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## The Rat and his Tail



Most animals have tails. It helps them maintain their balance while moving and to keep flies, etc away. How would an animal feel if it lost its tail. Read this story to know how important the tail was for the rat.

There was a cat and a rat. One day, the cat became angry with the rat.

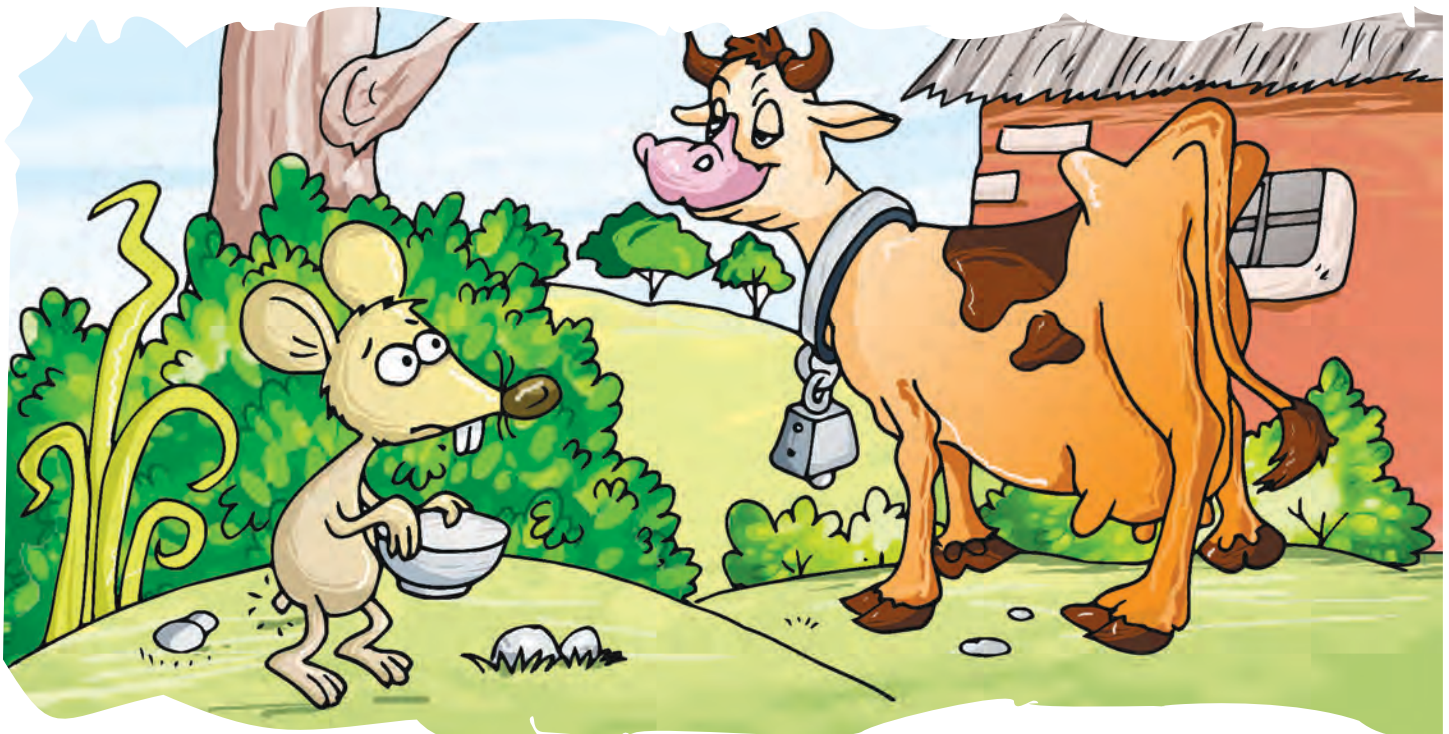
It **bit** off the **tail** of the rat.

The rat said, “Give me my tail back.”

The cat said, “I will give you your tail if you bring me cow’s milk.”

The rat jumped off.

He ran to the cow and said, “Please give me some milk. I shall give it to the cat and get my tail back.”

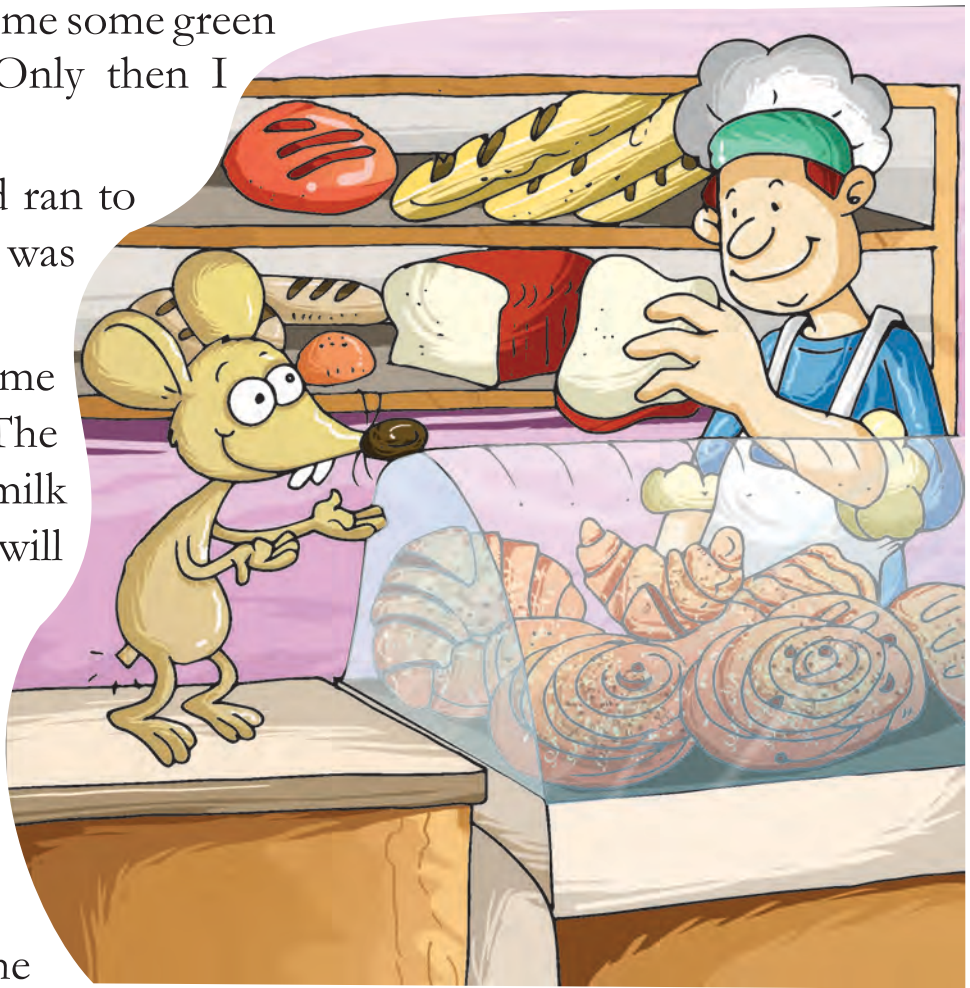


The cow said, “First bring me some green grass from the **farmer**. Only then I shall give you my milk.”

Again the rat jumped and ran to the farmer. The farmer was **ploughing** his field.

“Sir, please give me some green grass for the cow. The cow will give me some milk for the cat. And the cat will give me my tail back.”

The farmer said, “First go and bring me some fresh bread from the **baker**. Only then I shall give you some green grass.”



The rat went off to the baker and said, “Sir, please give me some fresh bread for the farmer. The farmer will then give me some green grass for the cow. The cow will give me some milk. Only then I shall get my tail back from the cat. The baker was a **kind** man. He gave a fresh bread to the rat.

The rat gave the bread to the farmer and got some green grass for the cow. The cow had the green grass and gave some milk to the rat. Then the rat gave the milk to the cat and got his tail back.

### Word-Web

- **bit** : to cut with teeth
- **ploughing** : tilling the field
- **baker** : one who bakes biscuits, rusk, buns, etc.
- **tail** : the hindmost part of an animal
- **farmer** : a man who grows grains, fruits and vegetables for us
- **kind** : friendly and generous



# Comprehension

## » Multi-Menu

Multiple Choice Questions

### A. Tick the correct answers.

1. One day, the cat became \_\_\_\_\_ with the rat.  
(a) happy  (b) friendly  (c) angry
2. I will give you your \_\_\_\_\_ if you bring me cow's milk.  
(a) bread  (b) milk  (c) tail
3. First bring me some green grass from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) cow  (b) farmer  (c) baker
4. Sir, please give me some \_\_\_\_\_ for the cow.  
(a) green grass  (b) fresh bread  (c) some milk

## » Pick and Fill

### B. Choose the correct word from the box and fill in the blanks.

cat tail bread rat farmer

1. The cat became angry with the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Give me my \_\_\_\_\_ back.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ was ploughing his field.
4. The baker gave a fresh \_\_\_\_\_ to the rat.
5. The rat gave the milk to the \_\_\_\_\_ and got his tail back.

### C. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements in the box.

1. The cat was happy with the rat.
2. The cow asked the rat to bring fresh bread.
3. The farmer was ready to give green grass to the rat.
4. The baker was a kind man so he gave a bread to the rat.
5. The rat gave the milk to the cat and got his tail back.

## » Matching-Mania

D. Match the words in Column A with words in Column B to make correct sentences.

### Column A

1. The cat •
2. Give me •
3. Please give me •
4. First go and bring me •
5. First bring me •

### Column B

- (a) some fresh bread from the baker.
- (b) became angry with the rat.
- (c) some green grass from the farmer.
- (d) some milk.
- (e) my tail back.

## » Question-Queue (Short)

E. Answer each question in a few words or a sentence.

1. Who became angry with the rat?
2. Whom did the rat ask for some milk?
3. Whom did the rat ask for some green grass?
4. Who asked the rat to bring some green grass?
5. Who gave a fresh bread to the rat?

## » Question-Queue (Long)

F. Answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. Why did the cat bite off the tail of the rat?
2. Why did the rat go to the cow for milk?
3. What did the cow demand from the rat for giving him milk?
4. Why did the rat go to the farmer for green grass?
5. Why did the baker give fresh bread to the rat?



## Vocabulary

▶ A man who sells bread, biscuits, cakes, etc is called a 'baker'.

What are the following people called?

1. One who sells fruits and vegetables
2. One who sells milk
3. One who sells medicines
4. One who sells, rice, sugar, wheat flour, oil, etc

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5. One who sells books, pens and pencils \_\_\_\_\_



### Think-n-Thrive

Why was the rat so worried when his tail was bit off by the cat? Don't you think that every part of your body is very important for you? Give two examples.



## Grammar-Grip

### Articles

**A**, **An** and **The** are called articles. **A** and **An** are indefinite articles. **The** is called the definite article.

**A** and **An** are used before singular countable nouns.

**A** is used before nouns starting with constant sounds. Examples : a rat, a cat.

**An** is used before nouns starting with vowel sounds. Examples : an apple, an egg.

**The** is used before the names of particular things. Examples : the earth, the sun.

**The** is used before the names of holy books, newspapers, seas, famous buildings, rivers, mountains, lakes, celestial bodies, etc.

- **Holy books** : the Geeta, the Ramayana, the Bible, the Quran, etc.
- **Newspaper** : the Hindustan Times, the Times of India, etc.
- **Seas/Oceans** : the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea, the Atlantic ocean, etc.
- **Famous Buildings** : the Red Fort, the Lotus Temple, the Golden Temple, etc.
- **Rivers** : the Ganges, the Yamuna, the Kaveri, the Nile, etc.
- **Mountains** : the Himalayas, the Aravali, the Karakoram, etc.
- **Celestial Bodies** : the Earth, the Moon, the Sun, the stars, etc.

### Now, fill in the blanks with correct articles.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ boy
2. \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Ganga
4. \_\_\_\_\_ tiger
5. \_\_\_\_\_ plant
6. \_\_\_\_\_ orange

### Fun to Write

### Complete the sentences with suitable words from the box.

food    animals    milk

1. Dogs, cats and rabbits are pet \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A cow gives us \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A farmer grows \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

