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The Hare and the Lion



Have you ever been in a fix and knew no way to come out of it? What ideas came to your mind? Could you think like the small hare in the story who not only saved the life of himself and his friends but also made an end of the problem-creator? Read the story to know about his wisdom.

Once a lion lived in a jungle. He killed many animals everyday. So, all the animals of the forest were very sad. One day, they held a meeting to **discuss** the **matter**. They talked about the solution of the problem.

The deer said to the fox, “Dear Fox! You are the wisest of us all. You can give a good **suggestion**. Please help us.”

The clever fox said, “Let us offer the lion an animal everyday. We should pray to him not to ask for more.”

All the animals **appreciated** his **proposal**. Then all the animals of the jungle went to the lion and said, “O King of the Jungle! We have come to make you an **offer**. If you kill so many animals a day, there will be left none very soon. We will send an animal to your **den** everyday. Please eat only one animal a day.”

The lion thought that it was a good idea because he would not have to go about to find his food.

Then he said to the animals, “All right. I **accept** your offer. But you have to keep your promise.”

“Yes, yes,” the animals said.

The animals were very happy now. They returned back happily.



Since that time, everyday an animal would go to the lion's den.

One day, it was the **turn** of an old hare. When he was going to the lion, he thought, "I am going to die now. But before I die, I should try to save myself from the cruel lion. I must play a **trick** on him."

Thinking this, he began to walk very slowly. It was very late when he reached the lion's den. The lion was very hungry. When he saw the little hare, he became very angry. He roared, "Why are you so late?"

The hare said, "I am sorry, sir. But I was **helpless**. Another lion has come in this forest. He stopped me on the way. He says that he is our new king. He wants to kill you."

Hearing this, the lion became **mad** with anger. He cried, "Lead me to him. I will kill him at once."

The hare said, "Follow me, sir."

The hare led the lion to a well which was very deep and full of water.

The hare said to the lion, "Sir, he has hidden himself in this well. Look into the well. You will see your enemy there."

The lion peeped into the well. He saw his own face in the clean water of the well. He thought that another lion was in the well. He roared at him and the **echo** came back to him.

Now he became very angry and jumped into the well. He **drowned** in the water and died.

The happy hare came back to other animals and told them the **whole** story. Then all the animals became very happy. They welcomed the hare as the hero of the jungle.



Word-Web

- **discuss** : to talk with others over a problem
- **suggestion** : advice
- **proposal** : a plan, suggestion
- **den** : cave
- **turn** : position or number
- **helpless** : not in a position to do anything
- **echo** : counter sound of something
- **whole** : complete
- **matter** : issue, problem
- **appreciate** : approve, agree
- **offer** : proposal
- **accept** : to agree with
- **trick** : a clever or the best way
- **mad** : very angry
- **drowned** : submerged under water
- **welcomed** : honoured



Comprehension

Multi-Menu

Multiple Choice Questions

A. Tick the correct answers.

- One day, the animals held a _____ to discuss the matter.
(a) conference (b) meeting (c) birthday party
- All the animals appreciated the _____ of the fox.
(a) idea (b) planning (c) proposal
- We will send an _____ to your den everyday.
(a) ice cream (b) animal (c) orange
- When the lion saw the little hare, he became very _____.
(a) happy (b) sad (c) angry
- The lion jumped into the _____ and drowned and died.
(a) well (b) pond (c) river

Pick and Fill

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

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- The animals talked about the _____ of the problem.
- The hare thought that he must play a _____ on the lion.
- The another lion _____ the hare on the way.
- The lion _____ into the well and saw his own face in the water.
- The animals _____ the hare as the hero of the jungle.

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

- All the animals of the forest were very sad.
- The animals proposed to the lion to send a hare to his den everyday.
- Thinking to save his life, the hare began to walk very fast.
- The hare led the lion to a river which was very deep.
- The lion roared at him and the echo came back to him.

» Matching-Mania

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

Column A

1. The animals were •
2. The fox was the •
3. It was the turn •
4. The lion became •
5. The lion peeped •

Column B

- (a) very angry.
- (b) into the well.
- (c) very sad.
- (d) wisest of all.
- (e) of an old hare.

» Question-Queue (Short)

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

1. Where did the lion live?
2. Who proposed to offer the lion an animal everyday?
3. Who returned back happily?
4. Why was the lion very angry?
5. Who jumped into the well and died?



» Question-Queue (Long)

F. Answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. Why were the animals of the forest sad?
2. Why did the lion like the idea of the animals?
3. What did the hare tell the lion about his coming late?
4. What did the lion see when he peeped into the well?
5. Why did the animals become happy at last?



Vocabulary

A. One word in each group is odd. Encircle the word that does not belong to the group.

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|----------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. lion | bear | horse | fox | jackal |
| 2. tree | plant | shrub | jungle | creeper |
| 3. happy | trick | sad | angry | disturbed |
| 4. day | week | year | month | matter |
| 5. well | river | spring | waterfall | ocean |

B. We can make opposites of some words by adding -less to them.

For example : help + less = helpless, home + less = homeless.

Make opposite words of the following by adding -less.

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|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1. land | _____ | 2. tooth | _____ |
| 3. fault | _____ | 4. error | _____ |
| 5. child | _____ | 6. harm | _____ |
| 7. home | _____ | 8. seed | _____ |



Think-n-Thrive

The hare told a lie to the lion by telling him the story of another lion. Did he do the right thing? Why?



Grammar-Grip

▶ Collective Nouns

A collective noun is a singular noun that refers to a group of people, animals or things.

For example :

- an **army** of soldiers
- a **team** of players
- a **herd** of cattle/deer/elephants/cows
- a **pack** of dogs/cards/wolves
- a **set** of tools
- an **orchard** of fruit trees
- a **cabinet** of ministers
- a **fleet** of ships/buses/cars
- a **litter** of puppies
- a **class** of students
- a **flock** of birds/sheep
- a **bouquet** of flowers
- a **hive** of bees
- a **pride** of lions
- a **choir** of singers
- a **band** of musicians
- a **shoal** of fish
- a **school** of whales

A. Choose correct collective nouns from the box and write them against the phrases given below.

crew herd bunch crowd flight galaxy zoo bundle bride class

1. A collection of keys _____
2. A group of students studying in the same grade _____
3. A group of cows/buffaloes _____
4. A group of people _____
5. A collection of birds _____

