

NUMBER 7 · BONUS STORY

तुरही वाला लड़का

Saturday morning, the day of the festival. On the way to the market square, you and Meera stop at the old toy and gift shop, and Mrs Sarla tells you about a boy of ten, his first trumpet and his first festival, eighteen years ago.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAID IT?: 1b, 2c, 3b

L2) WHAT HAPPENED FIRST?: 1: 312

L3) UNDERSTAND THE STORY: 1a, 2b, 3a

Translation

It is the morning of the festival. You and Meera are by the gift shop.

■ Hello. Are you going to the festival?

○ Yes. Arjun will play first today.

■ Little Arjun! Come in.

▲ Have you known him for a long time?

■ Yes. He was ten then. Have you seen the photo? Trumpet at the window.

○ Yes. Terrible hair!

■ He lived in your flat. His parents worked a lot. After school he was alone. With a trumpet.

▲ Where did the trumpet come from?

■ Kamala gave it to him. A little old trumpet.

○ Where did Grandma's trumpet come from?

■ I do not know. Kamala knows everything. I do not.

■ He played under my window every day. Very badly at first. Very loudly.

▲ Did you listen every day?

■ Yes. I worked here. Then he started playing well. The festival came.

○ Did he play there?

■ Yes. For the first time. He was very frightened. One song from the band. Another from him. Wrong!

Sarla talks about the old festival.

■ Then it rained a lot. People went home. Arjun was wet and sad.

○ And Grandma?

■ She was before the stage. She had an umbrella. She said, Arjun, do not go home. Play.

▲ Then?

■ He played in the rain. The band's song. Beautifully. The rain stopped. People came back. Everyone sang.

○ You too?

■ Yes. Me, Kamala, everyone. His parents arrived late. They heard the last song. They bought a new large trumpet.

▲ And the little trumpet?

■ It stayed with Kamala. Perhaps she still has it.

○ Grandma knows. She knows everything.

■ Today he will play again. Eighteen years later.

▲ Will you come?

■ Yes. I will sit by Kamala. I will bring an umbrella too. Everyone will sing!

It is sunny outside the shop. There will be music again today.