

## Chapter- 9

# Tenali Rama and the Thieves

## STUDY NOTES

### At a glance

- Tenali Rama was a witty courtier of King Krishna Deva Raya of Vijayanagar.
- He was loved by the king because of his wit, humor and intelligence.
- He receives a lot of gifts from the king.
- Everyone warned him as robbers were active in the neighborhood.
- One night the robbers approached his house.
- To put them in trap Rama spoke loudly to his wife that he had kept all his possessions in the trunk and the trunk is in the well, and pretended to be asleep.
- When the robbers know that the valuables are in the well they decided to draw some water from the well, meanwhile Rama came tiptoed and made some trench in the garden so that the water will reach the plants and trees.
- The thieves became dog tired and slipped into the well and with great effort brought the trunk. But all their hard work went to vain as the trunk has only old clothes and vessels in it.
- They realized that they are in the trap of Rama so they ran to Rama for forgiveness.
- Rama let them go when they promised not to steal or rob anyone ever.

### GETGOING

A. Let's find the answer from the story.

The king was fond of Tenali Rama – because of his wit, humor and intelligence.

Tenali Rama was wealthy—because the king rewarded him with lots of valuable gifts.

The king rewarded Tenali Rama with many gifts – because he helped the king in solving the problems.

Tenali Rama thanked the two thieves – because they watered his garden.

The two thieves ran to Tenali Rama asked for his forgiveness – because they were afraid of Rama’s trick.

B. Let’s read between the lines.

1. He discussed his plan in a loud voice so that the thieves could hear it and act according to his plan.

2. Witty – showing inventive and quick verbal humor.

Exhausted – left with no strength.

Treasure – valuable objects.

3. To make them tired and to buy some time Tenali Rama had put the trunk inside the well.

C. Let’s go beyond the story.

1. Yes, I like Rama’s plan to save his treasure because he not only saved his hard earned treasure but also taught a lesson to the thieves.

Vocabulary Junction.

1. Fill in the blanks with the strong form of the adjectives given in bracket.

a. The painting was **terrible**. (bad)

b. I was **starving**. (hungry)

c. Smriti was **elated** to meet her cousins. (happy)

d. This essay is **excellent**. (good)

e. Neha is **horrified** of ghost. (scared)

2. Rewrite the sentences using the weak form of the adjectives.

a. Natasha looked beautiful in the wedding dress.

b. It is hot outside.

c. I feel bad at your loss.

d. Kriti has been hungry since morning.

e. The ant looked small beside the elephant.

Grammar junction.

1. Eddy’s stories are worse than Ravi’s stories.

2. Hardeep ate the least amount of food at the party.

3. Amar needed no further explanation.
4. This is the best meal I have ever eaten.
5. The town library has more books than our school library.
6. Sunny is stronger than bobby.
7. This is the least expensive toy in the store.











