



## CLASS - IV ENGLISH NOTES JUNE

### 2. Tenali Raman and the Wrestler

#### I. ERC:

1. "This must be the wrestler that everyone is talking about."

a) Who is the speaker?

Tenali Raman is the speaker.

b) What was the speaker amused to see one morning?

The speaker was amused to see a tall, fat man being carried on a chair.

c) What had the speaker heard people talking about?

The speaker had heard people talking about a strong man.

d) Who is a wrestler?

A wrestler is a person who participates in the sport of wrestling.

2. "Isn't there anyone here who can save Vijayanagara's honour?"

a) Who is the speaker?

Krishnadeva Raya is the speaker.

b) Why was there a need to save the honour of Vijayanagara?

The tall wrestler had challenged the wrestlers of Vijayanagara to wrestle with him and no local wrestler was willing to take up his challenge. Hence, there was a need to save the honour of Vijayanagara.

c) Did someone agree to save the honour of Vijayanagara? If yes, name the person.

Tenali Raman agreed to save the honour of Vijayanagara.

d) Give a synonym of 'honour'.

Respect.

3. "Your majesty, it is for that reason that I have covered my face with this pot."

a) Who said this and to whom?

Tenali Raman said this to Krishnadeva Raya.

b) Why has the speaker come to the court?

The speaker had come to the court to accept the challenge of the tall wrestler.

**c) Why has the speaker covered his/her face?**

Raman had covered his face as the king had told him not to come to the court or even show his face.

**d) What happened after this?**

After this, the king could not contain his laughter.

**4. "Your majesty, I accept defeat."**

**a) Who is the speaker?**

The wrestler is the speaker.

**b) Why did the speaker accept defeat?**

The speaker accepted defeat as he felt scared at the thought that all the sand would get into his eyes if he were to keep them open.

**c) What did the king do after this?**

The king gave Tenali Raman a generous reward.

**d) Write the antonym of 'defeat'.**

Victory

**II. Short Answers:**

**1. What was Raman amused to see one morning?**

One morning, Raman was amused to see a tall, fat man being carried on a chair.

**2. Why had the wrestler travelled around the world?**

The wrestler had travelled around the world, looking for a man who was stronger than him.

**3. Why were the local wrestlers not willing to take up the challenge of the tall wrestler?**

The local wrestlers took one look at the tall wrestler and lost their confidence in their abilities. Hence, they were not willing to take up the challenge of the tall wrestler.

**4. Why did Raman visit the court of King Krishnadeva Raya? Why had he covered his face with a pot?**

Raman visited the court of King Krishnadeva Raya to help and to save Vijayanagara's honour. He had covered his face with a pot as the king had told him not to come to the court or even show his face.

**5. How did Raman outwit the tall wrestler?**

Raman outwitted the tall wrestler by challenging his rival to do with open eyes what he could do with his eyes closed. The tall wrestler thought that it would be easy to do anything with open eyes that his opponent could do with closed eyes. He agreed to the contest, only to feel scared later at the prospect of having so much sand in his eyes, and thereby accepted his defeat.

**6. How was Raman rewarded for his victory?**

The king gave Tenali Raman a generous reward. The wrestlers and the crowd applauded and cheered for him and carried him to his home.

**III. Long Answers:**

**1. How do you think Raman would have felt when he got an opportunity to win back the confidence of King Krishnadeva Raya?**

I think Raman would have felt happy and relieved to have an opportunity to win back the confidence of the king. He might have also felt a bit nervous about using the opportunity well.

**2. Do you think Raman's wife was right in thinking that he could still help save Vijayanagara's honour? Why/Why not?**

Yes, Raman's wife was right in thinking that he could still help save Vijayanagara's honour. The way Raman devised a plan to not break the king's command and then to outwit the tall wrestler prove the same.

**3. Why do you think Raman was confident that he could save the honour of Vijayanagara?**

Raman was confident that he could save the honour of Vijayanagara as he was the only one who did not lose his confidence in his abilities after looking at the tall wrestler. He used his intelligence to outwit the tall wrestler rather than getting scared by his strength and size.

**4. Write a few lines about the character of Tenali Raman.**

Tenali Raman is a very intelligent man. He uses his wit to challenge the tall wrestler. He is also a very loyal subject as he obeys the king's command of not showing his face. Moreover, he deeply cares about Vijayanagara's honour.

### 3. The Song of the Corn

#### I. ERC:

1. “But still a merry song the cheerful corn is singing,  
Although his little body is beaten very sore”.

a) How is the corn described in these lines?

The corn is described as cheerful in these lines.

b) Why is it being beaten and by whom?

It is being beaten by a sturdy corn miller so that it could be consumed as food by humans.

c) How does the corn react to the beating?

The corn is still singing a merry song and is cheerful while it is being beaten.

d) Pick out two words from the given lines that have the same meaning.

merry and cheerful.

2. “Blow, wind, blow! the sails go round so fast;  
And the mill has almost crushed it out of shape and out of feeling,  
But its noble little heart keeps singing to the last”.

a) What are the sails mentioned in these lines?

These sails are the blades that are crushing the corn.

b) What has the mill crushed?

It has crushed the corn.

c) Why does the poet use the word 'noble' for it?

The word ‘noble’ is used here because the corn shows its sacrificing and positive nature. Even though it is beaten, crushed and ground, it accepts everything with a smile and sings merrily.

d) What do you understand by the phrase 'out of feeling'?

The phrase ‘out of feeling’ means unable to feel anything.

## **II. Short Answers:**

**1. What will a person hear if they are going through the corn field?**

People would hear the corn singing merrily while passing through a corn-field.

**2. Who is swinging the heavy flails and why?**

The sturdy corn miller is swinging the heavy flails in order to beat the corn.

**3. How does the corn react to being beaten?**

The corn is singing a merry song and is cheerful while it is being beaten.

**4. What is the farmer doing?**

The farmer is beating the corn so that it could be consumed as food by humans.

**5. What can the poet still hear the corn doing?**

The poet can still hear the corn singing merrily.

**6. What does the corn do when it is in the field, when it is being threshed, and when it is being ground? What does this tell us about the nature of the corn?**

The corn sings merrily and bravely when it is in the field and when it is being threshed and ground. It tells us that the corn has a positive and accepting attitude towards life.

**7. How can we be like the corn?**

We can be like the corn by bravely and happily facing all our problems, singing merrily and marching ahead without fear.