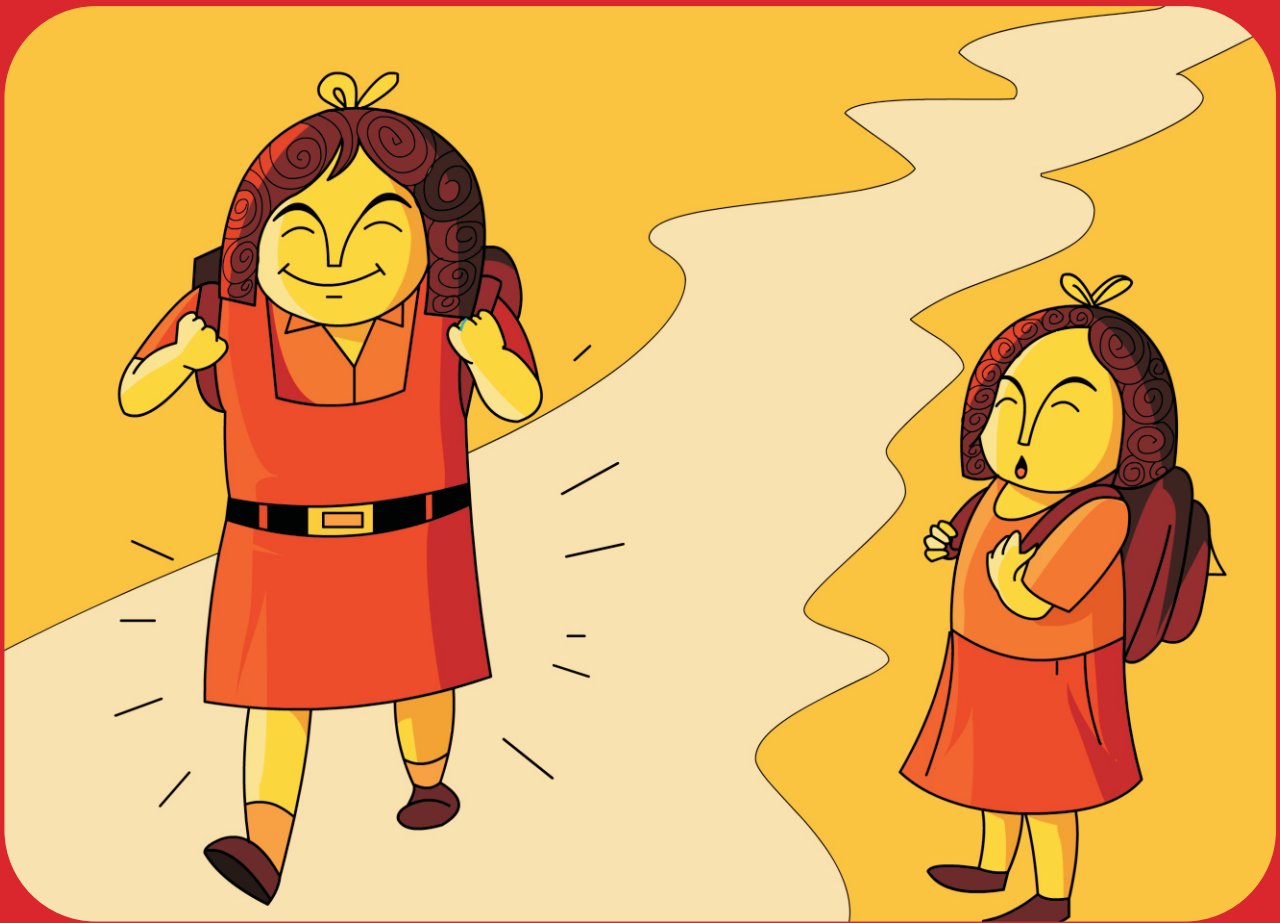




# **The Story of Kamala and Vimala**



About 20 years ago, in a village, there was a school. The school was very much like your school. In that school, there were two girls studying in the 4th standard. One girl's name was Kamala. Other girl's name was Vimala.



Kamala was a very clean girl. Every day, in the morning, she would brush her teeth, take a bath, comb her hair neatly and wear washed clean uniforms. When she used to walk to the school, others used to admire her. They will say, 'Look at her, how good she looks. One day, she will become someone successful in life'.



But, Vimala was very unclean. She will not brush her teeth and have a bath only once in a week. If someone asks her, she would say, 'You can take off all the dirt at one go, then why take bath every day?'. She will wear very dirty uniforms.



If someone asks her, she will say, 'It is not yet fully dirty, when it becomes completely dirty, I will ask my mother to wash, what is the hurry?'. When she used to walk to school, others would scold her. They will say, 'Look at her! How dirty she looks! Most likely she won't become successful in life'.



Kamala's mother had taught her good manners. She will wash her hands with soap before food and after going to toilet. She will always go to school on time and will talk to everyone pleasantly and respectfully. Her mother used to say, 'If you learn good manners early in your life, they will help you later on'.





Vimala's mother had not taught her good manners. So, she wouldn't wash her hands with soap after going to toilet. She will normally be late for school and was always rude to other children and elders.



Kamala always stood first in the class. She went onto finish her 12th standard and then study MBBS. Today, she is a doctor in the city. Vimala failed in her 10th standard and didn't study further. She works in the fields. What do you want to be? Kamala or Vimala?