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DRONA AND DRUPADA

I

Once there was a great teacher. His name was Drona.[1] He was Arjuna's[2] guru. Drona had a



friend.[3] The friend's name was Drupada.[4]

Drupada was a king.[5]

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1. Drona-(ദ്രോണൻ)
2. Arjuna's-അർജ്ജുനന്റെ
3. friend-സ്നേഹിതൻ
4. Drupada-(ദ്രുപദൻ)
5. king-രാജാവു്

Now, read the story[1] of Drona and Drupada.

II

Drona was a great[2] teacher. Arjuna was his pupil.[3]

Drona's father was a poor[4] Brahmin.[5] But he sent[6] Drona, to a good teacher. The teacher was a Rishi.[7] Drona lived in the ashram.[8] The Rishi taught[9] him many things. Drona learnt everything well.



1. story-കഥ
2. great-മഹാനായ
3. pupil-വിദ്യാർത്ഥി
4. poor-ദരിദ്രനായ
5. Brahmin-(ബ്രാഹ്മണൻ)
6. sent-അയച്ചു
   send, sent, sent.
7. Rishi-ഋഷി
8. ashram-ആശ്രമം
9. taught-പഠിപ്പിച്ചു
   teach, taught, taught.

Drona was a good and clever pupil. So the Rishi liked him very much.

TEST Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drona was the son of a (poor, rich, bad) man
2. Drona was a great (Rishi, teacher, king)
3. Arjuna was (Drona, Drona's) pupil.

III

When Drona was living with the Rishi another boy came to the ashram. His name was Drupada.

Drupada was the son of a king. The king wished[1] to send his son to a good teacher. So he sent him to the Rishi.

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1. wished–ആഗ്രഹിച്ചു wish, wished, wished



Drupada also lived in the ashram. Soon[1] he became Drona's friend. They loved each other[2] very much. They lived happily[3] in the ashram for many years.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drupada came (from, to, of) the ashram
2. Drupada's father was a (Rishi, king, poor man).
3. Drupada and Drona loved each (other, another) very much.

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1. soon-വേഗത്തിൽ 2. each other-അന്യോന്യം
3. happily-സുഖമായി

IV

The days went by. At last[1] it was time for Drupada to go home.

Then Drupada said, "Good friend, I am going home. My father is the king of Panchala.[2] When he dies, I will become king. Come to me when I am king and I will help you."

Drona thanked[3] Drupada and the prince[4] went away.

After some time Drona also left[5] the ashram and went home.

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1. at last-ഒടുവിൽ
2. Panchala (പാഞ്ചാലരാജ്യം)
3. thanked-നന്ദിപറഞ്ഞു thank, thanked, thanked.
4. prince-രാജകുമാരൻ
5. left-വിട്ടു leave, left, left.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drupada went (home, to home, for home)
2. He said that he would help Drona when he became (teacher, king, Rishi)
3. After some time Drona also (went, go)home.

V

After a time Drona married[1] a good girl. A son was born[2] to them.



Drona was a clever man. He could fight[3] well. He could shoot[4] well. He could teach well.

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1. married–വിവാഹം ചെയ്തു
marry, married, married.
2. was born–ജനിച്ചു
3. fight–യുദ്ധംചെയ്യുക
fight, fought, fought.
4. shoot–എയ്യുക
shoot, shot, shot.

But he was poor. No one gave him work.[1] Then he said, "I will go and see Drupada. He is my friend. Now he is the king of Panchala. He will help me."

So he went to see Drupada.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drona had a (son, daughter).

2. He was very (rich, poor, old).

3. He went to (see, saw, seen) Drupada.

VI

When Drona came to see the king, an officer[2] took him in. The king was sitting on the throne.[3] His officers stood round him.

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1. work-ജോലി
2. officer-ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ
3. throne-സിംഹാസനം

Then Drona came in and said, "O king, I am your friend, Drona. We lived together in the ashram.



Then you said, 'Come to me when I am king and I will help you.' I am poor and have come to you for help."

Drupada looked at Drona and said, "I am king and you are a poor man. How can we be friends? Go away. I will not help you."

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drona (see, saw, seen) Drupada.

2. But Drupada (helped, did not help) him.

3. He told him to (go, went away.)

VII

When Drona heard[1] his words, he was very angry.[2] He said, "I will teach you a lesson[3] for this."

Then he left Panchala and went to Hastinapur.[4] The princes of Hastinapur wanted a teacher.

Drona said, "I will go to Bhishma.[5] He will help me. There are many princes in Hastinapur. There are five Pandavas[6] and a hundred Kauravas.[7] Bhishma will make me their 'guru'."

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1. heard-കേട്ടു hear, heard, heard.
2. angry-കോപമുള്ള
3. teach a lesson-പാഠം പഠിപ്പിക്കുക
4. Hastinapur-(ഹസ്തിനപുരം)
5. Bhishma-(ഭീഷ്മർ)
6. Pandavas-(പാണ്ഡവന്മാർ)
7. Kauravas-(കൗരവന്മാർ)

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drona wanted to teach Drupada (a story, a lesson)
2. (Then, When) he went to Hastinapur.
3. The princes wanted a (king, teacher, friend).

VIII

When Drona came to see Bhishma, he saw some boys playing in the garden. They were the Pandava and Kaurava princes.

They were playing with a ring.[1] It fell into a well.[2] So they



were standing round the well. They said, "How can we take it out of the well?"

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1. ring-മോതിരം 2. well-കിണർ

Then Drona came there. He said, "I will take it from the well for you." Then he shot an arrow[1] at the ring. Up came the ring with the arrow. Drona took it and gave it to them.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drona saw the Pandava (kings, boys, princes).

2. A ring (fell, fall) into the well

3 Drona (take, took) it from the well.

IX

The boys were full[2] of wonder[3] when they saw it. They asked, "Sir, who are you?"

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1. arrow-അമ്പ് 2 full-നിറഞ്ഞ

3. wonder-അത്ഭുതം

But Drona said, "Go and tell Bhishma about it. Then he will tell you who I am."

The princes ran to Bhishma and told him the story. Then Bhishma said, "It is Drona. No other man can do this. Bring him to me. I will make him your teacher."



So Drona became the teacher of the Pandavas and the Kauravas.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The princes (tell, tells, told) Bhishma the story.
2. Bhishma asked them to bring (he, him) in.
3. He (make, made, makes) him their teacher.

X

Drona lived in Hastinapur with the princes. He taught them many things. He taught them to fight with the sword. He taught them to shoot. He taught them to ride.



All the princes were clever. But the cleverest[1] of them all was Arjuna. No other prince could shoot like him. No other prince could fight like him.

So Drona liked Arjuna more than[2] all the other princes. Arjuna loved his teacher very much.

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1. the cleverest-ഏറ്റവും സമർത്ഥൻ.
2. more than-കൂടുതലായി

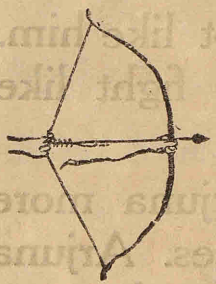
TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drona lived (with, in, on) Hastinapur.
2. He (teach, taught) the princes.
3. Arjuna was (a, the) cleverest of them.

XI

Many years went by.

One day Drona said to the princes. "Let us have a shooting-match.[1] Come with your bows and arrows."



All the princes came with their bows and arrows.

Then Drona took a bird and kept it on a tree.[2] He said, "You must shoot

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1. shooting-match-അമ്പുപരീക്ഷ
2. tree-വൃക്ഷം

at the bird's neck[1] and cut[2] it into two."

The princes took their bows and arrows and stood ready[3] to shoot.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1 There was a shooting (play, match, lesson)

2. Drona put a (leaf, flower, bird) on a tree.

3. The princes had to shoot at its (eye, neck, head)

XII

Then Drona called Dharmaputhra[4] and said, "Come forward[5] and shoot." Dharmaputhra was the eldest[6] of the Pandava princes. He

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1. neck–കഴുത്ത് 2. cut-മുറിക്കുക
3. stood ready-തയാറായിനിന്നു. cut, cut, cut.
4. Dharmaputhra-(ധർമ്മപുത്രർ)
5. forward-മുന്നോട്ട് 6. eldest-ഏറ്റവും മൂത്തവൻ.

took his bow and arrow and looked at the bird to shoot at it.



Then Drona asked, "Now tell me, prince, what can you see?"

Dharmaputhra said, "I can see the bird and the leaves. I can see the tree and the sky. And I can see all of you."

Then Drona said, "Don't shoot, go back to your place."[1]

So Dharmaputhra went back.

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1. place–സ്ഥാനം

One by one[1] the princes came to shoot. Drona asked them the same[2] question. They gave the same answer. So he sent them back.



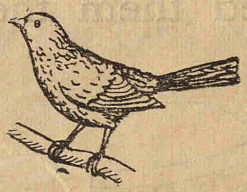
Then Arjuna came forward and Drona asked, "Arjuna, what do you see?"

Arjuna said, "I can see the bird."

Drona asked, "Can you see any other thing?" Arjuna answered, "No, I can see only[3] the bird."

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1. one by one–ഓരോരുത്തരായി 2. same–അതേ
3. only–മാത്രം.



Again he asked, "Can you see the bird's head or tail?"

Arjuna answered "No, I can see only its neck."

Then Drona said, "Shoot."

Arjuna shot the arrow and the bird fell. Its neck was cut in two.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drona told the princes not to (shoot, shot)
2. Arjuna saw only the bird's (head, neck, tail)
3. His arrow cut the bird (into, to) two.

XIII

The years went by. It was time for Drona to stop[1] teaching them.

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1. stop-നിർത്തുക stop, stopped, stopped.

One by one the princes went up to Drona. They gave him presents.[1] Then he blessed[2] them.

Some princes gave him good presents. Some gave him money.[3] Some gave him clothes.[4]

Then Arjuna came up. He also had a present for Drona. But Drona said, "I don't want this present. But I want another."

Then Arjuna said, "What present do you want? Ask and I will give it to you."

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1. present-സമ്മാനം
2. blessed-അനുഗ്രഹിക്കുക
   bless, blessed, blessed.
3. money-പണം
4. clothes-വസ്ത്രം

Drona said, "Go to Panchala and take Drupada prisoner.[1] Bring[2] him to me."

So Arjuna went to Panchala. Bhishma sent his soldiers[3] with the prince. At their head went Arjuna. He fought[4] with Drupada and took him prisoner.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. All the princes (give, gave, given) presents to Drona.
2. Drona did not take (Arjuna, Arjuna's) present.
3. He told Arjuna to (bring, brought) Drupada as a prisoner to him.
4. Arjuna went (from, to) Panchala.
5. He fought (on, of, with) Drupada and took him prisoner.

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1. prisoner–തടവുകാരൻ
   prison-കാരാഗൃഹം
2. bring–കൊണ്ടുവരിക
3. soldiers-പട്ടാളക്കാർ
4. fought-യുദ്ധംചെയ്തു
   fight, fought, fought.

XIV

Arjuna brought[1] Drupada to Hastinapur. Drupada came as a prisoner. He had no sword. He had no bow and arrows. His hands were tied.[2]

Arjuna took him to Drona. Drona was sitting in his room when they came in.

Arjuna said, "O Drona, I have brought Drupada as a prisoner."

Drona was glad when he saw Drupada. He said, "O king, once I came to you for help. But you sent me away. You said, 'I am king and you are a poor man. How can we be friends?' Now, you are

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1. brought-കൊണ്ടുവന്നു bring, brought, brought.
2. were tied-കെട്ടപ്പെട്ടു tie-കെട്ടുക tie, tied, tied

my prisoner. What shall I do with you?"

Drupada heard his words and was ashamed.[1] He looked down and said nothing.

Then Arjuna said, "Drupada is ashamed of himself. Let him go away."

Drona wished to punish[2] him. But Arjuna said, "Let him go. We have taught him a lesson."

So Drona sent him away and Drupada went to Panchala.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Arjuna (took, take) Drupada to Drona.
2. Drupada was (shame, ashamed) of himself.
3. Drona sent him (to prison, home).

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1. was ashamed-ലജ്ജിച്ചു
   shame-ലജ്ജ
   Read: take, shame

2. punish-ശിക്ഷിക്കുക
   punish, punished,
   punished.

XV

Drupada went home. He was angry with Drona. But he was pleased with Arjuna.

He said to himself, "I must have a son who will kill Drona. I must also have a daughter who will be Arjuna's wife."



Before long he had a son and a daughter. When his daughter grew up, he gave her to Arjuna. She became Arjuna's wife.

In the war[1] between[2] the Kauravas and the Pandavas Drupada's son killed Drona.

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1. war-യുദ്ധം 2. between-തമ്മിൽ

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Drupada was (pleased, angry) with Drona.
2. He was (angry, pleased) with Arjuna.
3. His son, (kill, killed) Drona.

FINAL TEST

Fill up the blanks.

1. Drupada was the son of a ——. (Rishi, king, poor man).
2. Drona was a —— man. (rich, poor, bad)
3. They were —— (friends, enemies) at school.
4. Then Drupada —— king (was, became, grew)
5. Drona married and —— a son. (have, has, had).
6. As he was poor, he went to Drupada for —— (clothes, food, help)
7. But Drupada did not —— (help, helped) him.

8. So Drona was——(pleased, angry) with him.

9. He went to Bhishma and became the teacher of the Pandava ——— (kings, princes, men)

10. Arjuna was —— best pupil. (Drona, Drona's.)

11. He cut the bird's neck into two with an —— (row, sword, knife)

12. Drona did not take, any present——Arjuna (to, of, from)

13. He told Arjuna to bring Drupada to him as a —— (prison, prisoner)

14. Arjuna —— to Panchala and took him prisoner (go, gone, went)

15. He took Drupada —— Drona. (from, to, with)

16. Drupada was——when Arjuna brought him to Drona. (angry, ashamed)

17. Then Drona——him home. (sends, send, sent.)

18. Drupada was angry---Drona (of, with, to)

19. But he was ——— with Arjuna. (please, pleased)

20. He gave his daughter to ——— (Arjuna, Drona)

21. His son killed Drona in the war--the Pandavas and the Kauravas. (with, between, on)

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