Lesson 9

The Foolish Quack (A Folk Tale)

Q.1: What is a clump of trees?

Ans: A clump of trees is a group of trees growing together.

Q.2: What was stuck in the camel's throat?

Ans: A melon was stuck in the camel's throat.

Q.3: What did the quack pretend to cure?

Ans: The quack pretended to cure goiter.

Q.4: What did the quack do with the old woman?

Ans: The quack tied a blanket round the neck of the old woman and stuck the swollen part with so much force with a good-sized mallet that the poor old creature instantly expired.

Q.5: What was the result of the cure?

Ans: As the result of the cure, the poor old creature instantly expired.

Q.6: What was the punishment inflicted upon the quack by the villagers?

Ans: The villagers made the quack dig the old woman's grave. When he had dug the grave, they beat him well and let him go.

Q.7: For whom did the quack dig the grave?

Ans: The quack dug the grave for the old woman who had died because of his mistaken treatment.

Q.8: What did the quack do in the next village?

Ans: The quack again presented himself as a great doctor in the next village.

Q.9: Why didn't the villagers let the old man get cured?

Ans: The villagers didn't let the old man get cured because they were shocked at the quack's words. He said that he would try his best to cure the case but should not be forced to dig the patient's grave in case he died. Q.10. Why did the quack come back to the camel men? Ans: The quack came back to the camel men to blame them that they had not shown him the right way to treat the disease.