



THE HAMILTON ACADEMY

English Practice Sheet -I Class I V

Read this passage and answer the questions that follow it.

One day, a very learned scholar came to Emperor Akbar's court. He had learnt a lot about Birbal's wisdom and wanted to test him. He challenged Birbal to answer his questions. Birbal agreed. The scholar said, 'Would you like to answer a hundred easy questions or just one difficult question?' Birbal had a tiring day and wanted to go home early. 'I am ready to answer one difficult question.' he said.

'All right, as you wish.' said the scholar. 'Now, answer this riddle. What came first, the chicken or the egg?'

'The chicken.' replied Birbal, without hesitation.

'How do you know?' the scholar cried out in amazement.

'We had agreed on only one difficult question.' replied Birbal and walked away, smiling.

A. Choose the correct option.

1. In whose court did Birbal work?
a. Empreror Babur
b. Empreror Akbar
2. The learned scholar wanted to test?
a. Birbal's intelligence
b. Birbal's power
3. The story proves Birbal is
a. Foolish
b. Clever

B. Answer the questions.

1. Who came to Akbar's court?

2. Why did Birbal want to go home early?

3. What did the learned scholar ask Birbal first?

4. What was Birbal's answer to the difficult question?

ACTIVITY-I

Parts of speech

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List the parts of speech floating around on the correct tombstone.



Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs
goosebumps courage	stretch muttered yearly Oh no!	package soon horrid Hello
Conjunctions	Adverbs	Interjections
grasp keen	ugly and after lovely	Phooey! piano later but

Bat-pal Flap here...



Here's an idea! Why don't you type up running lists of nouns, verbs, and adjectives on your computer. You can keep adding to these lists, and then when you have to write something—you've got some really keen nouns, verbs, and adjectives right in front of your nose.