

Chapter 10

The Elephant and the Pot

Fill in the Blanks

1. The potter's name was _____ from the village of Puliyur.
2. Velan wanted to borrow an elephant for his _____ wedding procession.
3. The only person in the village who owned an elephant was the _____ Manikchand.
4. During the procession, the elephant suddenly _____ and died.
5. Velan offered to pay the _____ of the elephant or get another one.

True or False

1. Velan was preparing for his daughter's wedding. (True / False)
2. Manikchand willingly accepted money for his dead elephant. (True / False)
3. The elephant died during the wedding procession. (True / False)
4. The judge initially sided with Manikchand. (True / False)

5. Velan followed the judge's instructions exactly. (True / False)

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why did Velan need an elephant?

- a) For farming
- b) For his son's wedding procession
- c) To impress the village
- d) To sell it

2. What happened to the elephant after the procession?

- a) It ran away
- b) It fell and died suddenly
- c) It was stolen
- d) It got injured

3. What did Velan offer Manikchand as compensation?

- a) Money or another elephant
- b) His pottery business
- c) A new house
- d) Nothing

4. Why did Manikchand refuse Velan's offer?

- a) He wanted only his original elephant
- b) He disliked Velan
- c) The judge ordered him to
- d) He wanted more money

5. What was the judge's clever plan?

- a) To fine Manikchand
- b) To have Manikchand break Velan's pots
- c) To imprison Velan
- d) To sell the dead elephant

6. How were Velan's pots broken?

- a) By the elephant
- b) By Manikchand opening the door hastily
- c) By the judge
- d) By Velan himself

7. What did Velan demand after his pots broke?

- a) Money
- b) New pots
- c) Only his original pots
- d) An apology

8. What lesson did Manikchand learn?

- a) Elephants are fragile
- b) Demanding the impossible is foolish
- c) Judges are unfair
- d) Pots are valuable

9. What is the moral of the story?

- a) Always keep your promises
- b) Be reasonable and accept fair compensation
- c) Never trust judges
- d) Elephants are bad luck

10. Which term matches "a final decision"?

- a) Litigation
- b) Warrant
- c) Verdict
- d) Writ