# **Asking questions in Sanskrit**

Class objective: To understand the different types of questions in Sanskrit.

**Concept A:** Different forms of interrogative pronouns (interrogative Questions)

1. किमर्थम् : Why/what for ?

प्रश्नम् (Question) - स: किमर्थम् विद्यालयं गच्छति? [For what/why he is going to school?]

(उत्तरम्) (Answer) - सः पठनार्थम् विद्यालयं गच्छति । [He is going to school for studies.]

2. क्त्र : Where ?

प्रश्नम् (Question) - दिनेश: क्त्र गच्छति ? [Where does Dinesh go?]

(उत्तरम्) (Answer) - दिनेशः विदयालयं गच्छति । [Dinesh goes to school]

3. क्त: - From where ?

प्रश्नम् (Question) - सावित्री क्त: आगतवती? [From where Savitri comes?]

(उत्तरम्) (Answer) - सावित्री कुन्दापुरत: आगतवती । [Savitri comes from Kundapur]

4. कदा? - when?

प्रश्नम् (Question) - सः कदा गच्छति? [When does he go?]

(उत्तरम्) (Answer) - सः सप्तवादने गच्छति । [He goes at 7 O'clock]

5. कथम्? - How?

प्रश्नम् (Question) - बालमुरलि कथं गायति ? [How does Baalamurali sing?]

(उत्तरम्) (Answer) - बालमुरलि मधुरं गायति । [Baalamurali sings sweetly]

6. कित ? - How many/how much?

प्रश्नम् (Question) - एतस्मिन् कति फलानि सन्ति ? [How many fruits are there in it?]

(उत्तरम्) (Answer) - एतस्मिन् पञ्च फलानि सन्ति । [There are 5 fruits in it]

Concept B: Pronoun किम् used as interrogative pronouns.

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