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THE LESSON FROM A PENCIL

1. Subhash was very upset because he had just got his test marks and had not scored well.
2. As he sat feeling very sad, his granny came in and gave him a new pencil.
3. Subhash felt he didn't deserve the pencil since he had got poor marks in his test, but granny forced him to take it.
4. Granny was a cheerful woman though she was old and weak.
5. “You can either learn a lesson from the pencil or throw it away,” she said.
6. Granny added, “The pencil goes through a lot of pain when it is sharpened but it learns to grow sharp.”
7. She also said, “It feels like a failure when it becomes blunt but bears the pain to become sharp again.”
8. “You can also use this lesson to work hard and score well in your next test if you try,” Granny said as she wiped his tears.
9. Subhash took the lesson from the pencil and began working hard.
10. Subhash worked sincerely, so he scored well in the next test, but he kept the pencil safely to remember his granny’s advice.