

**CHAPTER – 7**  
**THE SCHOLAR’S MOTHER TONGUE**

**1. Who came to Akbar’s court?**

**Ans.** A learned Pundit came to Akbar’s court.

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**2. What did he claim to know?**

**Ans.** He claimed to know many different languages. He could speak them fluently.

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**3. How did he challenge everybody?**

**Ans.** He challenged everybody to name his mother tongue.

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**4. What is your mother tongue?**

**Ans.** Hindi.

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**5. Make a class dictionary with words from the story. Try to find suitable words for them in your mother tongue. Say these words aloud.**

**Ans.**

Words in English	Sentences
Converse	Newcomers converse cautiously with the old student.
Tickle	The movie “Raja Hindustani” tickles your funny.
Mother tongue	My mother tongue is Hindi.
Quietly	The teacher asked students to sit quietly.
Whisper	GolGumbaz has a whispering gallery.
Surprise	My sister gave me a surprise gift on my birthday.
Accept	You have to always accept the truth.
Difficult	Mountain climbing is a difficult task.

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**6. Write all the words that show you are happy.**

**For example: Hurray, Ha! Ha!**

**Ans.** Wow! That's great! Yahoo! Yah! Whooo!

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**7. Look and fill in the columns.**

**Ans.**

Quiet	Quietly
Fluent	Fluently
Angry	Angrily
Sad	Sadly
Fierce	Fiercely
Gentle	Gently

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**8. Match the words in column 'A' with words with column 'B'.**

**Ans.**

(A)	(B)
King	Courtiers
Teacher	Students
Doctor	Patients
Bus driver	Passengers
Lawyer	Clients
Mother	Children

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**9. Play this game with a friend. Pick up what you want from any basket.**

**(i) Add 'a' or 'an' before it.**



**Ans.** a rug, a pillow, a bed sheet, an alarm clock, a wall clock, a wristwatch, an apple, an orange, a banana, an ice-cream, a bow, an arrow, a ball, a bat, a doll, a waistcoat, a long coat, a raincoat, an umbrella.

**(ii) Now say the sentences below, using these things**

**Neena: Can I have (1) please?**

**Rahul: Yes, here you are.**

**Jeevika: Can I have (2) too?**

**Nikhil: No, sorry you can't have that.**

**Ans.** (1) an apple, (2) a doll.

**(iii) Make more sentences using words from the baskets (boxes).**

**Ans.** Pradeep: Can I have an alarm clock please?

Rashmi: Yes, here you are.

Jeevan: Can I have a pillow?

Jyoti: No sorry. You can't have that?

Rajeev: Can I have a longcoat, please?

Chetan: Yes, you can have it.

Jagdeep: Can I have a bat?

Sushil: Yes, here you are.

Muskan: Can I have a banana?

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

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**10. How did Birbal find out about the Pundit' mother tongue.**

**Ans.** Birbal entered quietly in the Pandit's room. He then whisper and ticked in his ear. Pundit shouted in his mother tongue. In this way, Birbal found out pundit's mother tongue.

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**11. 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.**



**Ans.** (i) Food packets, (ii) Water Bottles, (iii) Money, (iv) First Aid Kit.

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**12. India is a country of many languages. Let's see if you know what the people of the states in this crossword puzzles 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 language spoken in Maharastra**

**Down:**

- 3. The people of Kerela speak this language.**
- 5. This language of the Goan people.**
- 7. This is spoken in Tamil Nadu.**
- 9. It is widely spoken in Uttar Pradesh and elsewhere.**

**Ans.**

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