

# Chapter 12: The Scholar's Mother Tongue

## Reading is fun

### Question 1:

Who came to Akbar's court?

#### Answer:

A Pundit came to Akbar's court.

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### Question 2:

What did he claim to know?

#### Answer:

The Pundit claimed that he knew many languages.

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### Question 3:

How did he challenge everybody?

#### Answer:

The Pundit challenged everybody to name his mother tongue.

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## Let's talk

### Question 1:

What is your mother tongue?

#### Answer:

My mother tongue is Kanarese, also known as Kannada.

(Note: Students should attempt the above question on their own.)

### Question 2:

Tell the class a joke in your mother tongue.

(Note: Students should attempt the above question on their own.)

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### Question 3:

Do you know any other language? Do you know a joke in English?  
Tell your friends.

(Note: Students should attempt the above question on their own.)

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## Let's listen

### Question 1:

Listen to your favourite advertisement on the radio or T.V. Repeat it with stress on the words. Act, draw, and write the advertisement.

(Note: Students should attempt the above question on their own.)

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## Say aloud

### Question 1:

Tick (✓) the words which end with the sound **id**. Say each word aloud

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completed	<input type="checkbox"/>	challenged	<input type="checkbox"/>	cried	<input type="checkbox"/>	surprised	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Answer:

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## Word building

### Question 1:

Make a class dictionary with words from the story. Try to find suitable words for them in your mother tongue. Say these words aloud. Then make sentences with those words in your class dictionary.

### Answer:

Words in English	Sentences
Converse	Sheetal conversed on the phone for hours.
Tickle	I felt a tickle between my shoulders.
Mastery	Jade achieved mastery in pottery.
Fluent	She was now fluent in French.
Irritated	I was irritated with the growing crowd.
Surprised	Mom surprised everyone with gifts.
Accepted	Sheryl accepted the challenge boldly.

### Question 2:

Write all the words that show you are happy.

For Example: Hurray Ha! Ha!

Add more

### Answer:

a) Glad b) delighted c) joyful

### Question 3:

Tick (✓) the right answer.

i) I visited the court of Akbar' means

- (a) You always live there.  
(b) You came there for a short time.  
(c) You were born there.


ii) To imitate someone means to

- (a) copy someone  
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**Question 4:**

Look and fill in the columns. One has been done for you.

quiet                      quietly  
fluent                      \_\_\_\_\_  
angry                        \_\_\_\_\_

sad                              \_\_\_\_\_  
fierce                            \_\_\_\_\_  
gentle                           \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**

quiet	quietly	sad	<u>sadly</u>
fluent	<u>fluently</u>	fierce	<u>fiercely</u>
angry	<u>angrily</u>	gentle	<u>gently</u>

**Question 5:**

Match the words in the Column with words.

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
King	Children
Teacher	Patients
Doctor	Courtiers
Bus driver	Clients
Lawyer	Passengers

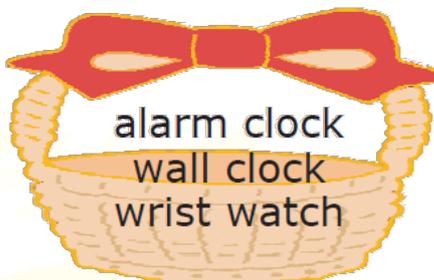
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**Question 6:**

Play this game with a friend. Pick up what you want from any basket. Add *a* or *an* before it.

Now say the sentences below, using these things –



Neena: Can I have \_\_\_\_\_, please?

Rahul: Yes, here you are

Jeevika: Can I have \_\_\_\_\_, please?

Nikhil: No, sorry. You can't have that.

Make more sentences using words from the baskets.

**Answer:**

Neena: Can I have an orange, please?

Rahul: Yes, here you are

Jeevika: Can I have an apple, please?

Nikhil: No, sorry. You can't have that.

More sentences using words from the baskets are written as follows:

Can you bring me a glass of water?

Could you please pass me a banana from the basket?

Will you get a bat and a ball from the shop?

Would you like an ice cream for dinner?

I want to carry a raincoat and an umbrella for the trip.

## Let's share

### Question 1:

How did Birbal find out about the Pundit's mother tongue?

### Answer:

Birbal quietly entered the Pundit's room when he was sleeping. He tickled him with a feather, he whispered onto his ear. Pundit woke up suddenly from sleep and shouted in his mother tongue. Finally, Birbal came to know about Pundit's mother tongue.

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### Question 2:

Act this out with your friends and make it into your class play.

(Note: Students should attempt the above question on their own.)

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## The Truth Balloon

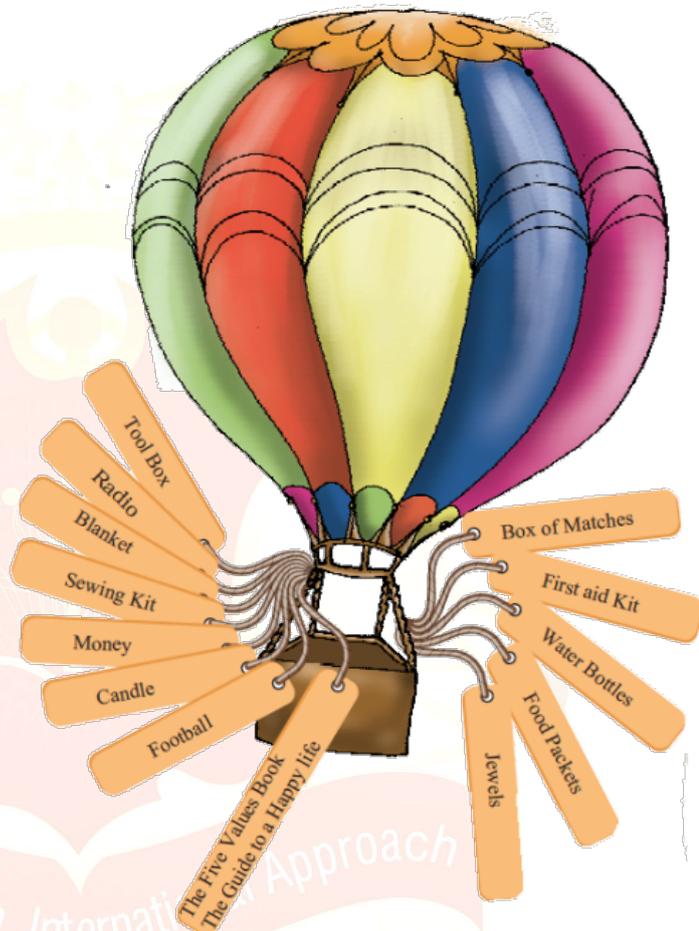
### Question:

Suppose you are going on a camping holiday.

What are the four most important things you will carry with you?

Choose from the tags attached to the hot air balloon.

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**Answer:**

- a) First aid
- b) Food packets
- c) Money
- d) Water bottles

**Fun – time**

**Question:**

**Crossword Fun**

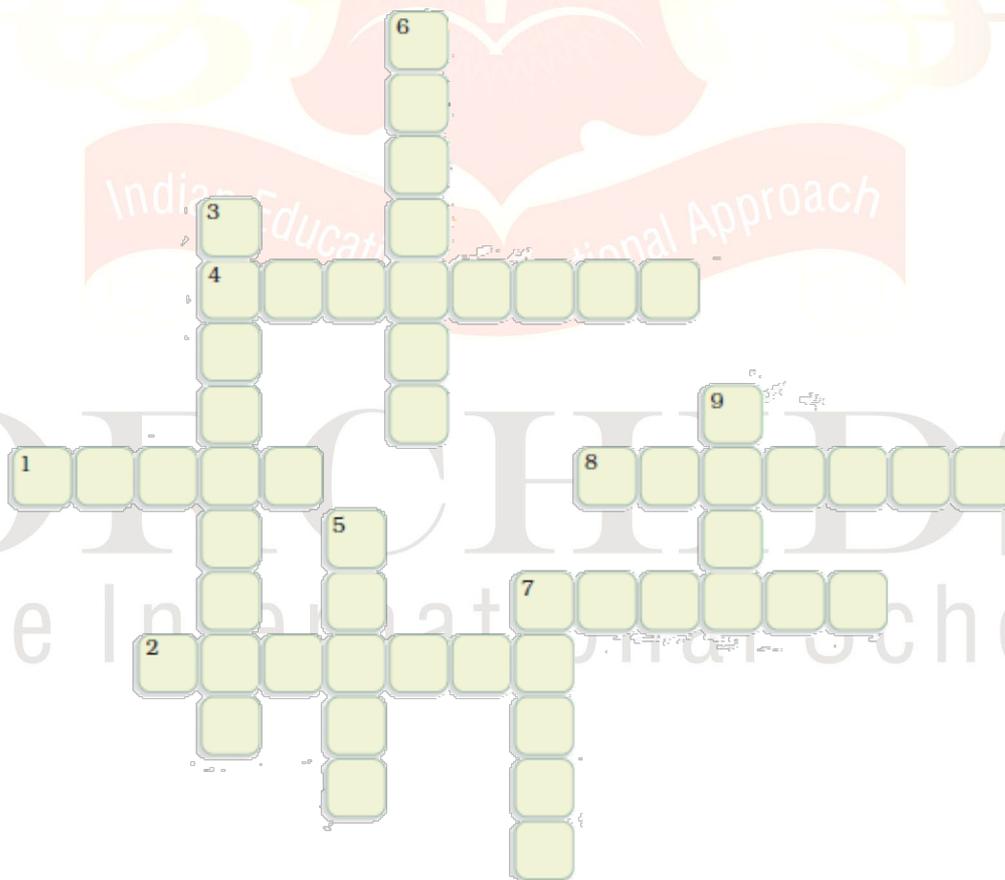
India is a country of many languages. Let's see if you know what the people of the states in this crossword puzzle speak. The clues are given below. The first letter of each answer has been filled in for you.

**Across**

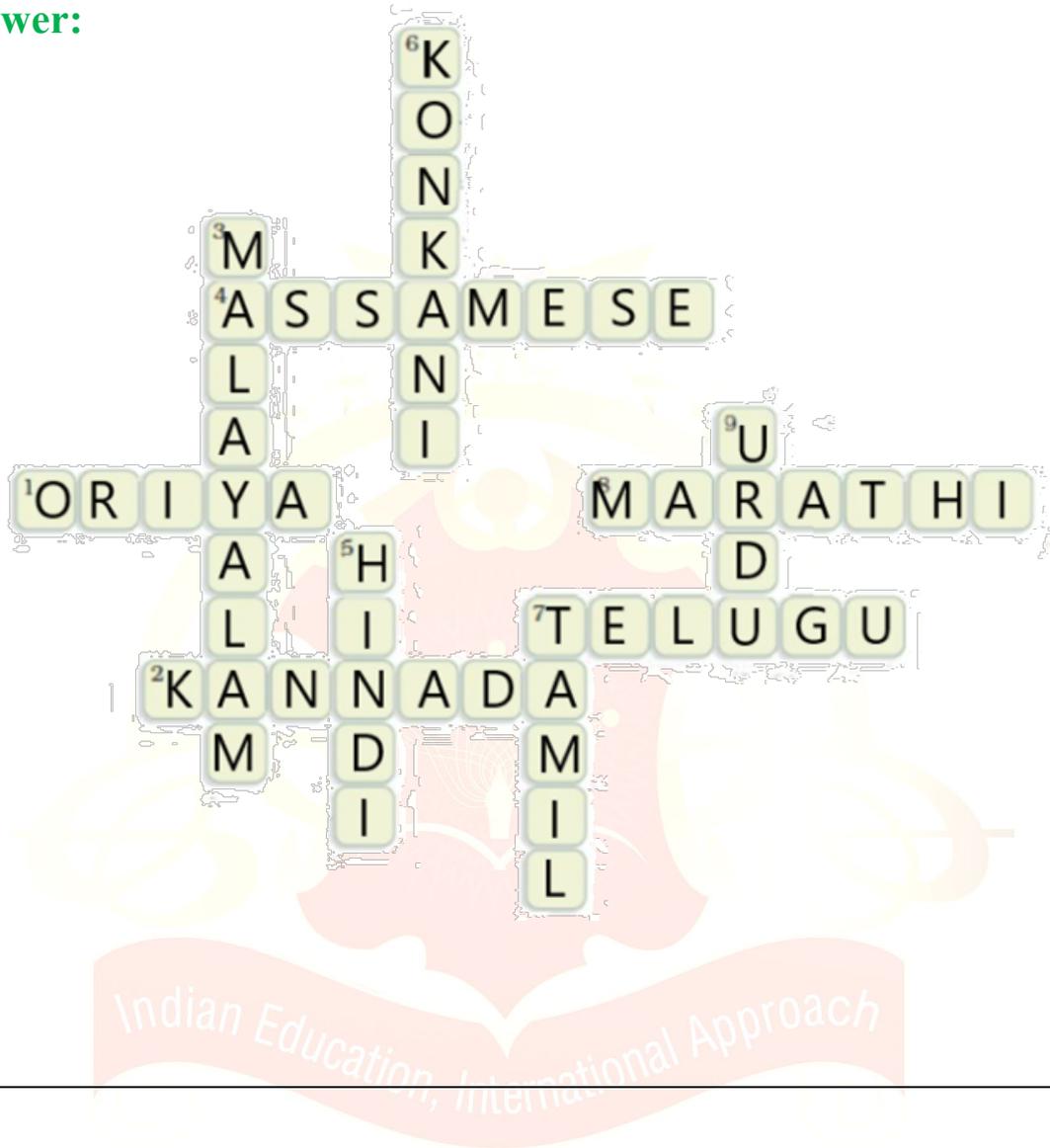
1. This language is spoken in Orissa
2. It is spoken in Karnataka
4. The people of Assam speak this language
7. This language is used in Andhra Pradesh
8. You can hear this spoken in Maharashtra

**Down**

3. The people of Kerala speak this language
5. This is our national language
6. The language of the Goan people
7. This is spoken in Tamil Nadu
9. It is widely spoken in Uttar Pradesh and elsewhere



Answer:



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