

CHAPTER – 6

The Monkey and The Crocodile

Q. 1

The monkey was happy living in the fruit tree, but his happiness was not complete. What did he miss?

Answer:

The monkey was happy living in the fruit tree. He ate the fruit of his choice to his fill. However, his happiness was incomplete as he did not have anyone to interact with. He felt lonely and missed a companion.

Q. 2

What did the two friends generally talk about?

Answer:

The monkey and the crocodile became very good friends. They generally talked about birds, animals and villagers nearby. They also talked about the difficulties faced by the villagers in raising crops when rain failed.

Q. 3

Why was the crocodile's wife annoyed with her husband one day?

Answer:

One day, the crocodile came back late after meeting the monkey. This annoyed his wife as she was troubled by taking care of the young crocodiles alone.

Q. 4

Why was the crocodile unwilling to invite his friend home?

Answer:

The crocodile's wife expressed her desire of eating the monkey's heart. The crocodile considered the monkey to be a very nice friend and did not want to harm him at first. This made him reluctant in inviting the monkey home.

Q. 5

What did the crocodile tell the monkey midstream?

Answer:

The crocodile carried the monkey on his back and reached the midstream but after that he could not hold back the secret and told the monkey that he was invited as the crocodile's wife wanted to feast on the monkey's heart.

Q. 6

How did the monkey save himself?

Answer:

The monkey was scared but still kept his calm and told the crocodile that he did not mind if the crocodile's wife ate his heart. He further lied that he forgot to bring his heart and will need to go back to the tree to bring it. The crocodile innocently accepted this lie and took the monkey back to the tree. The monkey on reaching the tree eloped and thus saved his life. The monkey jumped on the tree and saved himself.

Q. 7

What does the last sentence of the story suggest? What would the crocodile tell his wife?

Answer:

The last sentence of the story suggests that the crocodile had learnt a lesson and realized that he has lost a good friend because of his wife's greed. It is very likely that he'll rebuke the wife after returning to their home.

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