

FOLLOW- UP LESSON:

A SLAVE'S RIDDLE

Session - 1

I

PRE-READING

- Socialisation :
- The teacher finds a pre-reading activity by asking students to read the title and makes them guess the theme. The teacher may link this lesson with the main lesson.

II

WHILE-READING

Text

- **SGP-1**
(This is a riddle story from America. The story is about an American black man.)
- Read paragraphs 1 - 2 and answer the questions that follow.
 1. Jim was an old slave. He worked under his master for a long time. His master had bought him from a slave market when he was a young boy of eleven.
 2. His master's children liked him very much. They liked him for his stories. He was a very good story-teller. He was also a very good singer. But among the other slaves, he was famous as a riddle maker. He could make riddles out of nothing and make a fool of others. He made songs out of riddles in his stories. So everyone liked Jim. His master also liked him because he was faithful.
- **Comprehension Questions:**
 1. Who is this paragraph about ?
 2. What was he ?

3. Where did he work for a long time ?
4. Where had his master bought him from ?
5. How old was Jim then ?
6. Who liked him very much?
7. Why did they like him ?
8. He was good at two things. What were they?
9. How was he famous among the slaves?
10. How could he make a fool of others?
11. Did everyone like Jim? His master also? Why?

Session - 2

- **SGP-2**
- Read paragraph -4 silently and answer the questions that follow.
 4. Everyone thought that Jim was happy. But he was very sad at heart because he was a slave. He had no freedom. In those days if one was born a slave, he died a slave. Only if a master wanted his slave to be free, he could be free. But no master ever wanted his slave to be free.
- **Comprehension Questions:**
 1. What did everyone think of Jim ?
 2. Was he really happy ?
 3. Why was he sad ?
 4. What happened to slaves in those days ?
 5. But there was a chance for a slave to be free. What was that ?
 6. Did any master ever want his slave to be free ?
 7. Do you think Jim will be set free ? Let us read the next part to see.

- **SGP-3**

- Read paragraphs 5-8 and answer the questions that follow.

5. But Jim's master was a kind man and he wanted to set Jim free. So one day he called Jim and said, "Jim, you have served me well. I want to set you free. But you have to make a riddle. If we fail to solve it, I'll give you freedom". Jim was really very happy. Making a riddle was not difficult for him. But he had to make it both interesting and difficult. He took a little time, and then came out with the following riddle:

6. As I went out and in again,
Out of the dead the living came.
Seven there were, but six there be
As I'm a good slave, set me free.
Seven there were, but six there be.



7. Every one enjoyed the song and the riddle. But no one was able to solve it. So his master asked Jim to explain the riddle. Jim explained, "As I came out of my house, I saw my old hen with six chicks. It laid seven eggs, out of which only six hatched. One got spoiled".

8. Everyone laughed. They praised Jim for his wit and the master set Jim free.

- **Comprehension Questions :**

1. Why did Jim's master want to set him free?
2. Why did he call Jim one day?
3. What condition did his master set to make him free ?
4. Making a riddle was not difficult for him. But he had to make it both _____ and _____.
5. Do you think someone would be able to solve his riddle?
6. Did it happen so?
7. What did Jim's master ask him ? (para-7)
8. What was the riddle about?
9. Was Jim set free?

III

POST-READING

1 Writing :

a. Answer the following questions.

(i) What was Jim ?

(ii) Was he happy? Why ?

(iii) Why did everyone like him ?

(iv) What condition did his master set to make him free ?

(v) What was his riddle about ?

(vi) Was the riddle difficult but interesting ?

(vii) Was Jim set free ?

b. Jim is narrating how he got freedom from being a slave to one of his friends. There are some gaps there. Fill in the gaps to complete it.

"I was an old _____. I worked under a _____ for a long time. I was _____ when I was a small _____. Everyone loved me because I was good at _____ and making _____. I was not happy because I wanted to be _____. For this, my master laid a condition. If I made a riddle which they could not solve, then only I would get my _____. I made an interesting and _____ riddle. Nobody was able to _____ it. I was set _____. I felt like a free bird.

WORD NOTE

(The words / phrases have been defined mostly on contextual meanings.)

alligator (n)	- crocodile, କୁମ୍ଭୀର
attentive (adj)	- one who pays careful attention, ଯତନଯୋଗୀ
blazed (blaze) (v)	- burnt strongly brightly with flame, ଖୁବ୍ ଜୋରରେ ଜଳିଲା ।
bullock (n)	- bull-used for ploughing, ବଳଦ
cheated (cheat)	- did not behave truthfully, ଠକିଲା
cruel (adj)	- hard-hearted, ନିଷ୍ଠୁର
disappointed (adj)	- unhappy ନିରାଶ, ଦୁଃଖୀ
hatched, (hatch) (v)	- chicks came out from eggs, ଅଣ୍ଡାରୁ ଛୁଆହେଲେ ।
hornless (adj)	- having no horns, ଶିଙ୍ଗନଥିବା
leopard (n)	- a type of tiger (ଲେପାର୍ଡ) ଚିତାବାଘ
money-lender (n)	- one who lends money to get it back with interest, ସୁଧରେ ଟଙ୍କାଧାର ଦେଉଥିବା ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ।
riddle (n)	- puzzle, ଧନ୍ଦା, ଗୁଡ୍ ଅର୍ଥବୋଧକ କଥା ବା କବିତା
slave (n)	- servant, ଦାସ, କ୍ରୀତଦାସ
suggested, (v)	- said କହିଲେ, ଉତ୍ତର ଦେଲେ
weighing balance (n)	- hand-weighing instrument, ନିକିତି ବା ତରାଈ

A SLAVE'S RIDDLE

Summary of the Text :

Jim, an old slave, worked under his master for a long time. He was bought from a slave market when he was eleven.

His master's children liked him very much as he was good at story telling. He was also a very good singer. But his making of riddles made him different from other slaves. He had the ability to make stories out of nothing and befool others. He made songs out of riddles in his stories. Everyone liked him for that. His master also liked him since he was very faithful to him.

Jim was unhappy because he was a slave. In those days he who was born a slave, had to die a slave. He could be free only if his master wanted him to be free.

One day Jim's master called him and wished to free him. He laid a condition for it. He would be free only when they fail to solve a riddle he asked by Jim. Jim felt very happy and wanted to make a riddle which was both interesting and difficult.

Then he made a riddle. It was as he went out and in again he saw six living things coming out of seven dead things. He wanted to know what the answer was. Nobody could answer it. Jim's master asked him to explain. Jim immediately answered that a hen laid seven eggs out of which one got spoiled. Six chickens came out of the rest six eggs. Everyone laughed and his master set him free.

ଏକ କ୍ରୀତଦାସର ଧନ୍ଦା

ସାରାଂଶ :

ଜିମ୍ ନାମରେ ଜଣେ ବୃଦ୍ଧ କ୍ରୀତଦାସ ଥିଲେ । ସେ ତାଙ୍କର ମାଲିକଙ୍କ ଅଧୀନରେ ବହୁକାଳଧରି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କଲା । ତାଙ୍କ ମାଲିକ ତାକୁ

ଏକ କ୍ରୀତଦାସ ହାଟରୁ କିଣି ଥିଲେ । ସେତେବେଳେ ତା'ର ବୟସ ମାତ୍ର ଏଗାର ଥିଲା ।

ତା'ର ମାଲିକର ପିଲାମାନେ ତାକୁ ଖୁବ୍ ଭଲ ପାଉଥିଲେ, କାରଣ ସେ ଥିଲା ଗନ୍ଧ କହିବାରେ ଧୁରନ୍ଧର । ସେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଜଣେ ଭଲ ଗାୟକ ଥିଲା । ସେ ଧନ୍ଦା ତିଆରି କରିବାର ଦକ୍ଷତା ପାଇଁ ଅନ୍ୟ ଦାସମାନଙ୍କଠାରୁ ଭିନ୍ନ ଥିଲା । ସେପରି କିଛି ବିଷୟ ନଥିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ ସେ ତତ୍କ୍ଷଣାତ୍ କାହାଣୀ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିପାରୁଥିଲା ଏବଂ ଅନ୍ୟମାନଙ୍କୁ ବୋଲି ବନେଇ ଦେଉଥିଲା । ସମସ୍ତେ ତାକୁ ଭଲ ପାଉଥିଲେ । ତା'ର ମାଲିକ ମଧ୍ୟ ତାକୁ ଭଲ ପାଉଥିଲେ; କାରଣ ସେ ଅତ୍ୟନ୍ତ ବିଶ୍ୱସ୍ତ ଥିଲା ।

ଜିମ୍ ଅନ୍ତରରେ ଖୁସି ନଥିଲା; କାରଣ ସେ ଥିଲା ଏକ କ୍ରୀତଦାସ । ସେହି ସମୟରେ ଯେଉଁମାନେ କ୍ରୀତଦାସ ହୋଇ ଜନ୍ମ ନେଉଥିଲେ, ସେହି କ୍ରୀତଦାସ ହିସାବରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ମରୁଥିଲେ । ଜଣେ କ୍ରୀତଦାସ କେବଳ ମୃତ୍ତ ହୋଇପାରିବ ଯଦି ତାହାର ମାଲିକ ତାକୁ ମୃତ୍ତ କରିବାକୁ ଚାହିଁବ ।

ଦିନେ ଜିମ୍‌ର ମାଲିକ ଜିମ୍‌କୁ ପାଖକୁ ଡାକି ତାକୁ ମୃତ୍ତ କରିବାକୁ ଇଚ୍ଛା ପ୍ରକାଶ କଲେ । କିନ୍ତୁ ତାଙ୍କର ଏକ ସର୍ତ୍ତ ଥିଲା । ଜିମ୍ ଏକ ଧନ୍ଦା ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ପଚାରିବ । ଯଦି ସେମାନେ ସେହି ଧନ୍ଦାର ଉତ୍ତର ଦେଇ ନପାରିବେ, ତାହାହେଲେ ସେ ମୃତ୍ତ ହେବ । ଜିମ୍ ବହୁତ ଆନନ୍ଦିତ ହେଲା ଏବଂ ଏକ କଠିନ ଏବଂ ଆମୋଦଦାୟକ ଧନ୍ଦା ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରିବାକୁ ଚିନ୍ତା କଲା ।

ଶେଷରେ ସେ ଏକ ଧନ୍ଦା ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କଲା । ସେହି ଧନ୍ଦାଟି ଏହିପରି ଥିଲା । ସେ ଦିନେ ବାହାରକୁ ଗଲା ଏବଂ ପୁଣି ଭିତରକୁ ଆସିଲା ଏବଂ ଦେଖିଲା ଯେ ସାତଟି ନିର୍ଜୀବ ବସ୍ତୁମାନଙ୍କ ଭିତରୁ ଛଅଟି ଜୀବନ୍ତ ବସ୍ତୁ ବାହାରି ଆସିଲେ । ଏହାର ଉତ୍ତର ଦେବା ପାଇଁ ସେ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ କହିଲା । ମାତ୍ର ଏହାର ଉତ୍ତର କେହି ଦେଇପାରିଲେ ନାହିଁ । ଶେଷରେ ଜିମ୍ କହିଲା ଯେ ସେ ସାତଟି କୁକୁଡ଼ା ଅଣ୍ଡା ଦେଖିଲା ଏବଂ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରୁ ଗୋଟିଏ ଅଣ୍ଡା ପଟିଯାଇଥିଲା । ଅନ୍ୟ ଛଅଟି ଅଣ୍ଡାରୁ ଛଅଟି କୁକୁଡ଼ା ଛୁଆ ବାହାରି ଆସିଲେ । ଏହି ଉତ୍ତର ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ଆମୋଦିତ କଲା ଏବଂ ଜିମ୍‌ର ମାଲିକ ତାକୁ ଗୋଲାମିରୁ ସବୁଦିନ ପାଇଁ ମୁକ୍ତ କରିଦେଲେ । ଏହି ମୁକ୍ତି ପଶ୍ଚାତ୍ରେ ରହିଥିଲା ଜିମ୍‌ର ଧନ୍ଦାର କରାମତି ।

Comprehension Questions & Answers :

1. Who is this paragraph about ?

Ans. This paragraph is about Jim.

2. What was he ?

Ans. He was an old slave.

3. Where did he work for a long time ?

Ans. He worked under his master for a long time.

4. Where had his master bought him from ?

Ans. His master had bought him from a slave market.

5. How old was Jim then ?

Ans. Jim was eleven years old then.

6. Who liked him very much ?

Ans. His master's children liked him very much.

7. Why did they like him ?

Ans. They liked him for his stories.

8. He was good at two things. What were they ?

Ans. He was very good at telling stories and singing songs.

9. How was he famous among the slaves ?

Ans. He was famous as a riddle maker among the slaves.

10. How could he make a fool of others ?

Ans. He could make a fool of others by making riddles out of nothing.

11. Did everyone like Jim ? His master also ? Why ?

Ans. Everyone liked Jim. His master also liked him because he was faithful.

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Comprehension Questions & Answers :

1. What did everyone think of Jim ?

Ans. Everyone thought that Jim was happy.

2. Was he really happy ?

Ans. No, he was not really happy.

3. Why was he sad ?

Ans. He was sad because he was a slave.

4. What happened to slaves in those days ?

Ans. In those days those who were born slaves, had to die slaves.

5. But there was a chance for a slave to be free. What was that ?

Ans. If his master wanted his slave to be free, he could be free.

6. Did any master ever want his slave to be free ?

Ans. No, a master never wanted his slave to be free.

7. Do you think Jim will be set free ?

Ans. Yes, I think Jim will be set free.
No, I don't think Jim will be set free.

Comprehension Questions & Answers :

1. Why did Jim's master want to set him free?

Ans. As Jim's master was a kind-hearted man, he wanted to set Jim free.

2. Why did he call Jim one day ?

Ans. One day he called Jim to tell him that he wanted Jim to be free because he had served him sincerely.

3. What condition did his master set to make him free ?

Ans. He set a condition that if Jim made a riddle which they fail to solve, he would be set free.

4. Making a riddle was not difficult for him. But he had to make it both — and —.

Ans. But he had to make it both interesting and difficult.

5. Do you think someone would be able to solve his riddle ?

Ans. No, I don't think anyone would be able to solve his riddle.

6. Did it happen so ?

Ans. Yes, it happened so.

7. What did Jim's master ask him ?

Ans. Jim's master asked Jim to explain the riddle.

8. What was the riddle about ?

Ans. The riddle was about the coming of six living things out of seven dead things.

9. Was Jim set free?

Ans. Yes, Jim was set free.

POST-READING

b. Jim is narrating how he got freedom from being a slave to one of his friends. There are some gaps there. Fill in the gaps to complete it.

"I was an old _____. I worked under a _____ for a long time. I was _____ when I was a small _____. Everyone loved me because I was good at _____ and making _____. I was not happy because I wanted to be _____. For this, my master laid a condition. If I made a riddle which they could not solve, then only I would get my _____. I made an interesting and _____ riddle. Nobody was able to _____ it. I was set _____. I felt like a free bird."

Ans. "I was an old slave. I worked under a master for a long time. I was sold when I was a small boy of eleven. Everyone loved me because I was good at making riddles out of nothing and making a fool of others. I was not happy because I wanted to be free. For this, my master laid a condition. If I made a riddle which they could not solve, then only I would get my freedom. I made an interesting and difficult riddle. Nobody was able to solve it. I was set free. I felt like a free bird."

Unseen Passage :

Read the following passage and do the tasks that follow :

Once upon a time, in a far-off Italy, there was a little boy whose name was Robertino. He

loved his grandfather very much. The little boy and the old man were good friends and spent much time together. Robertino loved to sit on his grandfather's knee and listen, his brown eyes wide open, to the stories he told him. Grandfather was a wonderful storyteller. And oh, the stories he told ! Fairy tales and exciting hunting stories, like the one in which grandfather himself had once caught an eagle. No matter how unreal the stories or the games they played were, the love between these two was real.

Answer the questions in complete sentences :

Questions :

- Who is this paragraph about ?
- Who was Robertino ?
- Whom did Robertino love very much ?
- What was Robertino's grandfather ?
- What kind of stories did grandfather tell ?
- What was real between the two ?

Ans.

- This paragraph is about Robertino and his grandfather.
- Robertino was a little boy in far-off Italy.
- Robertino loved his grandfather very much.
- Robertino's grandfather was an excellent storyteller.
- Grandfather told fairy tales and exciting hunting stories.
- The love between the two was real.