

The Village of Five Poles



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The villagers were excited to hear that the electricity department was coming to install poles to provide electricity to the village. Each day when the workers arrived, the village gathered around them, excitedly watching and helping install the poles. But after five poles had been installed, and before the electricity was connected, the workers disappeared. The villagers waited for them to return, but they did not, and the villagers began to lose hope for receiving electricity. What do you think the village will do with the five poles?

Story: Mukesh Malviya

Mukesh Malviya has worked as a teacher in government schools for over twenty years. He enjoys his work as it provide him the opportunity to learn from children and engage them in the learning process. In addition to teaching, Malviya is involved in the development of textbooks for schools and hopes to create textbooks that children will find as appealing as storybooks.



Illustration: Proiti Roy

Proiti Roy earned her degree in fine arts from Kala Bhavan, Shantiniketan in 1987. In addition to illustrating stories for children, Roy has worked as a graphic designer in advertising and manufacturing, has worked with handicrafts in recycled mediums, and has taught art to children in Kolkata for 12 years. She loves animals and lives with 15 rescued dogs in West Bengal.

