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## The Lion's Bad Breath



Does your mouth smell sweet and fresh? It is because you use toothpaste and brush to keep your breath smell good. Read the story of a lion whose breath smells bad. He is angry with everyone who tells him about the truth.

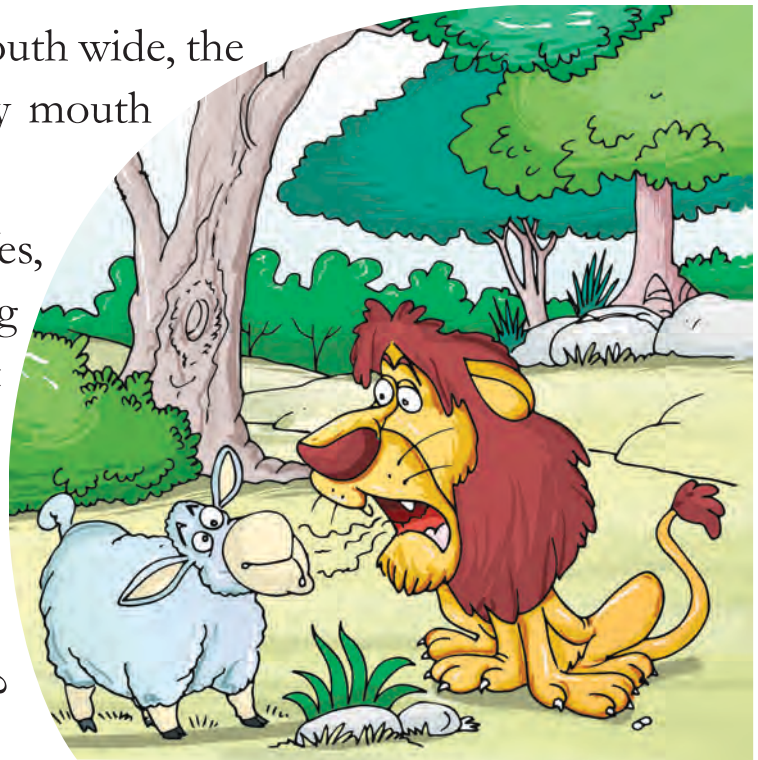
Once there lived a lion in a **dense** forest. He was the king of the forest. One morning his wife said to him, 'What a bad **breath** you have!' On hearing this **comment**, the lion felt **ashamed** and angry. He wanted to check the truth of his wife's statement. He called his **ministers** to his **court** one by one.

First came the sheep. Opening his mouth wide, the lion said, 'Dear sheep, tell me if my mouth smells bad.'

The sheep was honest and said, 'Yes, **Your Majesty**, there is something wrong with your breath.' The honest reply made the lion angry. He **pounced** upon the sheep and killed him.

The king then called the wolf and said, 'What do you think of my breath? Is it bad?'

The wolf knew that the lion had killed the sheep for speaking the truth. So he was **careful** in answering the question. He said, 'Who says your Majesty's breath

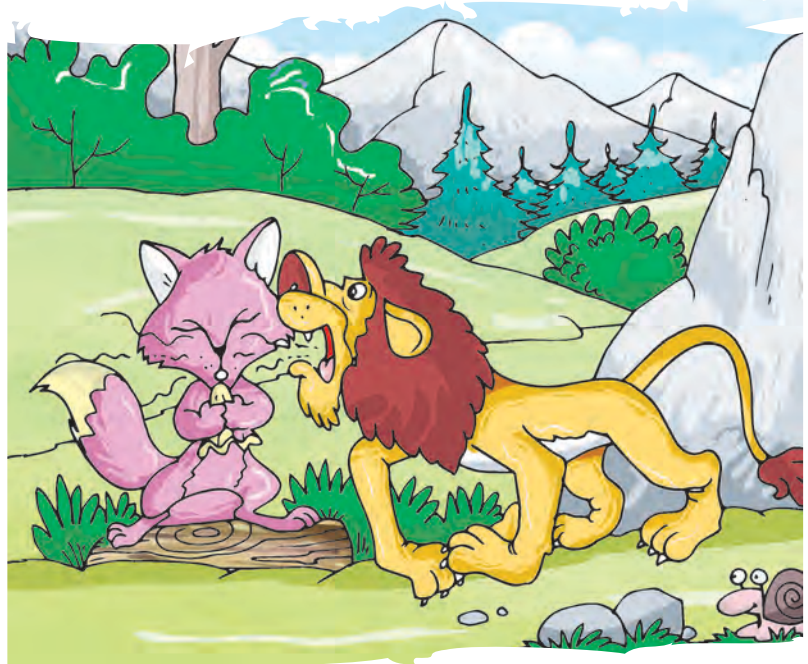


is **unpleasant**? It is as sweet as the smell of roses.’

But even the **false** answer did not make the lion happy. He **roared** in anger. He **attacked** the wolf and killed him. ‘A **flatter!**’ growled the lion.

Then the third minister, the fox, was called. The lion asked him the same question.

The cunning fox knew what had happened to his friends. So he started **coughing**. He cleared his throat again and again. Then he replied, ‘Your Majesty, I am not in a good health for the last few days. I have a **blocked** nose due to bad cold. I can’t smell anything.’ Thus, the clever fox saved his life.



### Word-Web

- |                       |                               |                     |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| • <b>dense</b>        | : thick                       | • <b>breath</b>     | : air taken into or thrown out of your lungs |
| • <b>comment</b>      | : remark                      | • <b>ashamed</b>    | : full of shame                              |
| • <b>ministers</b>    | : advisors                    | • <b>court</b>      | : (here) king’s office                       |
| • <b>Your Majesty</b> | : respectful title for a king | • <b>pounced</b>    | : jumped to catch                            |
| • <b>careful</b>      | : taking care                 | • <b>unpleasant</b> | : not pleasing                               |
| • <b>false</b>        | : untrue                      | • <b>roared</b>     | : made a loud sound                          |
| • <b>attacked</b>     | : acted violently             | • <b>flatterer</b>  | : one who says false words to please others  |



## Comprehension

### » Multi-Menu

Multiple Choice Questions

#### A. Tick the correct answers.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the king of the forest.

(a) sheep

(b) lion

(c) fox

2. What a bad \_\_\_\_\_ you have!  
 (a) mouth  (b) nose  (c) breath
3. The honest answer of the \_\_\_\_\_ made the lion angry.  
 (a) sheep  (b) fox  (c) lioness
4. Who says Your Majesty's breath is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 (a) good  (b) unpleasant  (c) bad

» **Pick and Fill**

**B. Fill in the blanks with correct words from the box.**

blocked    pounced    roses    bad    dense

1. There lived a lion in a \_\_\_\_\_ forest.
2. The lion's wife commented on his \_\_\_\_\_ breath.
3. The lion \_\_\_\_\_ upon the sheep and killed him.
4. The wolf said that the lion's breath was as sweet as \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The cunning fox said that he had a \_\_\_\_\_ nose due to bad cold.

**C. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements.**

1. The lion felt happy on hearing his wife's comment.
2. The lion called his servants to his court one by one.
3. The lion called the wolf a flatterer.
4. The wolf told a lie by saying that the lion had a sweet breath.

» **Matching-Mania**

**D. Match the describing words in Column A with correct nouns in Column B.**

**Column A**

1. dense •
2. bad •
3. false •
4. cunning •
5. blocked •

**Column B**

- (a) nose
- (b) fox
- (c) forest
- (d) answer
- (e) breath



## » Question-Queue (Short)

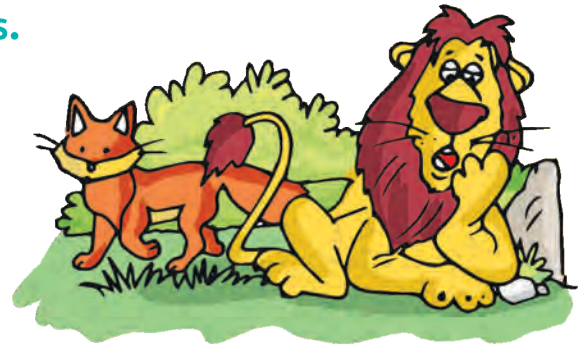
### E. Answer each question in a few words or a sentence.

1. Where did the lion live?
2. Who told the lion about his bad breath?
3. Who said that there was something wrong with the lion's breath?
4. Who were the three ministers of the lion?

## » Question-Queue (Long)

### F. Answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. Why did the lion kill the sheep?
2. What did the wolf answer the lion?
3. Why did the fox start caughing?
4. How did the fox succeed in saving his life?



## Vocabulary

### ► Here are some words from the story. Complete these words by filling in the blanks with vowels— a, e, i, o, u.

- |            |            |               |                |
|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. for__st | 2. br__th  | 3. c__rt      | 4. sh__ p      |
| 5. m__th   | 6. r__r__d | 7. c__r__f__l | 8. m__n__st__r |



### Think-n-Thrive

- Who of the lion's three ministers was the most intelligent? Why?
- A flatterer always meets his end. Is it true? How?



## Grammar-Grip

### ► Nouns : Common and Proper

**Common nouns** are the names used for common persons or things.

For example : boy, girl, book, chair, tree, mobile phone, bird, etc.

**Proper nouns** are special names of particular persons, places, animals or things.



Proper nouns always begin with a capital letter

For example : Rakesh, Delhi, Red Fort, India, the Ganga, the Earth, etc.

- ▶ Write the nouns given in the box under correct headings in the table.  
Begin each proper noun with a capital letter.

teacher	bread	taj mahal	yamuna	cow	sister	priya
sunday	geeta	bible	fish	dog	december	aunt

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns

» Fun to Do

- ▶ Look at the pictures shown below. Write three things related to each picture. One has been done for you.

1. ....children.....



2. ....ball.....

3. ....swings.....



1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

1. ....



2. ....

3. ....



1. ....

2. ....

3. ....