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I

Once there was a king.¹ His name was Nala². Nala was a good king. He loved³ a girl.



Her name was Damayanthi.⁴

1. king-രാജാവ്

2. Nala-(നളൻ)

3. loved-സ്നേഹിച്ചു

4. Damayanthi-(ദമയന്തി)

She was a beautiful¹ girl. Nala sent² a swan³ to her.

Now, read the story⁴ of Nala and the swan.

II

Nala was the king of Nishadha.⁵

He was wise⁶ and strong.⁷ All men loved him.



Nala was young. He was very handsome.⁸

He said to himself, "I must have a wife. I will marry⁹ a

1. beautiful-സൗന്ദര്യമുള്ള

2. sent-അയച്ചു

3. swan-അരയന്നം

send, sent.

4. story-കഥ

5. Nishadha-(നിഷധരാജ്യം)

6. wise-ബുദ്ധിമാനായ

7. strong-ബലമുള്ള

Read: I, my, wise.

8. handsome-സൗന്ദര്യമുള്ള

9. marry-വിവാഹംചെയ്യുക

marry, married, married.

beautiful girl and make her my queen.”¹

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Nala was (a, the) king of Nishadha.
2. He was wise (and, or, but) strong.
3. He was (good, well, very) handsome.

III

At that time² there lived a beautiful girl. Her name was Damayanthi. She was the daughter of a king named Bhima. He was the king of Vidarbha.

Damayanthi was very beautiful. She was good and kind to all. All people loved her.



1. queen-രാജ്ഞി

2 at that time-അക്കാലത്തു

They said, "There is no other girl like Damayanthi. She is the most beautiful¹ girl in the world."²

Bhima loved his daughter very much.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Damayanthi was the (daughter, sister) of Bhima.
2. Bhima was the (king, teacher, queen) of Vidarbha.
3. Damayanthi was the (more, most) beautiful girl in the world.

IV

Nala's friends told him about³ Damayanthi.

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. most beautiful-ഏറ്റവും സൗന്ദര്യമുള്ള | |
| 2. world-ലോകം | 3. about-സംബന്ധിച്ചു |

They said, "She is the most beautiful girl in the world. Marry her and make her your queen."

When Nala heard their words¹ he said, "I wish to marry Damayanthi. But will she have me? Will she become my wife? Who will go to her and ask her to marry me?"

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Nala wanted to (marry, married) Damayanthi.
2. He said, "Will she (have, had, has) me?"
3. He said, "Who will go and ask her to marry (I, me, my).

V

One day Nala sat in the garden.² It was a beautiful garden. There was a small lake³ in it.

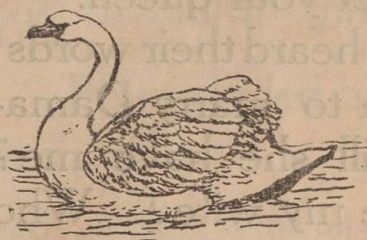
1. words-വാക്കുകൾ

2. garden-ഉദ്യാനം

3. lake-തടാകം

The Nala looked round he saw a bird. It was white in colour.

He saw it in the lake.



Nala went near the swan.

It did not fly away. It was sleeping.¹ Nala said, "It is a nice bird. I will catch it and take it home."

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Nala went to the (hill, well, garden).

2. He saw a (cow, swan, dove).

3. Nala saw

i that the swan was swimming.

ii that the swan was dead.

iii that the swan was sleeping.

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1. sleep-ഉറങ്ങുക
sleep, slept, slept.

VI

Nala went near the swan and caught it. Then the swan opened its eyes and looked at the king. When it saw Nala it was afraid.¹

It said, "The king will kill² me now."

It turned to the king and said, "O king, don't kill me. Let³ me fly away."

But Nala did not let it go. He took it from the water and held⁴ it in his arms.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Nala (catch, catches, caught) the swan.
2. Then the swan was (glad, afraid, angry)
3. It said, "Don't kill (I, me)."

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. was afraid-ഭയപ്പെട്ടു | 2. kill-വധിക്കുക |
| 3. let-അനുവദിക്കുക | 4. held-പിടിച്ചു
hold, held, held. |

VII

Then Nala looked at the bird and said, "O swan, don't be afraid. I won't kill you. I shall let you go and you can fly away."

When the swan heard these words, it said, "Thank¹ you, O, king; you are a good and kind² man."

Then Nala let it go and it flew up into the sky. But it flew down again.³

Then it sat down near Nala.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Nala (say, said) "Don't be afraid."
2. He let (it, its) go.
3. It flew up, but came down and sat near (he, him, his.)

1. thank-നന്ദിപറയുക
thank, thanked.
thanked.

2. kind-ഭയവുള്ള
Read: I, kind,
3. again വീണ്ടും

VIII

Then the swan said, "O Nala, I know that you love Damayanthi. I will go to her and tell her about you."

Nala was glad¹ when he heard it. He said, "I love Damayanthi and wish² to make her my queen."

Then the swan said, "I will help you to make her your wife. I will go to her and tell³ her to marry you." Nala was very happy⁴

1. glad-സന്തോഷമുള്ള

3. tell-പറയുക

2. wish-ആഗ്രഹിക്കുക

tell, told, told.

wish, wished, wished

4 happy-സന്തോഷമുള്ള

when he heard this. He said,
“Thank you, little bird.”

TEST. Complete the following sentences: —

1. Nala (love, loved, loving) Damayanthi.
2. The swan said that it would tell Damayanthi about (he, him, his) love.
3. Nala was glad (and, when) he heard this.

IX

Then the swan flew to Vidarbha. Damayanthi was in the garden¹ looking at the flowers.² Then she saw the bird. It flew down and went near her.



Damayanthi said,
“It is a beautiful swan. I will catch

1. garden-ഉദ്യാനം

2. flower-പൂക്കൾ

it and put it in a cage.¹ I will play with it.”

She went up to the swan. But when she came near, it walked off. Damayanthi could not catch it.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The swan (fly, flies, flew) to Vidarbha.
2. Damayanthi (see, sees, saw) it.
3. When Damayanthi saw the swan
 - i she went away.
 - ii she wanted to catch it.
 - iii she was afraid

X

Then the swan said, “O beautiful girl, you can't catch me. Sit down and talk² to me.”

1. cage-കൂട്ട്

2. talk-സംസാരിക്കുക talk, talked, talked.

Read: walk, talk, (l is silent)

Damayanthi said, "I will sit down and talk." She sat down near the swan.

Then the bird said, "I come from Nishadha. I saw Nala when I came away. He is a very handsome man. He loves you. He wants to make you his queen."

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Damayanthi (sit, sat, sits) down near the swan.
2. They sat (talk, talked, talking) in the garden.
3. The swan said, "Nala (loves, loved, loving) you."

XI

Damayanthi was very glad¹ when she heard this. Her friends had told her about Nala.

1. glad-സന്തോഷമുള്ള

They said to her. "He is a very handsome man." So she loved him and wished to be his wife.

She said, "I love Nala and I want to marry him."

Then the swan said, "Many kings will come to marry you. But will you marry Nala?"

She said, "I will marry Nala only. I won't marry any other."

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. She loved Nala and wished to marry. (he, his, him.)
2. She would not marry (any, many) other man
3. Damayanthi was (glad, sad, angry).

1. marry - വിവാഹം ചെയ്യുക

2. any other man - മറ്റൊരര്യം

XII

The swan was pleased when Damayān̄thi said this. It said, "I will go and tell¹ Nala that you love him."

The swan flew back² to Nishadha. It saw Nala and said. "I saw Damayan̄thi. She loves you. She will marry you only."

Nala was very happy when he heard this. He said, "O swan, thank you."

Then the swan flew away.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The swan flew back (from, to) Nishadha.
2. She said to Nala, "Damayan̄thi will (marry, married) you only."
3. Nala³ was very (sad, happy, old).

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| 1. tell-പറയുക | 2. flew back-തിരിച്ചു |
| tell, told, told. | പറഞ്ഞു |

XIII

One day King Bhima said to his officers,¹ "I wish to give Damayanthi to a good king. Invite² all kings to Vidarbha and let her choose³ one of them."

At that time there were many kings in India. Bhima's men went to all of them. They invited them for the marriage.⁴

All the kings wished to marry her. They came to Vidarbha. Nala also came. He said to himself, "Damayanthi will marry me."

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Bhima wanted to (give, gave, given) Damayanthi to a good king.
2. He (invite, invited) all kings to Vidarbha
3. Nala (go, went, gone) to Vidarbha.

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1. officer-ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ
 2. invite-ക്ഷണിക്കുക
 3. choose-തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുക
 - invite, invited, invited.
 4. marriage-വിവാഹം

XIV

When the gods¹ heard the news they wished to go to Vidarbha for the marriage. Indra² said, "I will go and try³ to get Damayanthi as my wife."



1. gods-ദേവന്മാർ

2. Indra-(ഇന്ദ്രൻ)

3. try-ശ്രമിക്കുക try, tried, tried.

Agni,¹ Vayu² and Varuna³ also wished to marry her. So they also went to Vidarbha. On the way they saw Nala.

They said, "O Nala, we wish to marry Damayanthi. Go to her and ask her to marry one of us."

Nala said, "I love Damayanthi. But I will go and tell her to marry one of you."

The gods said, "When you go to her, nobody will see you."

Nala went to Damayanthi and said, "I come from the gods. They want you to marry one of them."

1. Agni-(അഗ്നി)

2. Vayu-(വായു)

3. Varuna-(വരൂണൻ)

But Damayanthi answered¹ "I love Nala and won't marry any other."

Then Nala went back to the gods and said, "Damayanthi says that she won't marry any one of you."

TEST. Complete the following sentences: —

1. The gods also (wish, wishes, wished) to marry Damayanthi.
2. They (send, sends, sent) Nala to her.
3. Nala asked her to marry one of (they, their, them).
4. But Damayanthi (say, said) that she would marry only Nala.

XV

The four gods and all the kings came to Vidarbha to marry

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1. answered-ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞു answer, answered, answered.

Damayanthi. Then she came to the hall with a garland¹ in her hand.

A lady² took her round. She said, "All the gods and kings are here. Look round, choose one of them and put the garland round his neck. You shall be his wife?"

Damayanthi walked round. She saw many kings, but she did not choose any of them. At last she came to Nala. Then the lady said, "This is Nala, king of Nishadha. You may choose him, if you like."³



1. garland-മാല

2. lady-സ്ത്രീ

3. like-ഇഷ്ടപ്പെടുക
like, liked, liked

Damayanthi took the garland in her hand and went up to him. Then she saw five Nalas before her. All of them were like Nala.

She said, "There are five Nalas here. Who is the real Nala?"

She looked at them carefully. The feet of four of them did not touch the floor. But one of them had his feet on the floor. Then she said, "This is the real Nala. The other four are the gods."

So she put the garland round his neck. She was right. It was Nala! The gods were pleased with her. They blessed Nala and Damayanthi and went away.

1. real-വഥാതഥമാമ 2. carefully-സൂക്ഷ്മതയോടുകൂടി

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Damayanthi saw (one, four, five) Nalas.
2. One of them had (his, him, he) feet on the ground. It was (Indra, Nala).
3. She put the garland (over, on, round) his neck.

XVI

Bhima was glad when Damayanthi married Nala. He blessed them and gave them many presents.

Nala and Damayanthi lived in Vidarbha for some days.



One evening she took him to the garden and said, "This is the place where

I saw the swan." They talked about it for some time. Then they went home.

After a few days Nala took Damayanthi to Nishadha and made her his queen.

TEST. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Damayanthi (marry, married) Nala.
2. He made (she, her) his queen.
3. Nala (and, but, or) Damayanthi lived together happily.

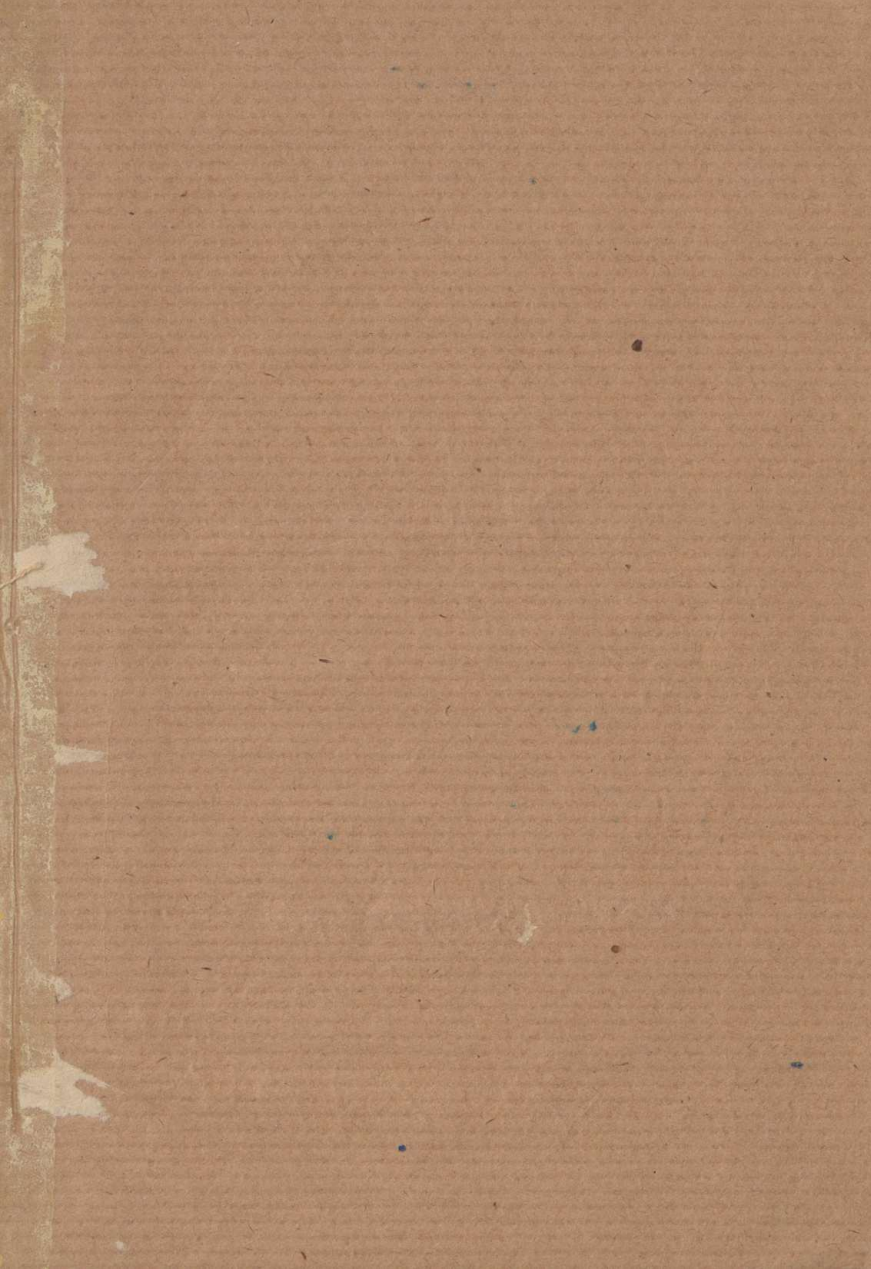
FINAL TEST

Complete the following sentences:—

1. Nala was the king (of, in, with) Nishadha.
2. He wished to (marry, married) Damayanthi.
3. She was the (sister, daughter) of the king of Vidarbha.
4. One day Nala saw a swan in his (house, garden, room).

5. He caught it in his (arms, net, hand)
6. But he let it (go, went, gone)
7. Then the swan went to Damayanthi and told (she, her) to marry him.
8. Damayanthi said that she would marry (he, him.)
9. When it told Nala about it he was very (angry, happy, sad).
10. Bhima (invite, invited) all kings for Damayanthi's marriage.
11. Even the gods (comes, came, coming) to marry her.
12. The gods saw Nala (in, on, of) the way.
13. They (send, sent, sending) Nala to Damayanthi.
14. He asked her to marry one of (they, their, them).
15. But she said that she (will, would) marry Nala only.
16. The gods and kings came (to, from) Vidarbha.
17. Damayanthi came to the hall with a (flower, garland, ring).
18. When she came to Nala, she wanted to put it round his (head, neck, arm).

19. Then she saw (two, five, ten) Nalas.
 20. Four of them (was, were) the gods
 21. The feet of the gods (touched, did not touch) the floor.
 22. So Damayanthi knew who the real Nala (was, were.)
 23. She put the garland round his neck (and, but) married him.
 24. The gods were (please, pleased) and they blessed Nala and Damayanthi
 25. Nala took Damayanthi home and lived (happy, happily).
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