

## Chapter- 9

# The Lantern and the Fan

**STUDY NOTES**

## AT A GLANCE

- 1) It is a Japanese folk tale.
- 2) In this story there are few loving characters.
- 3) A father, two sons and their wives.
- 4) In Japan, followed a tradition, where sons and their wives obey their father.
- 5) In the beginning they lived very happily.
- 6) After some days, the father-in-law suffered from some sort of illness, which was not curable.
- 7) The daughters-in-law took good care of him.
- 8) One day the daughters-in-law requested their father-in-law to allow them to go and meet their friends and families.
- 9) But he did not allow them.
- 10) In between one year passed.
- 11) Once again the two ladies tried their luck.
- 12) The old man agreed by saying, I don't have any issue if you both return with fire and wind wrapped in a paper.
- 13) The two ladies happily went away, without giving a second thought.
- 14) After few days, they were about to return home.
- 15) Then they remembered about the impossible thing that their father-in-law had asked for.
- 16) They became very sad and distressed.
- 17) They left everyone and went in search of the impossible thing.
- 18) They asked all the wise men they met on their way.
- 19) Nobody was able to give them a satisfying answer.
- 20) Soon they were lost in a forest.
- 21) The two daughters-in-law were very depressed and were crying.
- 22) All of a sudden, a loud voice boomed.
- 23) It said, crying is not allowed in my forest.
- 24) My plants don't thrive in it.
- 25) When it heard the reason of the two ladies crying, it gave a solution to them.
- 26) From nowhere came a paper and a lantern was formed and then came another paper and a fan was formed.

- 27) The loud voice also guided them how to put fire and wind in it.
- 28) The two daughters-in-law returned home happily.
- 29) The father-in-law was happy by seeing them.
- 30) He was equally happy to see the wonders brought by them.
- 31) He gave them gifts and praised the two ladies by saying they were more exquisite than the marvels that they have brought.
- 32) They all lived happily.

### Get Going

#### A. Let us find the answers from the story.

Write T for True and F for False statements.

- 1) The old man did not want his sons to get married. F
- 2) The young women wanted to meet their families and friends back home. T
- 3) The old man did not allow his daughters-in-law to visit their homes because he wanted to punish them. F
- 4) The women found a very wise man who solved their problem. F
- 5) The old man was very pleased when his daughters-in-law returned home with the marvels. T

#### B) Let us read between the lines.

- 1) Do you think the two women really loved their father-in-law?

Ans) Yes, I think the two women really loved their father-in-law.

- 2) What is the Japanese tradition described in the story? Do we have a similar tradition in India?

Ans) The Japanese tradition described in the story is that the sons and their wives have to always obey their father. Yes, we do have a similar tradition in India.

- 3) Why did the two women forget about the two gifts that they had to take back?

Ans) The two women forgot about the two gifts that they had to take back because they were too excited to see their families and friends after a long time.

#### C) Let us go beyond the story.

1) Would you have agreed to the father-in-law's condition if were one of the two women?

Ans) I would have requested my father-in-law to allow me to go and meet my friends and family without being compelled to fulfill any of the conditions. I would also tell him that I care for him and would come back soon.

2) Which part of the story do you like the most? Why?

Ans) The most interesting part of the story is when the strange voice tells the two young women the solution of their problems; how to wrap fire and wind in paper using Japanese fan and lantern respectively.

### VOCABULARY JUNCTION

1) Look at the words in bold in the following sentences. Circle the words used as nouns and underline the words used as verbs.

- a) Geeta was searching for his **comb (noun)** so that she could **comb (verb)** her hair before going to school.
- b) I will **stick (verb)** a couple of choco-**sticks (noun)** on the cake I have baked for my brother.
- c) We will **drive (verb)** down to Mahabaleshwar this vacation. My father says it will be a long **drive (noun)**.
- d) There was a lot of **dust (noun)** in the house when he returned home after the vacation. We had to **dust (verb)** all day long.
- e) Zahra could not **key (verb)** her toy car because she had lost its **key (noun)**.

2) Use each word as described to make sentences in your notebook.

- a) Use paint as a noun and a verb.  
The paint is still wet. (noun)  
She paints beautifully. (verb)
- b) Use water as a noun and a verb.

The doctor advised him to drink a lot of water (noun).

My grandfather loves to water the plants in our garden (verb).

c) Use fight as a noun.

I had a fight with my twin brother yesterday.

d) Use swing as a verb.

Harpreet swings her hands when she walks.(verb)

e) Use plant as a noun and a verb.

He bought three new plants from the nursery (noun).

Do not plant rice in this field (verb).

f) Use brush as a noun and a verb.

Dhruv applied the colour using a fine brush (noun).

Brush your teeth atleast twice a day (verb).

3) Listen to the sentences and identify if each of the words below has been used as a noun or a verb.

a) Park - Verb

b) Book - Noun

c) Rose – Noun, Verb

d) Left - Verb

e) Bank - Noun

### GRAMMAR JUNCTION

1) Identify the sentences that contain a gerund and tick the box next to those sentences.

Also, underline the gerunds in these sentences.

a) She is good at painting.

b) I like swimming.

c) He was reading a novel.

d) She likes listening to music.

e) Exercising everyday is important to keep yourself fit.

f) The birds are flying in the sky.

g) The dogs are barking at him.

- h) Sam’s family went for trekking during the holidays.
- i) Laughing at the jokes, we fell off our chairs.
- j) Mom is baking a cake.

2) Add –ing to the verb given in the box and complete the conversations using appropriate gerunds.

Try	play	shop	wait	watch
drive				

- a) Nona: What is our plan for today?  
Mona: We will go shopping. I love shopping in city malls.
- b) Leena: Why are you restless?  
Beena: I’m tired of waiting for the pizza!
- c) Anoop: Sana’s driving scares me.  
Beena: Yes, she is very careless and rash!
- d) Ranjit: I really love watching action movies.  
Shiela: Somehow, I do not like them as much as romantic movies.  
Why do you like them so much?  
Ranjit: All our action heroes are good at playing brave and exciting characters.
- e) Megha: This assignment is so difficult. Can you help me out?  
Mayura: Sorry, I wish I could. I gave up trying to understand it. We can take Swati’s help.

3) Write five good and five bad habits using gerunds.

GOOD HABITS	BAD HABITS
1) Cleaning our rooms	Biting nails
2) Washing our hands before eating	Waking up late in the morning
3) Bathing everyday	Telling lies
4) Helping friends with their homework	Spending money unnecessarily
5) Completing our homework	Making fun of others

## WRITING JUNCTION

Write the steps to make a paper lantern with the help of the picture clues and the phrases given in the box.

Steps to make a paper lantern:

- 1) Draw a line along the top edge of the paper.
- 2) Cut the paper along the top edge.
- 3) Draw a line in the middle of the paper.
- 4) Fold the paper into half along the line.
- 5) Draw lines from the middle of the paper to the folded edge.
- 6) Cut the paper along these lines.
- 7) Unfold the paper after cutting it.
- 8) Roll the paper.
- 9) Stick the two ends of the paper together with sticky tape.
- 10) Stick the rectangular strip of paper that you cut in step one on the top.

