

## One who's Wise

A youth **seeking** knowledge, decided to travel and learn from the **wise** men across the land. Before leaving, he went to Nasruddin Hodja for advice.

"Sir," said the youth. "How can you tell if a man is truly wise?"

Hodja remembered what a wise man had told him at the market place a long time ago, and so he said to the youth, "Use this **yardstick** and you'll never go wrong."

"What yardstick?" said the **anxious** youth. "Please tell me."

"He who knows not and does not know that he knows not is a fool, began Hodja. "**Shun** him."

The youth **nodded** his head, and Hodja continued, "He who knows not and knows that he knows not is a child. Teach him. But, he who knows and knows not that he knows is **asleep**. **Awaken** him."

"Sir," said the youth **impatiently**. "How do I find a wise man?"

"He is one who knows and knows that he knows, said Hodja. "Follow him!"

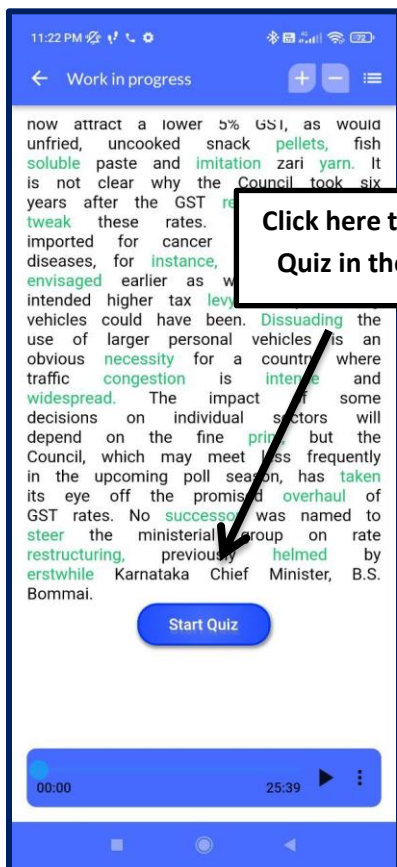
The youth was satisfied and was about to leave when Hodja **baffled** him by saying, "But to make sure that he who knows really knows that he knows is not easy!"



### Vocabulary

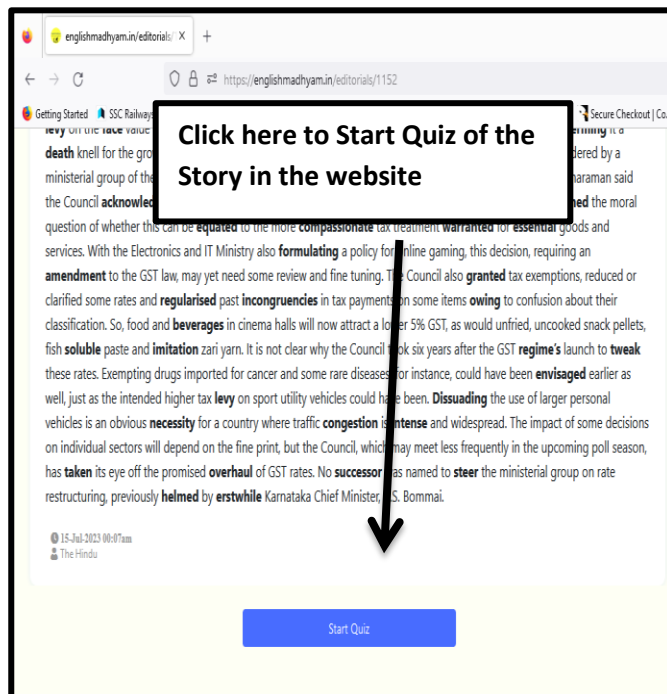
1. **Seek** (verb) – search, pursue, explore, look for, inquire – खोजना / तलाश करना
2. **Wise** (adjective) – intelligent, prudent, sagacious, insightful, knowledgeable – बुद्धिमान
3. **Yardstick** (noun) – standard, measure, benchmark, criterion, gauge – मापदंड
4. **Anxious** (adjective) – worried, concerned, uneasy, nervous, apprehensive – चिंतित / व्याकुल
5. **Shun** (verb) – avoid, evade, reject, eschew, stay away from – दूर रहना / टालना
6. **Nod** (verb) – bob, dip, gesture, incline, agree – सिर हिलाना (सहमति में)
7. **Asleep** (adjective) – sleeping, unconscious, slumbering, dozing, inactive – सोया हुआ
8. **Awaken** (verb) – rouse, wake up, stir, alert, revive – जगाना / सचेत करना
9. **Impatiently** (adverb) – restlessly, eagerly, irritably, anxiously, hastily – अधीरता से
10. **Baffle** (verb) – confuse, perplex, bewilder, puzzle, mystify – हैरान करना / चकित करना

## Practice Exercise



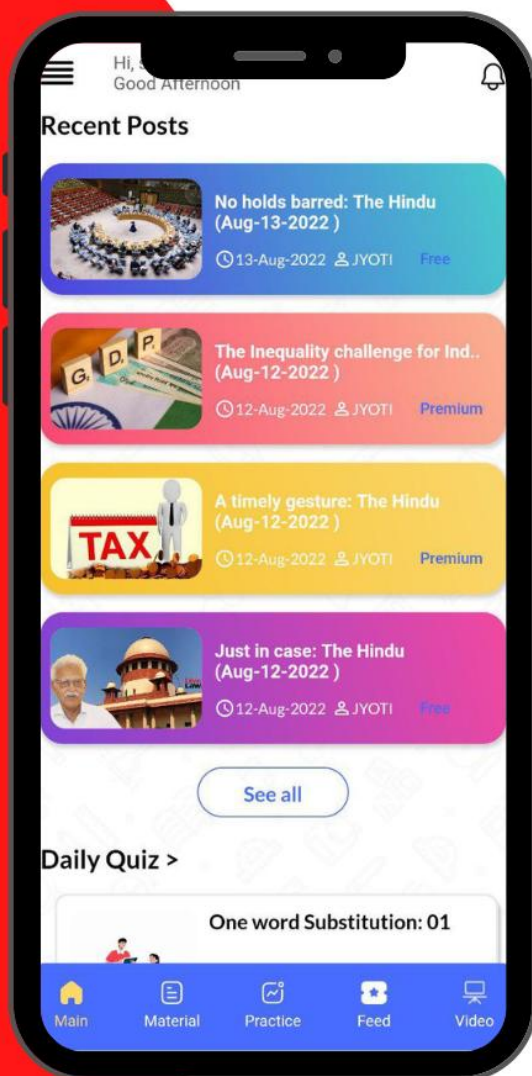
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