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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."

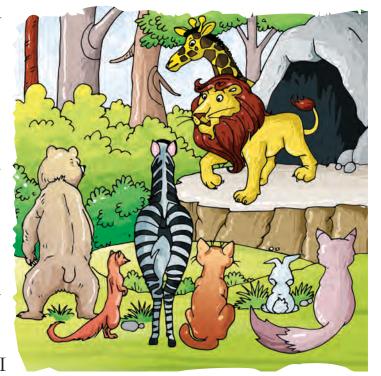
The lion thought that it was a good idea because he would not have to go about to find his food.

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



| ≫ | Multi-Menu ∫ | Multiple Choice Question | ıs | |
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| Α. | Tick / the correct answers. | | | |
| | 1. One day, the animals held a to discuss the matter. | | | |
| | (a) conference (b) meeting | (c) birthday party | | |
| | 2. All the animals appreciated the | of the fox. | | |
| | (a) idea (b) planning | (c) proposal | | |
| | 3. We will send an to your den everyday. | | | |
| | (a) ice cream (b) animal | (c) orange | | |
| | 4. When the lion saw the little hare, he became | ie very | | |
| | (a) happy (b) sad | (c) angry | | |
| | 5. The lion jumped into thea | and drowned and died. | | |
| | (a) well (b) pond | (c) river | | |
| >> | Pick and Fill | | | |
| В. | Fill in the blanks with correct words from the | | | |
| | welcomed trick peeped solution | stopped | | |
| | 1. The animals talked about the | of the problem. | | |
| | 2. The hare thought that he must play a | on the lion. | | |
| | 3. The another lion the hare | on the way. | | |
| | 4. The lion into the well and | saw his own face in the water. | | |
| | 5. The animals the hare as the hero of the jungle. | | | |
| C. | Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements | | | |
| | 1. All the animals of the forest were very sad. | | | |
| | 2. The animals proposed to the lion to send a hare to his den everyday. | | | |
| | 3. Thinking to save his life, the hare began to walk very fast. | | | |



4. The hare led the lion to a river which was very deep.

5. 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 the 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.

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



| В. | We can make opposit For example: help + le | | | | | | |
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| | Make opposite words | • | | 33. | | | |
| | 1. land | _ | | | | | |
| | 3. fault | 4. | error | | | | |
| | 5. child | 6. | harm | | | | |
| | 7. home | 8. | seed | | | | |
| | Think-n-Thrive | | | | | | |
| | The hare told a lie thing? Why? | to the lion by telli | ng him the story o | of another | lion. Did | he do the r | right |
| | Grammar-Grip | | | | | | |
| A. | Collective Nouns A collective noun is a For example: an army of soldiers a team of players a herd of cattle/dee a pack of dogs/card a set of tools an orchard of fruit a cabinet of minist a fleet of ships/bus a litter of puppies Choose correct collect | er/elephants/cow ds/wolves trees ers es/cars | a class of s a flock of b a bouquet a hive of b a pride of l a choir of s a band of n a school of | tudents irds/sheep of flowers ees ions ingers nusicians ish whales |) | | |
| | crew herd bunch | crowd fligh | t galaxy zoo | bundle | bride | class | |
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| | 1. A collection of ke | | | | | | |
| | - | nts studying in the | e same grade | | | | |
| | 3. A group of cows/ | buffaloes | | | | | |
| | 4. A group of people | 2 | | | | | |
| | 5. A collection of bi | rds | | | | | |



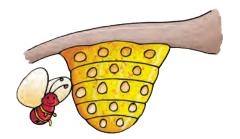
| 10. | A group of lions | | | |
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| | A collection of sticks tied together | | | |
| | A group of wild animals in a secure place | • | | |
| 7. | A group of stars | of stars | | |
| 6. | A group of sailors | | | |
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В.

1. A troop of 2. A forest of

- 3. A hedge of
- 4. A swarm of
- 5. An album of
- 6. A battalion of

- (a) soldiers
- (b) photographs
- (c) monkeys
- (d) bushes
- (e) trees
- (f) bees



Fun to Fill

> 'Antonym' is a word that is opposite in meaning to another word. Fill in the crossword with the correct antonyms of the words given in clues.

