

2 Mani's Home-Coming



Mani is coming home to-day. He is a student of Computer Science in Bangalore. His examination is over.

Here is Mani. He is at his home now. His mother, brother, sister-in-law and sister are receiving him. Mani touches the feet of his mother, brother and sister-in-law. There is great joy in the family. Mani's sister, Linthoi, is full of joy to see her elder brother.



Mani's mother: *Ibungo*¹,
your mother's heart is filled with joy
now that you've come home. How have you
done in the examination?

Mani: Mother, I've done well.

Mani's brother: Come in, *Ibungo*. You must be tired.

Sister-in-law: Let me sanctify you first with fire.

I. *Ibungo* - Manipuri term of affection, used in addressing one's son or younger brother.

Mani's sister-in-law brings out a lighted candle and moves it around Mani's face and body. She says, "Come in *Ibungo*. Come into the house now." Mani says to his sister, Linthoi, "I've brought a beautiful gift for my little sister." Linthoi replies smiling, "Thank you, *Tamo*."



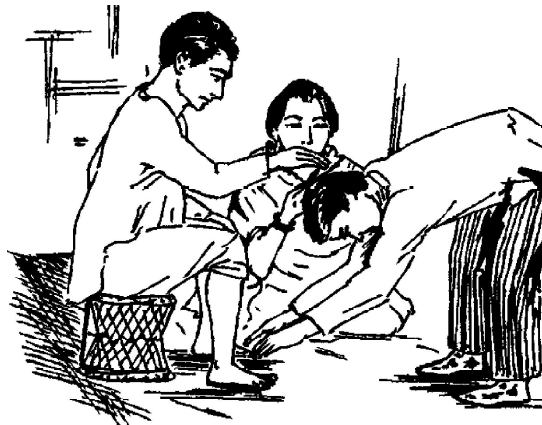
Mani's uncle and aunt are now here. Mani touches the feet of his uncle and aunt.

Uncle: Mani, My dear, you've reached home at last. How was your examination?

Mani: I did well, uncle.

Uncle: Very good, *Ibungo*.

Since the death of your father, your brother has become the head of the family. He has tried all he could for your education.



But, now that you have finished your studies things should be all right.

Mani: Uncle, I'll soon get a job. Now, I'll help my brother in the running of the family. Everything will be fine now. Meanwhile, Mani's sister-in-law has prepared tea. She offers tea and sweets to everyone. Everyone enjoys the tea and sweets. They are happy at Mani's home-coming.

EXERCISE

1. Answer the following questions:

1. What does Mani do to his mother, brother and sister-in-law?
2. How did Mani do in the examination?
3. Why is Linthoi happy?
4. What does Mani's sister-in-law do to sanctify Mani?

2. Write the names of the members of your family and your relation with them.

Examples:

Sri L. Nabakishore Singh	-	father
Srimati Memcha Devi	-	mother

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| (i). | _____ | - | _____ |
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| (v) | _____ | - | _____ |

3. Read and learn the following words with their meanings:

Home coming : arrival at home

home : a place where one lives with one's family.

sanctify : make holy

gift : present

prepared : made food (ready)

4. Make out words using “home” with the following words:

Ward, land, work, made

A grandfather is the father of father.

A grandmother is the mother of father.

5. Find out what you call the following relations:

The father of your mother -

The mother of your mother -

The sister of your father -

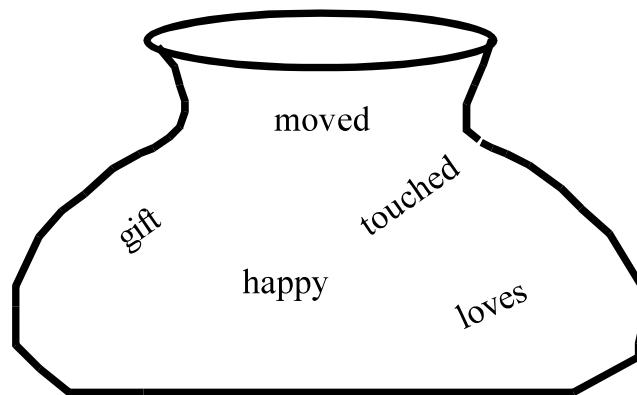
The brother of your father -

The brother of your mother -

6. In the following passage some words are missing. The words are hidden in the pot below. Find these words and fill in the blanks.

Mani's mother was _____ to see her son. Mani

_____ the feet of his mother. Mani's sister-in-law
_____ the candle around Mani's face. Mani
brought a _____ for his sister. Mani
_____ all the members of his family.



7. Encircle the odd word in each group :

bat kite tiger crow

car rickshaw bus lorry

river lake pond hill

8. In the following the letters are jumbled. Make proper words from them. The first one is done for you:

ENMA-NAME CELNU TSIRSE TEHRMO

8. Colour the following:

