

Tales of Birbal

A () of Wisdom

One day, the king of Persia sent an official with a strange favor.

Persian Official: I hear you have a lot of wise men in your country. I've been asked by my king to bring him a potful of wisdom.

Official 5: That makes no sense!

How can we () wisdom () a pot?

Akbar: Can you bring him a potful of wisdom, Birbal?

Birbal: It won't be a problem.

Birbal: Could you please wait a few weeks?

Persian Official: Of course! Take () much time () you need.

A few weeks later, Birbal came back with two pots () necks were really narrow. He offered one to the Persian official.

Birbal: You can take this pot of wisdom to your king. Please ask him to return the pot to us after he takes the wisdom out of it.

Birbal: The pot is very precious, so please be careful () to break it. We only have two pots of wisdom.

The Persian official looked inside the pot and became speechless.

He thanked Birbal and left for his country.

Persian Official: It would be great if there () a man as wise as Birbal in our country.

After the Persian official left, Akbar asked Birbal what was inside the pot.

Birbal: Here is the other pot. You can see ().

Akbar looked inside the other pot and found a pumpkin just () big () the pot.

Akbar: I see! The pumpkin can't be taken out without () the pot. How did you do it?

Birbal: I put the pots over pumpkin flowers and waited until the pumpkins grew as big as the pots.

Akbar: Hahaha! This certainly is a potful of wisdom!