## A malaprop? Not a misanthrope?

Nischal: I'm sorry; I don't like our English teacher.

Mukhesh: What's the matter?

**Nischal:** He calls me a misanthrope. **Mukhesh:** Misanthrope? Impossible!

Nischal: He did call me so. I feel wretched

**Mukhesh:** Our English teacher is a nice person. He is soft-spoken. He loves his students.

Nischal: But his attitude ...

Mukhesh: Tell me what happened? What led him to call you so? I don't take you for granted.

Nischal: I used a sentence: "There was a prostitute standing in front of our home."

Mukhesh: What?

Nischal: Begging for alms. I told her to

go away.

Mukhesh: Do you mean a beggar?

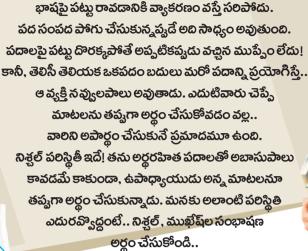
Nischal: Yes.

**Mukhesh:** The teacher must have said you are a malaprop!

Nischal: A malaprop? Not a misanthrope?

Mukhesh: Even I call you so now.

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Nischal: What do you mean? Am I a malaprop? And how?

**Mukhesh:** A malaprop is one who uses the wrong word.

Nischal: Misuses words?

**Mukhesh:** You said prostitute for destitute. And misanthrope for malaprop. What else did you speak to the teacher?

Nischal: I said our friend Gopi is surreptitious. He will stop walking on seeing a cat crossing his path.

**Mukhesh**: Gopi is not surreptitious. He is superstitious.

Nischal: I said travelling by Vande Bharat, I reached my destiny quickly and safely.

Mukhesh: Not destiny. Destination!

**Nischal**: I said the morning paper carried news of the nabbing of a famous criminal.

## EVERYONE'S MOTHER IS GRAND

Gourav: Whom do you like most? Sumanth: My grand mother.

Gourav: Everyone's mother is grand. Sumanth: I am not talking about my mother.

Gourav: Then?

Sumanth: My grand mother.

Gourav: You mean your grandmother!

Mukhesh: A famous criminal? No, a notorious criminal.

Mukhesh: Misanthrope? Impossible!

Nischal: I said a student should understand the concept. Road learning will not help.

**Mukhesh:** Funny! It is not road learning. It is rote learning!

**Nischal:** I spoke about Giri, who wastes his time and others' – the waste fellow.

**Mukhesh:** The worst fellow, not a waste fellow!

Nischal: I said India, with a formidable score in the first innings, is in a demanding position.

**Mukhesh:** Demanding or commanding position?

**Nischal:** You are right. My malapropism is commendable.

**Mukhesh:** Not commendable. It's condemnable!

**Nischal:** How can I overcome this? What is the salvation?

Mukhesh: Say, 'What is the solution?'



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