★ GRADED ★

HOME READING BOOKS

376



STANDARD VII: BOOK II

THE RING

THERING

GRADED HOME READING BOOKS

FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

STANDARD VII SERIES

BOOK II.

2956

THE RING

Editor

A. Sankara Pillai, M. A., M. Ed.,

Formerly

Lecturer, Training College, Trivandrum.

F. I. EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS

THYCAUD : : TRIVANDRUM.

1957

[*Price 6 As.*

Copies : 500

PRINTED AT
ST. JOSEPH'S PRESS,
TRIVANDRUM - 1

2956

THE RING

I

Bharata[1] was a great king. His mother was Sakunthala. His father was Dushyanta.[2]



Dushyanta saw[3] Sakunthala in the forest.[4] He married[5] her. Bharata was their son.

Now, read the story[6] of Sakunthala and Dushyanta.

---

ring-മോതിരം
1. Bharata-(ഭരതൻ)
2. Dushyanta (ദുഷ്യന്തൻ)
3. saw-കണ്ടു see, saw.
4. forest-വനം
5. married-വിവാഹം ചെയ്തു.
6. story-കഥ

II

Sakunthala was a beautiful girl. Her mother was a goddess.[1] But the goddess left her in Kanwa's[2] ashram.[3] Kanwa was a great Rishi. Sakunthala grew[4] up as Kanwa's daughter.



One day Kanwa said, "Sakunthala, I am going to Soma Thirtha[5] now. I will be away for three months. Be a good girl. Be good and kind[6] to all."

---

1. goddess-ദേവസ്ത്രീ
2. Kanwa-(കണ്വൻ)
3. ashram-ആശ്രമം
4. grew-വളർന്നു grow, grew.
5. Soma Thirtha-(സോമതീർത്ഥം)
6. kind-ദയയുള്ള Read: *I kind.*

Then the Rishi went away.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Sakunthala was the (son, daughter, sister) of Menaka.

2. She lived (in, on, into) Kanwa's ashram.

3. Kanwa (go, goes, went) away to Soma Thirtha.

III

At that time there lived a king[1] in Hastinapur.[2] His name was Dushyanta. He was a great king.



---

1. king-രാജാവ്
2. Hastinapur-(ഹസ്തിനപുരം)

One day Dushyanta went out to hunt.[1] He went to the forest. He killed many animals.[2]

Then he came to the ashram. He went into the garden. There he heard some girls talking. He looked round and saw Sakunthala. He fell in love[3] with her.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The king went to the forest to (read, play, hunt)
2. He came to (Kanwa, Kanwa's) ashram.
3. Then he (see, saw, seeing) Sakunthala.

---

1. hunt-നായാട്ട് Read: *cup*, h*u*nt.
2. animals-മൃഗങ്ങൾ
3. fell in love-പ്രേമബദ്ധനായി fall, tell.

IV

Sakunthala was in the garden. She had a pot in her hand. She was watering[1] the plants.[2] Two other girls were with her. They were her friends.

The king went up to them. Sakunthala saw him. She also fell in love with him.

Then Sakunthala's friends said, "Sir, Father Kanwa is not here. But come in. You are welcome."

So the king went into the ashram with them.

---

1. water–വെള്ളം (വെള്ളമൊഴിക്കുക)
2. plants–ചെടികൾ

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Sakunthala had two (sisters, friends)
2. The King went up to (she, her)
3. She fell in love with (he, him)

V

The king lived in the ashram for some days. He saw Sakunthala many times.[1] He said, "O Sakunthala, I love you. Will you be my wife?"[2]

Then Sakunthala said, "I love you. But my father is not here. So I cannot become your wife."

Then the king said, "Be my wife. Then your father will be

---

1. many times-പല തവണ 2. wife-ഭാര്യ

very happy. I shall take you to Hastinapur. I shall make you queen."[1]

Then Sakunthala said, "Yes," and she became the king's wife.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The king (fall, falls, fell) in love with Sakunthala.

2. He said, "Sakunthala, be my (sister, wife, mother)."

3. Sakunthala became the (king, king's) wife.

VI

Days went by.[2] One day the king said, "Now, I must go to Hastinapur. I shall send[3] you my

---

1. queen-രാജ്ഞി
2. went by-കടന്നുപോയി
3. send-അയയ്ക്കുക
   send, sent.

car[1] from there. You can come to me. I shall make you my queen."



Then he took his ring and gave it to Sakunthala. He said, "Put it on your finger.[2] My car will come in three or four days."

Then the king went away from the ashram.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The king went (to, from) Hastinapur.
2. He gave Sakunthala his (book, ring, car)
3. He would send his (wife, car, queen) from Hastinapur.

---

1. car-രഥം
2. finger-വിരൽ

VII

On the next day Sakunthala sat in the garden. She thought[1] of the king. He was in Hastinapur.

Then a Rishi came to the ashram. He was a great Rishi. Sakunthala did not see him. So she did not welcome[2] him. He was very angry.[3]

He said, "Sakunthala, you sit there thinking of the king. But he will forget[4] you."

TEST. Complete the following sentences—

1. Sakunthala sat thinking of (Menaka, the king, the Rishi.)
2. Then a Rishi came (there, their).
3. He said, "The king will (get, forget, for) you"

---

1. thought-വിചാരിച്ചു — think, thought.
2. welcome-സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്യുക
3. angry-കോപമുള്ള
4. forget-മറക്കുക — forget, forgot.

VIII

One of Sakunthala's friends saw the Rishi. She heard[1] his words. She ran[2] up to him. She fell[3] down at his feet.



She said, "O great Rishi, forgive[4] Sakunthala. She did not see you."

The Rishi was pleased. He said, "I forgive her. Let her show[5] the king the ring. Then he will remember[6] her."

---

1. heard-കേട്ടു hear, heard.
2. ran-ഓടി run, ran.
3. fell-വീണു fall, fell.
4. forgive-ക്ഷമിക്കുക forgive, forgave.
5. show-കാണിക്കുക
6. remember-ഓർമ്മിക്കുക

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Sakunthala's (sister, friends, brother) went to the Rishi.
2. They said, "(Forget, Forgive, Give) Sakunthala."
3. The Rishi said, "let her show the (car, letter, ring)."

IX

The Rishi's words came true.[1] The king forgot[2] Sakunthala. He did not think of her at all. So he did not send her the car.

Days went by. Then Kanwa came home. He said, "O Sakunthala, you are now the king's wife. I am pleased[3] with you. I shall send you to Hastinapur."

---

1. came true-സത്യമായി വന്നു.
2. forgot-മറന്നു forget, forgot.
3. am pleased-സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്.

Sakunthala was very happy.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The king (forget, forgot) Sakunthala.

2. Kanwa (come, comes, came) home.

3. Sakunthala was very (sad, happy, true)

X

Next day Kanwa sent her to Hastinapur. Then Sakunthala was sad.[1] She said, "O friends, I am going away. Don't forget me."

Her friends said, "Keep that ring safe[2] and show it to the king."

Sakunthala said, "O father, bless[3] me."

---

1. sad-ദുഃഖമുള്ള
2. safe-സുരക്ഷിതമായ
3. bless-അനുഗ്രഹിക്കുക
   bless, blessed.

The rishi said, "Sakunthala, may[1] you be happy! May you become queen! May you have a great son!" He blessed her again and sent her to the king.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Sakunthala's friends said "Keep the ring (well, safe, good).
2. The Rishi (blessed, said, saw) her.
3. He sent her to (Hastinapur, the Rishi)

XI

Sakunthala went off to Hastinapur. On the way,[2] she came to a river.[3] She bathed[4] in the river.

---

1. may-ഉവിക്കട്ടെ
2. on the way-വഴിയിൽ
3. river-നദി
4. bathed-കുളിച്ചു bathe, bathed.

Then the ring fell[1] into the water. She did not know that.

Then she came to Hastinapur. She went to the king and said, "O king, I am your wife. I am Sakunthala."

But the king said, "Who are you? I don't know[2] you. You are not my wife."

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The ring fell into the (well, river, sea)
2. She went to (Kanwa, the king, the Rishi)
3. But he said, "I (know, do not know) you."

---

1. fell-വീണ fall, fell.
2. know-അറിയുക know, knew.

XII

Then Sakunthala said, " I am your wife. You gave me your ring. Here it is."

She looked at her finger for the ring. But it was not there.

Then Sakunthala was very sad. She said, "What shall I do now?"



Then her mother, Menaka came to her. She took her to Kasyapa's ashram. Kasyapa was a great Rishi.

Sakunthala lived in the ashram. A son was born[1] to her.

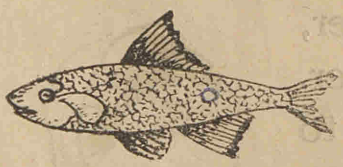
---

1. was born-ജനിച്ചു

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—
1. Menaka went to her (son, daughter, sister)
2. She (took, takes) her to Kasyapa's ashram.
3. Kasyapa was (a, an) great Rishi.

XIII

One day a fisherman[1] caught a fish[2] from the river. He cut[3] it open. There was a ring in it.



The fisherman took it to a shop.[4] The shopman saw the ring. He said, "This is the king's ring."

He sent the fisherman to the king. The king saw the ring. Then he remembered Sakunthala. He

---

1. fisherman–മത്സ്യംപിടിക്കുന്നവൻ 2. fish–മത്സ്യം
3. cut–മുറിക്കുക cut, cut. 4. shop–കട

said, "O Sakunthala, where are you? You are my wife."

He was very sad.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. A fisherman got Sakunthala's (letter, ring, book)

2. The king (see, sees, saw) the ring.

3. Then he (remember, remembered) Sakunthala.

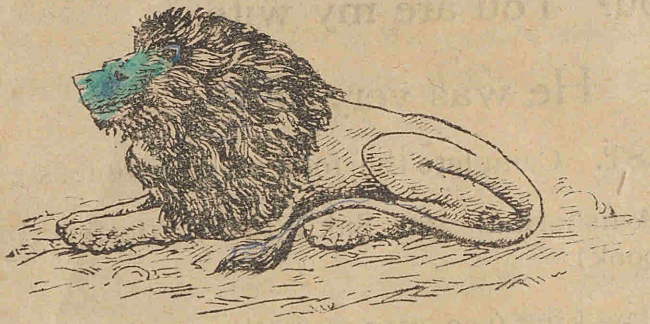
XIV

Days went by. One day the king went to see Indra. On the way he came to Kasyapa's ashram. The king saw Sakunthala's son. The boy was like[1] the king.

---

1. like-പോലെ

He was playing with a lion.



Then he saw Sakunthala. At once he knew her. He took her to Hastinapur. She became his queen. They lived happily.

Sakunthala's son became a great king. His name was Bharata. India is called Bharat after him.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The king, (go, going, went) to Kasyapa's ashram.

2. He saw Sakunthala and her (daughter, son, father) there.

3. He took her home and she became (king, queen, a Rishi)

FINAL TEST

Choose the right word and fill up the blanks—

1. Sakunthala was a —— girl (sweet, little, beautiful)
2. She lived—— Kanwa's ashram (on, in, of)
3. Dushyanta saw —— (him, her, she)
4. He made her his —— (friend, wife, sister).
5. Then he went——Hastinapur (from, to, of).
6. One day a——came there. Sakunthala did ——see him (king, Rishi, not, no.)
7. The Rishi was——with Sakunthala (afraid, angry, pleased).
8. So the king —— Sakunthala. (forget, forgot).
9. But her friends said "—— Sakunthala" (forgive, forget).
10. Then the Rishi said, "Show him the —— (letter, ring, car)".

11. Kanwa sent Sakunthala to the—— (Rishi, ashram, king.)
12. But the king said, "I don't —— you." (see, know, love)
13. Menaka took her to Kasyapa's——(palace, ashram, shop)
14. A —— was born to Sakunthala. (son, daughter).
15. The king——to Kasyapa's ashram (come, coming, came)
16. He saw Sakunthala and her——(daughter, girl, son)
17. He took them —— (to Kanwa, home, to Kasyapa)
18. Sakunthala became —— (a Rishi, queen, king)
19. Sakunthala's son was——(Asoka, Bharata, Rama)
20. India is called Bharat after Sakunthala's great——(daughter, brother, son)

GRADED
HOME READING BOOKS

(FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES)

Well-graded in vocabulary and sentence patterns ..... a welcome addition to any school library.

PRINCIPAL KORAH M. MANI.

'Interesting stories told in simple English.'

PROF. S. M. KARAYALAR.

'A set of fine tales well told in easy style. Graded in just the way a Rapid Reading Series should be.....aid to the growth of vivid impression and correct expression. Clearly printed and neatly got up.'

SRI. K. J. LEENOSE.