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Brief Description: Students will be able to justify their answers to the questions based on the story narrated by the teacher.

Teaching Aids Provided: Blackboard and chalk

Teaching Learning Materials: One or two printed copies of the story

Notes to the teacher: The teacher may read aloud the story, at least twice, then write the questions on the blackboard and have an interactive session with the students.

Story: Birbal's Khichdi

Once on a cold winter day, Akbar and Birbal were walking by a lake. Akbar stopped and put his finger into the freezing water and immediately took it out saying, "I don't think anyone can stay alive for a night in this cold water."

Birbal took that as a challenge and said that he would find someone who could do it. Akbar promised a sum of 1000 gold coins to whoever could spend a night standing in the cold water of the lake.

Soon, Birbal found a poor man who agreed to undertake the challenge for the 1000 gold coins. Guarded by two royal guards, the poor man spent the entire night standing in the freezing water. In the morning, the poor man was taken to court for the reward. On being asked by the king how he could stand in freezing water, the man replied,

"My lord, I kept looking at a lamp that was burning at a distance and spent my entire night looking at it."

On learning this, the emperor said, "This man is not eligible for the reward as he could manage to stand in the lake because he was getting warmth from the lamp."

The poor man felt cheated and heart broken. He reached out to Birbal for help. Birbal didn't go to the court the next day. Akbar visited Birbal to find out the reason for his absence. To his amusement, the King found Birbal sitting beside the fire with a pot hanging almost 6 feet above it.

On being enquired, Birbal said, "I am cooking *khichdi*, my lord." Akbar started laughing and said that it was impossible for the *khichdi* to be cooked while being hung six feet high above the fire.

Birbal said, "It is possible, my King. If a poor man can stay warm by simply looking at the lamp burning at a distance, I can cook this khichdi the same way." Akbar understood Birbal's point and rewarded the poor man for completing the challenge.

Answer these Questions: (Verbal Exercise) Ask the students a few questions to allow them to think about the meaning of the word dialogue and find out whether they could differentiate between the dialogue and non-dialogue. The IQ asset flows seamlessly into the MS.

The teacher asks, "What is the meaning of the word 'dialogue'?"

The teacher gets responses from the students and then provides them with the correct meaning.

Ans: Dialogue means a conversation between two or more characters.

Questions based on the story:

- a. Select and read aloud any 2 sentences from the passage which are not dialogues.

Ans: i) Once on a cold winter day, Akbar and Birbal were walking by a lake.

ii) The poor man felt cheated and heart broken.

- b. How can you say that they are not dialogues?

Ans: These sentences are not dialogues because they are not a conversation between two people nor are they enclosed in inverted commas.

- c. Choose any 2 sentences from the passage which are dialogues and read them aloud.

Ans: i) "I don't think anyone can stay alive for a night in this cold water."

ii) "My lord, I kept looking at a lamp that was burning at a distance and spent my entire night looking at it."

- d. How do you know that they are dialogues?

Ans: These sentences which quote the conversation between two or more people and where inverted commas have been used to show the exact words of the speaker are called dialogues.

A few students may answer the questions based on their previous knowledge about Inverted Commas.