He cooked the books

భాషణం భూషణంగా మారాలంటే.. పదబంధాలు పక్మాగా కుదరాలి. మాటలు తూకం వేసినట్లుగా పెగలాలి. ఒకే పదాన్ని పదే పదే పలికితే పునరుక్తి. అదే పదాన్ని నానా అర్తాలతో వాడితే ప్రయోగం. ఆ ముచ్చట పలుకువారికి చూడముచ్చటగా ఉంటుంది. ఎదుటివారికి వినసాంపుగానూ ఉంటుంది. వేణు, శ్రీను సంభాషణ ఈ తరహాదే! బుక్ అనే ఒక్క మాటతో ఎన్ని మూటలు కట్టాదో చదివితే.. పదబంధాల ప్రత్యేకత

తెలుస్తుంది.



Venu: Come on, let's meet Bhanu. Srinu: At this time? Why should we disturb him?

nu: He was caught

and punished,

Wasn't he?

Venu: Disturb him? Srinu: He'll be in the library. We can meet him when he returns home.

Venu: But today is Sunday. Srinu: When else can he go to the library but on a Sunday?

Venu: He can spend his Sundays in more entertainment, can't he? Srinu: He finds real entertainment in reading

Venu: Does he read so much? Srinu: He's a voracious reader. He's a bookworm, so to say.

Venu: But you and I have no such habit or inclination.

Srinu: That's our shortcoming. We ought to take a leaf out of his book.

Venu: I don't get you. Srinu: We should learn from him. We should imbibe his reading habit.

Venu: You're using 'book' in different sentences with Srinu: Idiomatic meanings.

Venu: Do you mean idiotic?



Srinu: No. I mean idiomatic. That is, special meaning.

Venu: Interesting. Could you come up with a few more expressions with 'book'? Srinu: Have you observed that Bhanu is always in the good books of our teachers?

Venu: Do you mean he reads good books suggested by our teachers? Srinu: No. I mean the teachers have a good impression of Bhanu, and they like him.

Venu: Then we must have been in the bad books of our teachers. For not reading books

Srinu: Exactly. You're a quick learner. We don't read books and our teachers don't like us.

Venu: Look! Someone is coming towards us?

CONDENSE - CONDESCEND

Jani: Everybody needs help one day or the other. A pat for you for asking me for help. Take this money.

Hari: I don't want your help or money.

Jani: What's up, my chum?

Hari: You're condensing. I don't like it.

Jani: Am I turning cold and icy?

Hari: You sound proud and superior.

Jani: Learn the right word from me. You mean condescending!

Srinu: Yes, he's Rajan.

Srinu: He was

'booked', as you might say

Venu: Now I can recognize him. He was a school dropout and working somewhere. Srinu: Worked in a shop till recently. Now he's idle.

Venu: What happened?

Srinu: He cooked the books, and was shown the door.

Venu: Cooked the books? What do you mean?

Srinu: Made false accounts and embezzled money.

Venu: How much? Srinu: To the tune of one lakh rupees.

Venu: So the owner finally caught him! Srinu: Bhanu could deceive his owner briefly. But the owner could read him like a book in the long run.

Venu: He was caught and punished, wasn't he? Srinu: He was 'booked', as you might say.

Venu: I have learnt a lot from you today. Anymore expressions with 'book'? Srinu: Not now. Sometime later.



సూర్యారావు ఎం.వి వివేకానంద ఇన్స్టేట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ లాంగేఁజెస్, రామకృష్ణ మఠం.