

# THE RETURN OF THE LION

## LESSON OVERVIEW

L.No.	Title of the Lesson	Skills			Grammar/Figures of speech	Activity	Life Skills
		Listening/ speaking	Reading	Writing			
23	The Return of the Lion	Role Play	Drama	Diary Entry, Descriptive paragraph	Adverbs of time, place and manner/ Metaphor	Identifying a person with heroic qualities in one's neighborhood	Analytical thinking. Handling a difficult situation

### SUMMARY

It is a play about Shivaji and his mother, Jijabai who, in the absence of Shivaji, acts as Regent of the State. The reader gets to see how in this role, she controls her emotions and acts with intelligence and wisdom.

One day, Jijabai receives a letter from Aurangzeb informing her that Shivaji had been killed. She does not believe that her brave son, the lion of Maharashtra, had been killed. She knew that Aurangzeb was in the habit of telling lies. She considers the news a hoax and tells her Mantriji not to disclose the news as it could dishearten people.

When Mantriji tells her that there are signs of rising revolt and discontentment among the soldiers, she tells him how to satisfy them and their families to divert their attention and curb the simmering rebellion.

In the second part of the play, Jijabai welcomes the three holy men who have come from North. They give her the news that Shivaji and his son Sambhaji have been arrested by Aurangzeb. When Jijabai asks for their blessings, only two of them oblige her. The third one falls on her feet. Jijabai recognises Shivaji in the guise of a Sadhu. Shivaji announces a celebration on his safe return.

Shivaji also tells his mother that she should stop worrying about Sambhaji. He says that he is safe with his friends and would join them later.

### PRINCIPAL POINTS

- A good leader does not panic on hearing any disturbing news but remains cool, acts wisely and responsibly.
- A good leader also knows how to handle a difficult situation as Jijabai told Mantriji what

measures should be taken to check the growing discontentment amongst the soldiers.

- The interest and well being of the state and her people is foremost in the mind of an efficient and responsible leader. He/ she also knows how to control his/her emotions.

**LET'S LEARN NEW EXPRESSIONS****Use of Metaphor for better impact**

The sentence, 'The lion and his cub will soon return to their Kingdom' is metaphorical. It implies that the brave Shivaji and his son will soon return.

**Metaphor** is an implied Simile. It does not, like a 'Simile', state that one thing is like another or acts as another but states as if two things were one. A Metaphor does not require the use of 'like' or 'as' which we use in a 'Simile'.

Look at the difference between a Metaphor and a Simile.

Shivaji fought like a lion. (Simile)

Shivaji was a lion in the battle. (Metaphor)

**ENHANCE YOUR PERFORMANCE****Diary entry: Salient Features**

- It is an account of one's personal feelings, emotions and ideas. It is always written in 1st person, i.e. 'I'
- The format consists of :  
Day and date  
Salutation (Dear Diary or any other fictitious name)
- Introduction (e.g. It was a rainy night. I was all alone at home.....)

**Body or content consists of**

- Account of one's personal feelings, emotions or ideas
- Concluding line (e.g. It was a horrible experience)
- Signature (optional)

**Paragraph describing people**

- As the word suggests, a paragraph is like a mini essay which has all the three parts such as:
- Introduction, body and conclusion
- A descriptive paragraph describes the physical qualities of a person. It can also describe his/her personality, character, nature, extraordinary traits and sometimes even profession.

**GRAMMAR**

**Adverb of Manner:** shows how an activity is/was/will be done.

Example: The third holy man stood quietly.  
Put 'how' question to the action word (verb). Its answer will be an Adverb of Manner.

Example

Q. How did the third holy man stand?

A. Quietly

**Adverb of Place :** shows place of activity and answers 'where' question.

Example: My grandpa is sitting there.

**Adverb of time:** shows the time of activity and answers 'when' question.

Example: May I leave now, Rani Saheba?

**TEST TYPES****1. MCQ/ objective type question (inference)**

Complete the following statement by choosing the best option from the ones given below  
Mantriji told Jija Bai that their own men might revolt any day because:

- A. Aurangzeb was about to strike.
- B. there was no news about Shivaji.
- C. Shivaji had been taken prisoner.
- D. there was an air of dissatisfaction among people.

**2. VSA (inferential)**

Complete the following sentence:

Jijabai asked the Sachiv to raise the salary and increase the rations of the soldiers to .....

**3. SA (inferential)**

Why did the third visitor not bless Jijabai?

**4. LA (understanding)**

How did Jijabai act as a Regent? Which quality of her character does the story reflect?