

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE (Easy)

Once there was a royal messenger. He was faithful but careless by nature. One day, the king asked him to take an important message to the commander of his army. At the time of departure, he saw that a nail from one of the shoes of his horse was missing. As he was in hurry, he ignored it and started his journey. When he had covered over half of the distance, he realized that the horse had begun to limp. To his grief, he found that one of the shoes of the horse had gone off. He felt quite helpless. But he could do nothing. He made his horse run even faster. After some time the horse fell down and died. The messenger began to run on foot. At last, he reached the battlefield but he was too late to deliver the message. The king's army had been defeated because of no delivery of the message. He cursed himself for not being careful about the nail. But it was too late to mend.

Possible Morals:

- ❖ Haste makes waste.
- ❖ It is no use crying over spilt milk.

Note:

If you want to increase the length of story than you can write these paragraphs

Before the story write this paragraph.

The most hated word in this world is morality. The person who teaches morality is also hated and despised. It may be a pessimistic point of present situation. We do not like to learn good morals and manners when they are taught in dull and dry manners. Perhaps it was because of this, that centuries ago Mr. Aesop concocted some moral stories. These stories have been written in a very lively and interesting style. We read these stories and learn some moral lesson from them. But we do not have any impression of being moralized. The following story is also a similar one.

At the end of the story write this paragraph.

Morals are like universal truths. Every person irrespective of his caste, creed, colour or country has a firm belief in them. Those who try to follow them in their lives avert many perils and problems. The above mentioned story also teaches us such a moral lesson that can help us avoid many unpleasant and bitter situations.