

SUMMARY OF THE LESSON

Once there lived a monkey in a fruit tree on a river bank. He was happy but he felt lonely. He wanted to have a companion to talk to.

One day a crocodile appeared on the riverside. The monkey offered him fruits. He made friends with him.

The crocodile visited the monkey regularly. He took the fruits home also for his wife. Soon the two became the best of friends. They talked about birds, animals and the difficulties of the villagers.

One day the crocodile overstayed with the monkey. His wife became angry with him. She wanted to know who his friend was and why he was so fond of him. The crocodile told him about the monkey and his generous nature. Now his wife wanted to eat the heart of such a good monkey. The crocodile resisted. At this his wife dived in to hide herself at the bottom of the river.

The crocodile found himself in trouble. He loved his friend but he loved his wife more. He decided to please his wife. He planned to invite the monkey home for dinner.

He made the offer to the monkey. The monkey accepted the invitation gladly. Since he could not swim, he agreed to ride on the crocodile's back.

In the middle of the river, the current was very strong. The crocodile told the monkey about his wife's demand.

The clever monkey kept his head cool. He agreed to meet the demand of the friend's wife. But he played a trick. He said that he had left his heart behind on the tree.

The foolish crocodile turned to swim back to the tree on the river bank. The monkey at once jumped on to the tree. He thus saved his life by using his wit. He broke his friendship with the crocodile for good.

TEXTBOOK QUESTIONS SOLVED

EXERCISE

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

Ans. The monkey was happy in his fruit tree home. He had plenty to eat, but he had no company. He felt lonely. He needed a companion to talk to and also to share his fruits.

2. What did the two friends generally talk about?

Ans. The monkey and the crocodile became fast friends. They talked about birds and animals. They also discussed the difficulties of the farmers when the rain failed.

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

Ans. One day, the crocodile overstayed with the monkey. His wife had to manage the little ones alone. So she was annoyed with him.

4. Why was the crocodile unwilling to invite his friend home?

Ans. The crocodile's wife wanted to eat the heart of the monkey. The crocodile refused to oblige her. He could not betray his fast friend. He shouted at her angrily.

5. What did the crocodile tell the monkey midstream?

Ans. The crocodile could not displease his wife for the sake of his friend. One day he let the monkey sit on his back, and sailed out. He reached the midstream. Then he revealed his evil plan. He admitted that he meant to kill him and take his heart to his wife.

6. How did the monkey save himself?

Ans. The monkey was sad and terrified. But he was clever enough to make a plan to save his life. He said that he would gladly give away his heart to his friend's wife. But unfortunately

he had left his heart on the tree. The stupid crocodile swam back to the tree to collect the heart. The monkey jumped on to the tree and thus saved himself.

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

Ans. The crocodile was in a fix. He wanted to make an excuse for his failure. He told his wife that the monkey would be reaching there soon with lots of fruit as well as his heart.

Or

Finally the crocodile would muster courage to tell her in strong and effective terms how she had spoiled a good relationship and that then were areas where she really had to improve and change herself.

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