

## Literature Worksheet

### Step V

#### Q1. Answer the following questions

- a. What did King Krishna Deva Raya ask his ministers one day?

Ans. The king asked his minister which was the most difficult job in the world.

- b. What was the response of the ministers when the king asked the question?

Ans. The ministers said that the job of a king was the most difficult in the world.

- c. Why do you think the ministers gave that particular response?

Ans. The ministers gave that particular response because they wanted to flatter the king.

- d. Did all the ministers have the same answer to the king's question? Who had a different response to the king's question?

Ans. No, all the ministers did not have the same response. Tenali Raman had a different response to the question.

- e. What was Tenali Raman's response to the king's question?

Ans. Tenali Raman said that the job of a mother was the most difficult in the world.

- f. What did Tenali Raman do to prove his point to the court?

Ans. Tenali Raman brought a mother and her son to the court to prove his point.

- g. What did the boy initially request from the king?

Ans. Initially, the boy asked for an elephant from the king.

- h. What happened after the king gave an elephant to the little boy?

Ans. After the king gave him an elephant, the boy asked the elephant to be put in his basket.

- i. What was the boy's reaction when he was told that the elephant won't fit in his basket?

Ans. The boy started sobbing and shrieking when he was told that the elephant wouldn't fit in his basket.

- j. How did the mother finally convince the boy?

Ans. The mother persuaded the little boy by giving him a toy elephant. She explained that the smaller elephant was more beautiful than a real one. She showed him how it wore a golden chain and had a golden umbrella on top. She also pointed out that the elephant had wheels, making it easier for him to pull. Additionally, the toy was small enough to fit comfortably in the boy's basket.

- k. Who are the two characters in the poem?

Ans. The two main characters in this poem are the mountain and the squirrel.

- l. Why does the mountain make fun of the squirrel?

Ans. The mountain made fun of the squirrel as it was very small in size in comparison to the mountain.

- m. How does the squirrel defend itself?

Ans. The squirrel answers back, saying that while the mountain is huge and strong, it cannot do everything. For example, the mountain can hold up forests, but it cannot crack a nut like the squirrel can. The squirrel explains that everything in nature has its own role. Big things and small things are both important. The world needs both mountains and squirrels, because each has special abilities that the other does not.

- n. What does the squirrel say the mountain cannot do?

Ans. The squirrel said that, unlike a squirrel, the mountain cannot crack a nut.

- o. What lesson does the poem teach us about big and small things?

Ans. The poem reminds us never to think someone is unimportant because they are small or different. Every person, animal, or thing has a unique gift that makes our world complete.