

Grade VI

Lesson.2. The Friendly Mongoose

Summary of the Chapter

A Farmer Brought a Tiny Mongoose

A farmer and his wife lived in a village with their son. They wanted a pet who can be a companion for their son. The farmer's wife liked the idea. The farmer brought a tiny mongoose who will be a friend to their son. The mongoose grown to its full size in 5 or 6 months, but the farmer's son was still a baby in the cradle.

The farmer's wife wanted to go for shopping. She did not want to leave the baby alone in the house with the mongoose as she was afraid of the mongoose. The farmer told her that nothing will happen to the baby. She went out and the farmer also moved out to take a look at his fields. The farmer met some of his friends and did not return for quite some time.

The Farmer's Wife Killed the Mongoose

The Farmer's wife returned home with a basketful of groceries. She noticed that the face and paws of the mongoose were covered with blood. She thought that the monogoose has killed her baby. She behaved like a mad person and brought down the heavy basket full of groceries on the mongoose. The mongoose died on the spot.

The Farmers's Wife Realised that the Mongoose has Saved her Baby

The Farmer's wife ran inside the room and saw her baby was asleep. She saw a black snake was lying dead on the floor. The farmer's wife realized her mistake that she killed the mongoose out of rage. She has acted hastily. She ran out looking for the mongoose who was already dead. Her baby started crying and she went inside to feed the baby.

NCERT Corner

1. Why did the farmer bring a baby mongoose into the house?

The farmer had a baby, he wanted to have a pet for his son. He thought that the pet would be his son's companion. So he brought the mongoose to play with his son.

2. Why didn't the farmer's wife want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose?

The farmer's wife did not want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose because she was afraid of the mongoose that it will kill the baby in her absence.

3. What was the farmer's comment on his wife's fears?

The farmer understood his wife's fear. He told that the mongoose is a friendly animal and it is as sweet as their baby. The farmer said that the mongoose and their baby will be best friends.

4. Why did the farmer's wife strike the mongoose with her basket?

The farmer's wife noticed blood on the face and paws of the mongoose. She thought that the mongoose has killed her baby so out of rage she hit the mongoose with her basket. The animal died on the spot.

5. Did she repent hasty action? How does she show her repentance?

Yes, she realized her mistake that she killed the mongoose out of anger. She saw the dead snake lying on the floor. She ran out looking for the mongoose. She cried and touched the mongoose. She kept looking at the dead animal and felt sorry.

6. Do you have a pet- a cat or a dog? If not, would you like one. How would you, look after it? Are you for or against keeping birds in a cage as pets?

Do it yourself.

Chapter Practice

Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. Where did the farmer's wife want to go?

The farmer's wife wanted to go to the market to buy groceries. She took her basket and informed her husband.

2. Why did the farmer move out of the house?

The farmer had nothing to do in the house and decided to take a look at his fields. He met his friend's on the way back.

3. What did the farmer's wife notice after returning home?

The Farmer's wife noticed that the face and paws of the mongoose were covered with blood.

4. What was customary for the mongoose?

It was customary for the mongoose to run and welcome the farmer's wife when she returns home.

5. How did the child and mongoose grow?

In five or six months the mongoose had grown to its full size while the child was a baby in the cradle.

6. What is the moral of the story?

The moral of the story is 'Think twice before you act'

Short Answer Type Questions

1. What did the farmer's wife realise after killing the mongoose?

The farmer's wife realised her mistake after killing the mongoose. She thought that the mongoose has killed her baby. In fact, the mongoose has saved her baby from a snake.

2. Describe the appearance of the mongoose.

The mongoose was a tiny and lovely animal with two shining black eyes and a bushy tail. The mongoose had grown to its full size in just five or six months. It was a friendly animal and was as sweet as the baby.

Long Answer Type Questions

What made the farmer's wife kill the mongoose? Why did she cry after killing the mongoose?

The farmer's returned home with a basketful of groceries. She noticed that the face and paws of the mongoose were covered with blood. She thought that the mongoose has killed her baby. She hit the mongoose with her basket full of groceries. The mongoose died on the spot.

She later saw her baby was asleep. She saw a black snake lying dead on the floor. The farmer's wife realised her mistake that she killed the mongoose out of rage. She ran out looking for the mongoose. She touched the dead animal and cried to show her sorrow.

Value Based Questions

Do you think one should act hastily and rashly? Give reasons to support your answer.

No, one should never act hastily and rashly. People tend to do mistakes when they act hastily.

There is no point crying over something which has already happened.

The farmer's wife acted hastily and killed the mongoose who has saved her baby from a deadly snake.

She realised her mistake after killing the mongoose. The family lost a good and trustworthy friend out of anger. She should have looked for her baby before killing the mongoose.

Sample Message

Read the following conversation between Mrs. Shoba and Dr Chetan.

Dr Chetan Hello! Is it 9954043450?

Mrs Shobha Yes, who are you talking please?

Dr Chetan I am Dr Chetan. May I talk to Mrs Poonam, Vice-principal in a school?

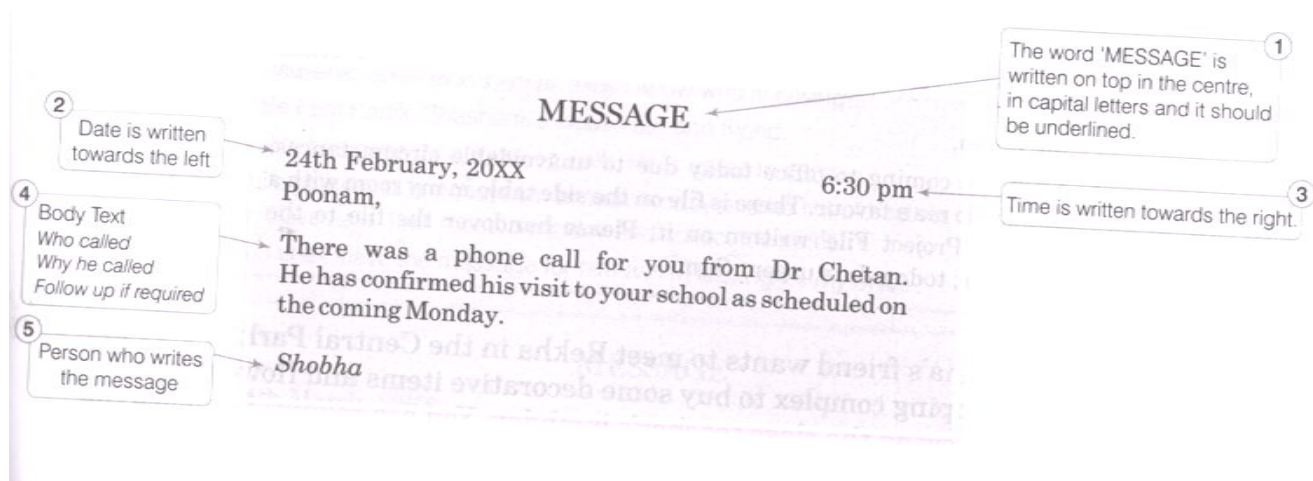
Mrs Shoba Good morning Doctor ! I am Shoba, Poonam's mother. She has gone to Meet a colleague of hers and left her phone here. Can I do anything for you?

Dr Chetan Yes, please In fact, she wanted to me to confirm my visit to her school for a health talk for students on the coming Monday. Please tell her I shall come as per schedule.

Dr Shoba Ok Doctor, I shall convey your message to her.

Dr Chetan Thank you Mrs Shobha.

As Mrs Shobha is going to temple, she writes the message for Poonam. Write her message.



Solved Passages

1. Read the following conversation between Ragini and Prateek about Parth, Ragini's brother. Ragini has to go for her tuitions so she leaves the message for Parth. Write her message.

Prateek Hello I can speak to parth?

Ragini May I know who on the line please?

Prateek I am Prateek, Path's friend.

Ragini Sorry, Prateek, he just gone to a stationary shop I am Ragini, his Sister. I can take the message for him.

Prateek Yes, please. Actually I, along with two friends are going to see the newly released movie PK at Utsav Cinema tomorrow it being Sunday. An extra ticket can be arranged for Parth, if can join us. He should Let me know today by 7.00pm.

Ragini Ok I shall convey the message to him.

Prateek Thank You.

Ragini You're welcome!

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MESSAGE

11th April, 20XX

5.00 PM

Parth,

Prateek, Your friend called up when you were away at the stationery shop. He is going to see the film PK tomorrow with friends. They can arrange a ticket for you if you wish to join them. You have to tell him about it today by 7.00 pm

Ragini

2. Sapna, your sister Rekha's friend wants to meet Rekha in the Central Park at 5: pm. They will go to the local shopping complex to buy some decorative items and flowers to decorate their classroom tomorrow on the class teachers's birthday. You are required to leave the message for Rekha. You are Rekha's brother Mohit. Write the message.

MESSAGE

23rd April, 20XX

3.00 AM

Rekha,

Your friend Sapna wants you to meet her today at 5.00 pm in the Central Park. She said you would go then to the local shopping complex to buy some items to decorate the classroom tomorrow on your class teacher's birthday.

Mohit

SHORT PASSAGES

(Read the passages given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.)

Passage 1 (Passages with Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Passage 1

There was two twin brothers Sam and Tom. They were identical twins, even their mother found it hard to differentiate between them. However, they were like two poles apart when it came to everything other than their appearance. Sam loved sweets and Tom liked to eat spicy foods. While Sam was generous, Tom was greedy. Their father wanted to share his fortune equally.

However, Tom did not agree and argued that whoever is more intelligent should get higher share. The father decided to organize a competition.

The two were ordered to walk as long as they can and return before sunset. Whoever covers the longer distance and return before sunset will get more wealth. Sam walked slowly and steadily, while Tom started to run instantly. The distance they would reach home before sunset. It was mid-noon. He walked two times longer distance compared to Sam.

Unfortunately, he could not even make half way to home before sunset. He lost the race due to greediness.

Questions

1. Why does the father decide to organize a competition?
2. Who won the competition and how did it happen?
3. Write synonym for the word 'sunset'.
4. How can you say that Tom was greedy?
5. Sam loved sweets while Tom liked to eat.....
6. Give antonym for the word 'intelligent'.

Passage 3

A habit is a stick thing,
Much good or evil it can bring;
It blinds a victim, holds him fast,
And keeps him in a vise-like grasp.
Bad habits grow with extra speed,
Much like a healthy, growing weed.
The roots grow deep, the stem grows stout,
How difficult to pull it out!
Good habits are a little slow;
They need a lot of care to grow,
If tended well, they grow more fair
Than any bloom a plant can bear,
Good habits help us all through life;
Bad habits bring us pain and strife;
Our habits, whether right or wrong,
Each day will grow more firm and strong

Questions

1. Why habit is a sticky thing?
2. How can you develop good habits?
3. Give synonym for the word 'victim'
4. Our bad habits have been compared with weeds because
5. Write antonym for the word 'pull'
6. Our habits whether they are right or wrong.

Answers

Passage1 (passages with Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Passage 1

1. The father wanted to share his fortune equally among his two sons. But one of them did not agree so, he decided to hold a competition.
2. Sam won the competition as he walked slowly and steadily. He decided to return on time after the mid-noon. Tom did not return on time due to his greediness.
3. The synonym is dusk.
4. Tom was greedy to earn more wealth and did not return even after mid-noon. He walked two times longer distance compared to Sam and failed to return on time.
5. Spicy foods.
6. The antonym is stupid.

Passage 3

1. Because it binds a victim and hold it tightly. It never allows its victim to escape and change his mindsets. It grows with speed and stays forever.
2. It takes time to develop good habits as it needs a lot of care. A person should be patient if he wants to develop good habits.
3. Synonym is sufferer.
4. Bad habits destroy a person's life as weeds destroy the plants and restrict their growth. Bad habits and weeds both are rooted deep below.
5. The antonym is push.
6. Grew stronger and more compact with each passing day.