

**Welland Gouldsmith school**  
**English Literature worksheet**  
**Class : 3**

MOTHER TONGUE

A funny story on Akbar and Birbal. A learned Pandit once visited Akbar's court and impressed everyone with his knowledge of many languages. He then challenges the King and his ministers to find out his mother tongue. When others failed to discover the Pandit's mother tongue Birbal was asked to save the King's honour. Clever Birbal irritates the Pandit by tickling his ear while he is asleep. The Pandit uses his mother tongue to say 'what's dat' in his sleep. So Akbar gets to know his mother tongue was telugu and the Pandit gets rebuked for his pride.

A. Write the new words and their meanings on page 8.

B. Answer the following questions:

- a) Why did Emperor Akbar reward the Pandit?
- b) How did the Pandit react when Birbal gave the correct answer? What did Birbal say next that made the Pandit realize his mistake?
- c) What had Birbal proved to the emperor and others?

C. Make sentences of your own with the given words:

- a) converse
- b) sneaked
- c) disturbed
- d) honour
- e) meal

Assignment to be done in the text – 'ENGLISH READER' on page 10 exercise C.