

LESSON 22

SUKETU LEARNS NOT TO SULK

MANISH: Suketu, It is a beautiful day. Let us go and play baseball.

SUKETU: I am too busy to go anywhere today.

MANISH: You don't look busy to me.

SUKETU: I am busy. I'm sulking.

MANISH: Oh, that is baby stuff. Only babies sulk

SUKETU: I'm mad at my mother. I am just going to sit here and sulk until my mother gives me some money to buy the sweets. Maybe if I keep on sulking she will change her mind.

MANISH: The dentist told your mother to stop you from eating so many sweets. She is just trying to do what the dentist asked her to do.

SUKETU: Oh, why do not you be quiet? You sound just like my mother. I like to sulk. It works every time when I want something.

MANISH: It seems silly to me to just sit out here and sulk. You are sitting here in the hot sun when you could be playing football with me.

SUKETU: You will see. It shall be worth it. Just wait and see.

Manish leaves.

(2 Hours Later)

MANISH: Suketu, are you still sulking? It is getting hotter out here in the sun. I think you might be getting sunburn. Your face sure is red.

SUKETU: Yes I know. I have waited 2 hours for my mother to change her mind and I still have no sweets.

MANISH: You did eat lunch, didn't you? Are you hungry?

SUKETU: I was too busy sulking during lunch time. I didn't eat a thing. I just sulked.

MANISH: You should have been at practice. The coach took us to a nice place to eat! You should have come with us. I had a veggie burger. It was so much fun.

SUKETU: Really? Wow!

MANISH: You sure missed out on a good treat.
SUKETU: Did you get a sundae with strawberries?

MANISH: No, I didn't.

SUKETU: Good!

MANISH: Well I just got a sundae; I don't like strawberries.

SUKETU: Oh! I missed out on a good thing. Did not I?

MANISH: You certainly did. All you have to show for today is a sunburned nose and a growling tummy.

SUKETU: My stomach is not growling. Do you hear it?

(Noises heard off stage)

MANISH: What on earth is that noise?

SUKETU: That is my Papa. He just got home from work and I am really in for sitting here and pouting all day. My mother is probably telling him now.

MANISH: Well, soon you will have more than a sunburned face, a growling stomach, and a growling father. Something else will happen really soon.

SUKETU: What on earth are you talking about, Manish?
(Shaking)

MANISH: Soon you will be in more trouble. I hope you have learned a lesson.

SUKETU: There is no use of sulking. It did not work.

MANISH: This must be a big lesson. Your dad is very upset. I am hitting the road Suketu. I do not want any part of this.

SUKETU: My dad is mad, because I have been a bad boy. After he talks to me I shall be sad!

(Father's voice off stage)

DAD: Suketu, you get yourself over here right now. I have a thing or two to talk to you about.

SUKETU: (in his mind) Why? Oh why do I have to learn my lesson the hard way?

DAD: Suketu!

SUKETU: (In mind) Listen, sulking does not pay. I am learning that now. Instead you should always obey your parents and obey them fast.