

## LESSON 13

## NIRAV LEARNS NO MORE SHOW-OFFS

- NIRAV:** Hey, Rohit, What did you make on the spelling test?
- ROHIT:** I didn't do too well. I got fifty-two out of hundred in the test. Next week I am going to study really, really hard, and I will do better.
- NIRAV:** You mean to tell me that you got only fifty-two in that test? That is a laugh, ha, ha, ha. That is an awful. Cannot you do any better than that on a spelling test?
- ROHIT:** I guess that is awful. I will study harder and get a better grade next week.
- NIRAV:** That's a real joke. A fifty-two is the most awful marks I have ever heard of.
- ROHIT:** What did you make Nirav?
- NIRAV:** Well, I thought you would never ask. I made one hundred. You just cannot do any better than that. I made everybody mad at me. I got the highest marks in the class. I did not even study for the dumb test.
- ROHIT:** What do you mean? You really did not?
- NIRAV:** I am just smart. I might be a genius.
- ROHIT:** I thought the test was hard. I am really proud for you.
- NIRAV:** Well, Rohit, it might be hard for a dumb like you but not for me. I could be sound asleep and pass the same test with a hundred.
- ROHIT:** Hey! You sure are very proud of yourself. Aren't you?
- NIRAV:** Why shouldn't I be? I am Nirav the Great. That is my name, and making 100 is the name of the game.
- ROHIT:** Well I must go and study. I would not get good marks unless I study. Boy, it sure would be nice to get a hundred.
- NIRAV:** It is great. Look, the teacher is coming. I bet she is glad that she has such a smart boy in her class. I imagine she wants me to go on television or something important.
- TEACHER:** Good afternoon, Nirav. I have been looking everywhere for you. Is that the spelling test in your hand?

**NIRAV:** Yes, it is. Do you want to frame it or put it in the local newspaper? Either one will be fine with me.

**TEACHER:** That is not exactly why I am here. Nirav, we have a problem.

**NIRAV:** I do not make mistakes so I do not have any problems. I am much too smart for that.

**TEACHER:** I made a bad mistake. I did not mean to but I gave you the wrong paper by mistake. Honestly! I gave you Ravi's paper. I have yours in my hand.

**NIRAV:** You mean I did not get a hundred?

**TEACHER:** I hate to say this but you did not get a hundred. Looking at the marks you got I do not think that you studied at all. Did you study Nirav? You got thirty-three on the test.

**NIRAV:** Are you absolutely sure I did not make a hundred. I told everyone in the whole class that I made a hundred. I even told them what a great speller I am.

**TEACHER:** You need to stop being a show off, Nirav. No one likes to be around someone who is bragging and showing off.

**ROHIT:** Boy, she is right.

**NIRAV:** A thirty-three?

**TEACHER:** That is right. No mistake about it.

**NIRAV:** I wish I had kept my mouth shut. I mean totally shut. All I know is now everyone will make fun of me.

**TEACHER:** That is too bad. I think I would study my vocabulary if I were you and stop showing off to everyone.

**NIRAV:** I am sure not as wonderful and smart as I thought I was. I always have to learn the hard way. Rohit, will you help me study for the next test? I think fifty-two sounds pretty good next to a thirty-three. Do not you think?

**ROHIT:** I sure do. Maybe both of us will learn something.

**NIRAV:** You know? I already have. Showing off never pays and that is a big lesson to learn. How do you spell dog? d u g? Isn't that right?

**ROHIT:** Oh, boy! We have a lot of work to do.