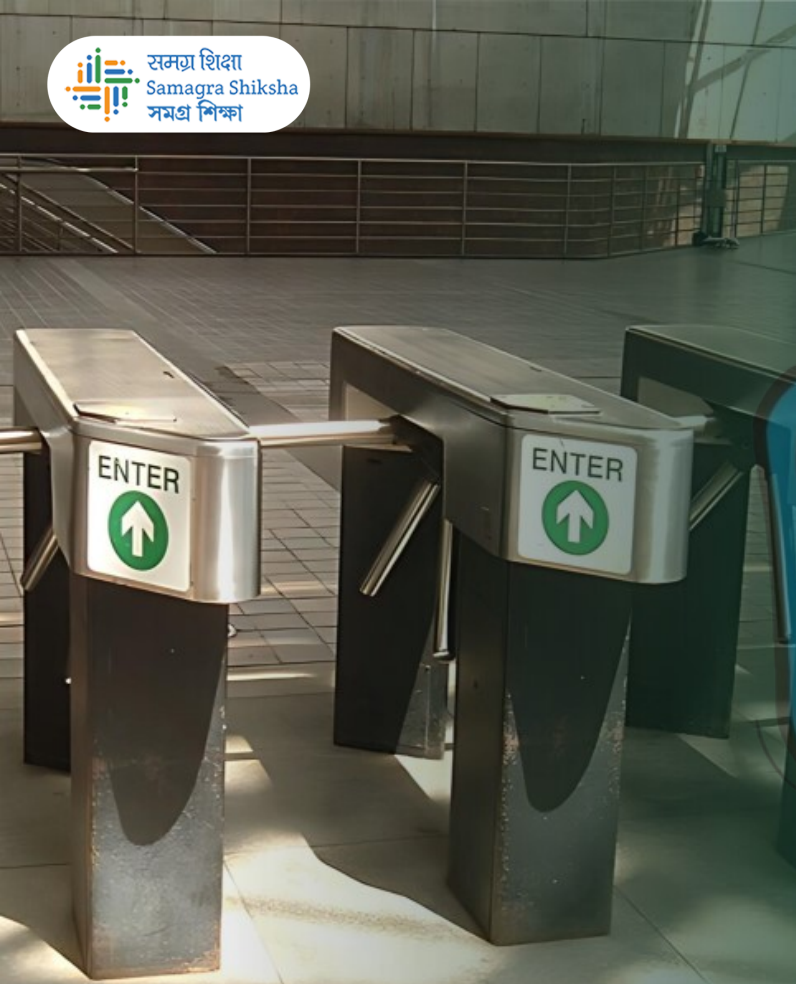

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Toto remained in the bag as far as Saharanpur, but while Grandfather was producing his ticket at the railway turnstile, Toto suddenly poked his head out of the bag and gave the ticket collector a wide grin.

Turnstile : ঘূৰ্ণনশীল দুৱাৰ
Poked his head : মূৰটো বাহিৰলৈ উলিয়াই দিয়া
Grin : হাঁহি

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The poor man was taken aback; but, with great presence of mind and much to Grandfather's annoyance, he said, "Sir, you have a dog with you. You'll have to pay for it accordingly."

Taken-aback	:	আচৰিত হোৱা
Annoyance	:	বিৰক্তি
Accordingly	:	অনুসৰি

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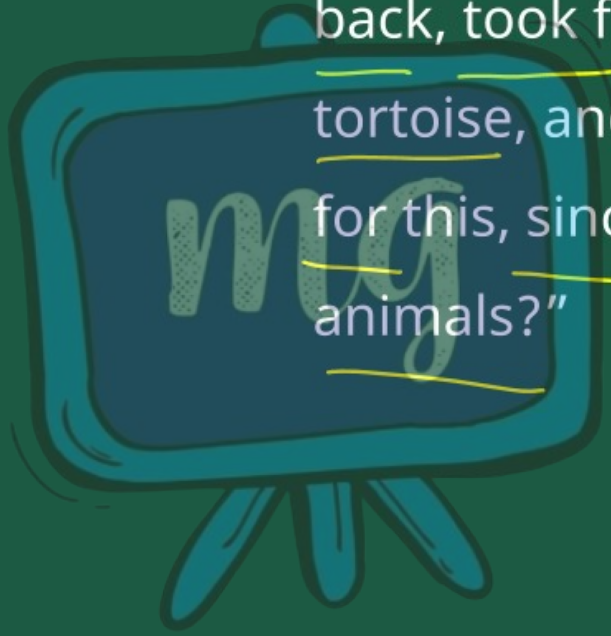
In vain did Grandfather take Toto out of the bag; in vain did he try to prove that a monkey did not qualify as a dog, or even as a quadruped. Toto was classified a dog by the ticket-collector; and three rupees was the sum handed over as his fare.

Vain	:	বৈর্থ্য
Quadruped	:	চাৰিঠেঙীয়া জন্তু

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Then Grandfather, just to get his own back, took from his pocket our pet tortoise, and said, “What must I pay for this, since you charge for all animals?”



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The ticket-collector looked closely at the tortoise, prodded it with his forefinger, gave Grandfather a pleased and triumphant look, and said, “No charge. It is not a dog.”

Prodded	:	খুচী দিয়া
Forefinger	:	তর্জনী আঙুলি
Pleased	:	সুখী
Triumphant	:	বিজয়ী

When Toto was finally accepted by Grandmother he was given a comfortable home in the stable, where he had for a companion the family donkey, Nana. On Toto's first night in the stable, Grandfather paid him a visit to see if he was comfortable.

Comfortable	:	আৰামদায়ক
Stable	:	ঘোঁৰা ৰখা ঠাই

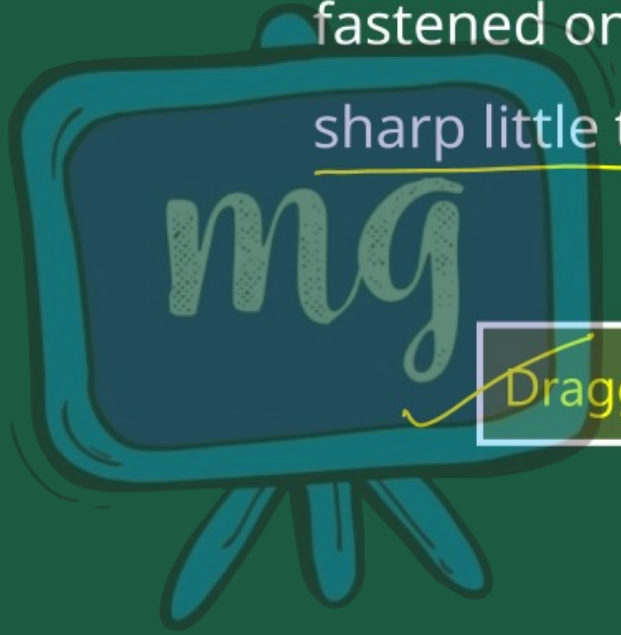
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To his surprise he found Nana, without apparent cause, pulling at her halter and trying to keep her head as far as possible from a bundle of hay. Grandfather gave Nana a slap across her haunches, and she jerked back,

Apparent	:	স্পষ্ট
Halter	:	জন্তুক ডিঙিত লগোৱা ৰছী
Hay	:	শুকান ঘাঁহ

dragging Toto with her. He had fastened on to her long ears with his sharp little teeth.



Dragging : চোঁচৰাই অনা



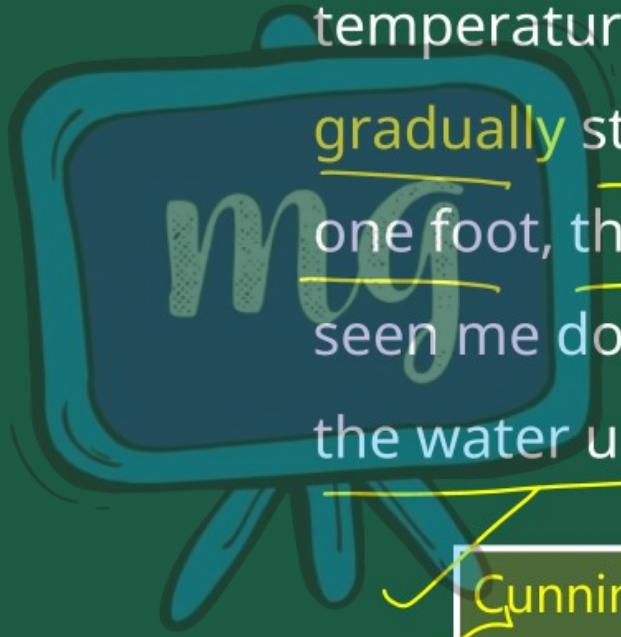
Toto and Nana never became friends.

A great treat for Toto during cold winter evenings was the large bowl of warm water given him by Grandmother for his bath.

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He would cunningly test the temperature with his hand, then gradually step into the bath, first one foot, then the other (as he had seen me doing), until he was into the water up to his neck.



Cunningly	:	চতুৰালি
Gradually	:	লাহে লাহে

Once comfortable, he would take the soap in his hands or feet, and rub himself all over. When the water became cold, he would get out and run as quickly as he could to the kitchen fire in order to dry himself. If anyone laughed at him during this performance,

Rub	:	ঘঁহা
Laughed	:	হাঁহি
Performance	:	প্রদর্শনী

Toto's feelings would be hurt and he would refuse to go on with his bath. One day Toto nearly succeeded in boiling himself alive. A large kitchen kettle had been left on the fire to boil for tea and Toto,

Refuse	:	অস্বীকাৰ কৰা
Succeeded	:	সফল হোৱা
Boiling	:	উতলি থকা
Alive	:	জীৱন্ত

finding himself with nothing better to do, decided to remove the lid. Finding the water just warm enough for a bath, he got in, with his head sticking out from the open kettle. This was just fine for a while, until the water began to boil. Toto then raised himself a little; but, finding it

Lid : ঢাকনি

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cold outside, sat down again.
He continued hopping up and down for some time, until Grandmother arrived and hauled him, half-boiled, out of the kettle.
If there is a part of the brain especially devoted to mischief, that part was largely developed in Toto.

Hauled	:	কষ্টেৰে টানিলে
Largely	:	বেছিকৈ
Developed	:	উন্নত হোৱা

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He was always tearing things to pieces. Whenever one of my aunts came near him, he made every effort to get hold of her dress and tear a hole in it.

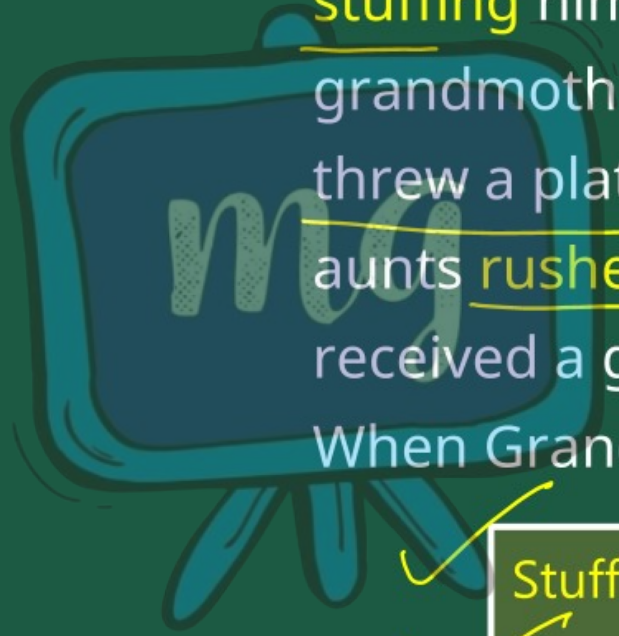
One day, at lunch-time, a large dish of pullao stood in the centre of the dining table.

Tearing	:	চিঙি পেলোৱা
Pieces	:	টুকুৰাসমূহ

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We entered the room to find Toto stuffing himself with rice. My grandmother screamed — and Toto threw a plate at her. One of my aunts rushed forward — and received a glass of water in the face. When Grandfather arrived, Toto



Stuffing	:	ভৰাই লোৱা
Screamed	:	চিঞৰা
Rushed	:	দ্ৰুতগতিত দৌৰা



picked up the dish of pullao and made his exit through a window. We found him in the branches of the jackfruit tree, the dish still in his arms. He remained there all afternoon, eating slowly through the rice, determined

Picked up	:	উঠাই লোৱা
Exit	:	ওলোৱা
Branches	:	শাখা
Jackfruit	:	কঁঠাল
Slowly	:	লাহে লাহে
Determined	:	দৃঢ়

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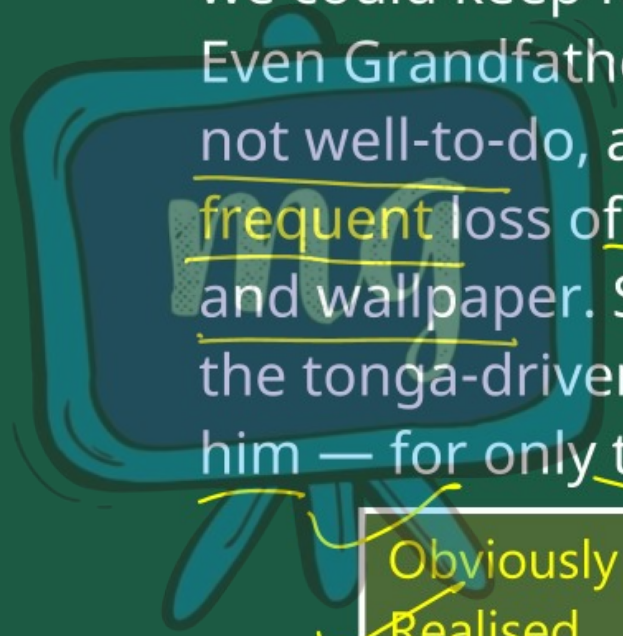
on finishing every grain. And then, in order to spite Grandmother, who had screamed at him, he threw the dish down from the tree, and chattered with delight when it broke into a hundred pieces.

Grain	:	দানা
Spite	:	বিদ্বেষ
Delight	:	সুখ

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Obviously Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long.
Even Grandfather realised that. We were not well-to-do, and could not afford the frequent loss of dishes, clothes, curtains and wallpaper. So Grandfather found the tonga-driver, and sold Toto back to him — for only three rupees.



Obviously	:	স্পষ্টকৈয়ে
Realised	:	অনুভৱ কৰা
Afford	:	কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হোৱা
Frequent	:	সঘনাই হওক

ASSESSMENT



1 What did Toto do when Grandfather tried to prove to the ticket-collector that he was a monkey?

A Toto stayed calm and quiet.

B Toto poked his head out of the bag.

C Toto ran away.

D Toto gave the ticket-collector a high-five.

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2 What did Toto do when he was in the kitchen near the boiling kettle?

A He drank the tea.

B He climbed onto the stove.

C He jumped into the kettle.

D He broke the kettle.

ASSESSMENT



3 How did Toto react when he was caught eating the pullao?

A He ran away from the table.

B He started throwing plates and glasses.

C He hid under the table.

D He apologized to everyone.

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4 Toto was put in a ___ bag with some straw at the bottom for his journey.

A canvas

B leather

C silk

D cotton

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5 When Toto was finally returned to the tonga-driver, he was sold back for ___ rupees.

A five

B two

C three

D ten