen a bag of \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Fruits

b. Pearls

c. Clothes

#### B. Write ‘T’ for true and ‘F’ for false statements :

1. Birbal denied to solved the problem of merchant.

2. Birbal gave sticks to the servants.

3. The thief servant cut the stick by two inches.

4. The sticks were magical.

### C. Answer the following questions :

1. Why did the rich merchant come to Birbal?
2. What did Birbal give to the servants and what did he say to them?
3. Why did one of the servants cut the stick by one inch?
4. How did the thief confess his crime?

## Essential Grammar

### D. Complete these given sentences with suitable prepositions given in the brackets.

1. Radha is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the chair. (*into/on*)
2. The plane is \_\_\_\_\_ the sky. (*in/on*)
3. Our garden is \_\_\_\_\_ the house. (*Behind/under*)
4. The teacher is \_\_\_\_\_ the class. (*in/into*)
5. A mosquito falling \_\_\_\_\_ tea. (*on/into*)

## Fun with Words

### E. Write the names of animals/birds to complete these sentences by using hint box.

**Hint :** duck, elephant, frog, horse, kangaroo, snake, eagle

1. \_\_\_\_\_ can fly in the sky.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ can crawl under the leaves.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ can hop on the grass.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ can jump over the fence.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ can run in a race.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ can swim in the pond.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ can walk along the road.

## Essential Speaking

F. Read these words aloud after your teacher.

actor	teacher	director	writer
barber	plumber	farmer	carpenter
baker	inspector	tailor	shop-keeper

## Essential Writing

G. Here is the story of 'Birbal : The Wise'. It is in jumbled sentences.

Number the sentences in a right order.

- Birbal found the thief.
- Birbal went to the rich merchant's house.
- One of the servants cut the stick by one inch.
- He confessed to his crime.
- Once, a rich merchant came to Birbal.
- The next day, Birbal collected the sticks.
- He gave a stick to each servant.

Now copy these sentences in a right order in your note-book.

## Fun to Do

H. Help Birbal to reach to the king.

