



## LESSON-5

### THE SPECIAL PRIZE

#### NOTES:

#### SUMMARY:

This lesson is about a Class-V, boy name Tapan from Padumani village. He was an average student whose pranks had no end. He was the leader of his group who would always stand up for his companions.

Tapan and his friends pelted stones at a shop as the shopkeeper always charged in excess and his weight of goods was always less. The shopkeeper had complained to the head master and Tapan received five strokes of the head master's cane.

In another accident Tapan tried to tame an angry ox by sitting on its back. The ox crashed into the school compound broke into class VII and ransacked a couple of other rooms. For this accident Tapan received fifteen strokes of the headmaster's cane.

One evening the headmaster saw Tapan helping an old lady with high fever. Tapan had the old lady's basket on his head and held her hand and dropped her home. In another incident Tapan was tending to the injured leg of an ox. The school headmaster happened to pass by and witnessed what Tapan was doing to ease the pain of the ox.

During the annual prize giving ceremony of the school Tapan got a special prize for the best character in the school. All the students and teachers were shocked at the announcement, but the headmaster explained why Tapan got the prize. All the students and teachers applauded Tapan for his good and caring deeds.



**Word meaning:**

Thrashed	:	beat
Appearance	:	having fear of something bad happening in future.
Provocation	:	act of making someone angry.
Effrontery	:	shameless
Dal	:	pulses
Stampede	:	sudden rush in fear
Stroll	:	walk

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