

## Lesson 4

### Can Mice Eat Iron ?

Word meaning :

Incurred great losses – lost a lot of money

Beside himself with anger - very angry

Gobbled - to eat quickly

Hue and cry - protest loudly

Sarpanch - village head

shamefacedly - looking ashamed

Panchayat - village court

Swooped down - moved downward very fast

A – Complete these sentences .

1. Laxman and Mani Ram were friends.
2. Mani Ram did not believe that mice had eaten his weighing scales.
3. Mani Ram went to Laxman's house crying that a hawk swooped down and carried his son away while Mani Ram was bathing in the river.
4. The sarpanch kindly told Mani Ram to explain what actually happened between the two friends.
5. The villagers laughed when they heard Laxman's story about the mice that ate the iron weighing scales.

B – Match the columns .

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| 1. Mani Ram was worried about        | - | the safety of his weighing scales.          |
| 2. Mani Ram gave the weighing Scales | - | to Laxman for safekeeping.                  |
| 3. Laxman said that                  | - | the weighing scales had been eaten by mice. |
| 4. Mani Ram wanted                   | - | Laxman to return the scales.                |
| 5. Laxman apologized                 | - | and returned the weighing scales.           |

C – Make compound words from the given words.

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|----------|---|-----------|----------|---|-------------|
| 1. river | - | riverbank | 5. Super | - | supermarket |
| 2. book  | - | bookstore | 6. Home  | - | homework    |
| 3. mail  | - | mailbox   | 7. Grand | - | grandson    |
| 4. note  | - | notebook  | 8. Moon  | - | moonlight   |

D – Answer these questions.

1. Why did Mani Ram leave his weighing scales with Laxman?

Ans – Mani Ram left his weighing scales with his friend Laxman for safekeeping, because he was worried that if he left his precious weighing scales behind, they might be misplaced in his absence.

2. What did Mani Ram tell Laxman when he came to know about the missing weighing scales?

Ans - When Mani Ram came to know about the missing weighing scales, he was surprised and told Laxman that no creature eats iron.

3. Where did Mani Ram take Laxman's son?

Ans - Mani Ram took Laxman's son with him to the river.

4. Who had gathered to listen to the case?

Ans - The villagers had gathered to listen to the case.

5. How did the sarpanch guess that Laxman was lying about the weighing scales?

Ans - When Mani Ram told the sarpanch knew that according to Laxman the mice had eaten up the weighing scales, the sarpanch knew that Laxman was lying about it.