



LESSON 15

TWO FRIENDS

NOTES:

Summary

‘Two friends’ is a story translated and adapted from a Gujarati story by Pannalal Patel. It shows the true friendship of two young boys, Mani and Abdul. Both the parents of the boys were farmers. During Holi festival, Mani and Abdul walked arm-in-arm wearing same identical shirts. When Abdul got a new shirt, Mani had insisted his mother to get the same shirt for him too. On seeing them dressed identically, some mischievous boys mocked them to have a wrestling match. Mani refused as he did not want to spoil his shirt. But, Kaoba dragged Mani on the open ground. Seeing this, Abdul lost his temper and wrestled with Kaoba. Abdul's shirt was torn while wrestling. Fearing that Abdul's father might beat Abdul, Mani asked Abdul to interchange his shirt with him. He convinced Abdul by saying that unlike him, he has a mother who would save him. Abdul's father, Hassan overheard their conversation. He was so touched by Mani's word that he asked Mani's mother to let him bring up Mani as his own son. The story of Mani and Abdul spread through the village. It reached the village headman and he announced that they will call Mani and Abdul true friends.

Word Meaning

- *Holdings* : *land that one possesses for cultivation*
 - *Tide over* : *to help in difficult times*
 - *Bullied* : *forced to do something*
 - *Rowdies* : *persons who show noisy and violent behavior*
 - *Arena* : *place of activity*
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