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58 language called Sanskrit: 'gana' meaning group and 'isha'  
70 meaning Lord. He is known as a god who will help to  
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# Quick Questions



1. What are the names of Ganesh's parents?

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2. 'and a bowl of his **beloved** sweets.'

What does the word 'beloved' mean in this sentence?

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3. Why is Ganesh's choice of transport surprising?

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# Answers



1. What are the names of Ganesh's parents?  
**Accept: (Lord) Shiva and Parvati.**



2. 'and a bowl of his beloved sweets.'  
What does the word 'beloved' mean in this sentence?  
**Accept answers which discuss that Ganesh loves / really likes sweets.**



3. Why is Ganesh's choice of transport surprising?  
**Accept an answer which discusses that elephants cannot usually fit on the back of a mouse / he is a lot heavier than the mouse could normally carry.**



4. Sum up what you think the main point of this text is.  
**Accept any reasonable summary which includes the any key points from the text, such as: Ganesh is a famous elephant-headed God in Hinduism.**