

## LESSON 6



### the clever farmer



(This is a story of a clever farmer, who lives on the hillside where farmers do terrace farming.)

Once a farmer bought a field near a hillside. He, then bought a pair of bullocks and began ploughing his field happily. Hardly had he ploughed half of the field when a tall man came and cried out angrily, "Hey, you there, my house is at the foot of this hill. What are you doing on my terrace?" "Please do not get angry, be calm," replied the farmer. "I am ploughing the field to sow the seeds. When I grow the crop, I shall share the harvest with you every year."

"One year you take what grows below the ground and the next year you take what grows above the ground."

The tall man was pleased. He had no idea of the farmer's plan of fooling him.

The first year, the farmer sowed wheat. He took all the wheat as it grew above the ground and gave the roots to the tall man which were below the ground.

The tall man got angry. He told the farmer that the next time he would take the part which would grow above the ground. The farmer agreed.

The next year the farmer grew groundnuts. When the crop was ready, the farmer took all the groundnuts as it grew below the ground. The poor tall man got only the leaves which were above the ground.

In this way the tall man was fooled by the farmer again.

*Cleverness is not wisdom*

New Words

<b>Word</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
bullock	- बुलक	- बैल
ploughing	- प्लाउइंड	- हल चलाना
angrily	- ऐङ्ग्रिलि	- गुस्से से
terrace	- टेरस	- सीढ़ीदार खेत
calm	- काम्	- शांत
sow	- सो	- ज़मीन में बीज बोना
pleased	- प्लीज्ड	- संतुष्ट होना

### Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions:

- Where did the farmer live?
- Which type of farming is done on the hillside?
- Why was the tall man angry?
- Who pleased the tall man and how?
- Who was cleverer the farmer or the tall man? Give reasons.
- The farmer bought \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) a pair of cows (ii) a pair of bullocks  
(iii) a pair of buffaloes (iv) a pair of horses
- Name two crops which grow above the ground and below the ground.

### Word Power

1. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box:

clever fooled crop sow pair

- The farmer \_\_\_\_\_ seeds in the soil.
- He taught his dog some \_\_\_\_\_ tricks .
- The rice \_\_\_\_\_ was damaged by the flood this year.
- Rohan purchased a \_\_\_\_\_ of gloves from the market.
- I am not going to be \_\_\_\_\_ once again by the shopkeeper.



### Language Practice

1. Fill in the blanks with correct helping verbs (is/am/are):

- This \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Cow's classroom.
- Two bunny rabbits \_\_\_\_\_ sitting on the first bench.
- The calf-elephant \_\_\_\_\_ sitting on the last bench.

- d. "I \_\_\_\_\_ the monitor," says the puppy.
- e. The piglet and the cub \_\_\_\_\_ punished by Mrs. Cow.
- f. They \_\_\_\_\_ punished for not doing their homework.
- g. Mrs. Cow \_\_\_\_\_ writing a question on the board.
- h. "I \_\_\_\_\_ sorry," says the kitten when she drops her bag.

Activity

» Draw the images of different landforms given below on a chart paper:

