

An Expensive Aroma

Let's Begin 

Read these **smell** words.

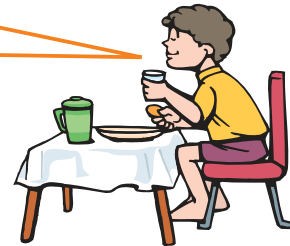
aroma – a strong and pleasant smell, usually of food or drink

odour – a strong and unpleasant smell



There is a bad **odour** coming from the rotten fruit.

I love the **aroma** of fresh coffee.



In Agra, there once lived a cobbler named Abdul Rehman. He was a poor man, and worked hard for a living.

Every day, at exactly one o'clock, Abdul Rehman would stop his work and get ready for lunch. He would untie the small bundle of cloth that his wife gave him each morning. Rehman's lunch was always the same—two dry chapatis, an onion and a green chilli. But he had a special way of making his spare meal a little tastier.

Rehman ate his lunch under a tree that was in front of a sweetmeat shop. While eating his meal, he would breathe in the delicious aroma of freshly-made halwa, and think that he was eating a feast.

The owner of the sweet shop was a miserly man called Mushtaq Ali.

"Look at this cobbler!" he would think every day, angrily. "Here I am, spending good money on ghee and cashewnuts to make the best halwa in Agra. And he's breathing in all the aroma for free!"

cobbler: a person who mends shoes

spare: very little and plain

sweetmeat: sweets

miserly: someone who does not like spending money



One day, Mushtaq Ali strode over to the cobbler and asked him to pay up for the delicious aroma that he had been enjoying.

Poor Abdul Rehman was surprised. He begged the shopkeeper to forgive him, but it was of no use—Mushtaq Ali would not listen. The two men decided to take their quarrel to the emperor.

At the court of Emperor Akbar, Mushtaq Ali and Abdul Rehman told their stories.

The emperor thought the shopkeeper's demand was silly. Looking at his trusted adviser, the clever Birbal, Akbar asked, "What is your opinion in this case, my friend?"

"Your Highness, I think Mushtaq Ali is right. He should be paid his money!" replied Birbal.

The emperor and the court were amazed to hear this. Mushtaq grinned from ear to ear at his sudden good luck.

strode: walked with a purpose

trusted adviser: someone whose advice we listen to

opinion: a way of thinking

case: problem or situation

grinned from ear to ear: smiled broadly

“You, Abdul Rehman, take this gold mohur and give it to the shopkeeper,” said Birbal, offering a coin to the cobbler.

The cobbler did as he was told. The shopkeeper took the coin and made a deep bow.

“May I go, sir?” he asked Birbal.

“Wait!” said Birbal, “My friend, please smell the gold mohur and return it to me!”

“What nonsense! What do you mean?” spluttered Mushtaq Ali.

“You say that the cobbler should pay you for smelling your halwa. So we are allowing you to smell some money. Why, isn’t that enough?” asked Birbal.

The court applauded Birbal’s judgement. Mushtaq Ali fell at Birbal’s feet and begged for forgiveness.

As for Abdul Rehman, he was the happy owner of the gold mohur—a gift from Birbal.

mohur: coin

bow: bend head to show respect
(rhymes with cow)

spluttered: spoke quickly in anger and excitement

applauded: showed their praise by clapping



Let's Understand

A. Answer these questions.

1. What did Rehman the cobbler eat for lunch every day?
2. How did Rehman make his lunch tastier?
3. Why did this make Mushtaq Ali angry?
4. What did Mushtaq Ali want Rehman to do?
5. What did Birbal ask Mushtaq Ali to do instead?
6. Who got the gift of a gold mohur in the end?



B. Number these sentences in the correct order to tell the story in your own words.

At the emperor's court, Birbal judged that Rehman should pay Mushtaq Ali one gold mohur for the aroma. ☐

This made Mushtaq Ali, the owner of the shop, very angry. ☐

Rehman the cobbler always ate the same lunch every day. ☐

Smelling the coin was a fair payment for smelling the halwa! ☐

But when Mushtaq Ali took the coin, Birbal asked him to return it to Rehman after smelling it! ☐

He said that Rehman should pay for the delicious aroma! ☐

But he breathed in the smell of halwa from a sweet shop nearby, to make his meal tastier. ☐

Let's Think

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Match the names of the characters to the words that describe them.



1. Rehman	a. greedy, mean, fooled in the end
2. Mushtaq Ali	b. wise, clever, solved the problem
3. Birbal	c. simple, obedient, earned a reward

Know Your Heritage

Different types of *halwa* are famous across India. In Kerala, *Kozhikode halwa* comes in many flavours, such as banana, coconut, and so on. *Karutha Halwa*, made from rice is also very popular. *Tirunelveli halwa*, made from wheat flour, has been famous for 300 years in Tamil Nadu. *Kashi halwa*, made of ash gourd, is eaten in Karnataka. *Gajar ka halwa* (carrot *halwa*) and *Sooji ka halwa* (semolina *halwa*) are popular in North India.



Let's Learn Grammar

articles (revision)

Read these sentences.

❖ Rehman's wife packed two chapatis, **an** onion and **a** green chilli for his lunch.

❖ **The** cobbler sat under **a** tree in front of **a** sweetmeat shop.

The words in colour—**a**, **an** and **the**—are **articles**. We use them to refer to single and countable nouns. For example—

❖ **a** green chilli ❖ **a** tree ❖ **a** shop

We use **an** to refer to single and countable nouns which begin with the sounds made by **a**, **e**, **i**, **o**, **u**. For example—

❖ **an** onion ❖ **an** apple ❖ **an** umbrella

We use **the** to refer to nouns which have been mentioned earlier or which we know of. For example—

❖ **the** sweet shop owner ❖ **the** aroma ❖ **the** emperor ❖ **the** sun

A. Complete these sentences with **a**, **an** or **the**.

1. I need a bag for these vegetables. Could you lend me yours?
2. _____ film begins at three. We must hurry!
3. She has _____ egg and _____ piece of toast for breakfast.
4. Who left _____ door open? _____ room is so cold!
5. Ask _____ question and you will get _____ answer.
6. _____ school reopens on the fifth of January after _____ week.



B. Match these male words with their female pairs.

Male	Female
1. king	a. ewe
2. father	b. aunt
3. uncle	c. niece
4. horse	d. mother
5. nephew	e. queen
6. sheep	f. mare



Let's Use Words

A. Complete each sentence with the correct phrase from the box.

of no use get ready a living right through for free

1. It was a very long journey on bad roads. I felt sick right through.
2. If you _____ quickly, we can go out for an ice-cream.
3. I paid only for two rides at Dizzy World and I got two more _____.
4. Photography is her hobby but she works in a bank for _____.
5. He tried to reach the book on the top shelf but it was _____.
He was not tall enough!

B. Who am I? Match these riddles with their answers.

1. I make or mend shoes and slippers.
 2. I have a shop and I sell many things in it.
 3. I am the ruler of a kingdom.
 4. I heal sick people.
 5. I make things from wood.
 6. I draw and paint pictures.
 7. I write stories.
 8. I read the news on television.
- a. author
 - b. carpenter
 - c. cobbler
 - d. newsreader
 - e. shopkeeper
 - f. doctor
 - g. king
 - h. artist

Let's Listen

while-listening task

Listen to a poem. Then listen to it again. As you listen, circle the animal names you hear.

cow	hamster	fish	mouse
puppy	dog	lizard	snake
parakeet	donkey	bat	mongoose
goat	cat	rat	monkey
guinea pig	turtle	horse	lamb

Let's Speak

warning

A. Read this conversation between Birbal and Mushtaq Ali.

You **should stop** being mean, **or else** you will have no friends!



I am sorry, please forgive me.

We use the expressions in colour to warn people about something. We usually warn them about bad or dangerous things.

- ❖ You **should...or else/otherwise**
- ❖ **Please don't...or else**
- ❖ **If you...**
- ❖ **I warn you not to...**

B. Repeat these sentences aloud.

1. If you touch that wire, you could get a shock.
2. Don't go too close to the edge, you might fall!
3. You should leave early, or else you might miss your bus.
4. I warn you not to repeat this mistake.

Say it Right

ate; cake

A. Listen and repeat.

ate ape cake male same case page

B. Listen and repeat.

baked a cake the date today the same page a late game

Let's Write



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writing stories with
the help of pictures

Look at these pictures. Write a short paragraph to say what happened to Lila yesterday. You may use words from the help box.



ice-cream cart ice-cream man bought
dropped licked up kind another

Know Your Values



generosity

In the text, you read about the miserly, greedy shopkeeper Mushtaq Ali.

Are these qualities good? List five reasons why you shouldn't be miserly or greedy.

We must share our time and our things with others.