



Lesson 6. The Monkey and the Crocodile

Supplementary

Summary of the chapter

A Monkey lived on a Tree who Befriends with a Crocodile

A Monkey made his home on the bank of a river. He lived on a tree full of fruits. He was very happy and satisfied. He wanted to have a friend to talk and share the fruits. One day, a crocodile visited the bank of the river. The monkey offered him some fruits. They both became friends later. The crocodile visited the monkey regularly and ate fruits which the monkey threw towards him. The crocodile took some fruits for his wife. They became best friends and were never tired of talking. They talked about birds, animals and villagers.

The Crocodile's Wife Wanted to eat the Monkey's Heart

One day, the crocodile stayed with the monkey for long which annoyed his wife. His wife asked him the reason behind getting late. The crocodile replied he was with the monkey who sends her fruit every day. He said the monkey was very nice and generous. The crocodile became very angry. His wife was very angry because the crocodile was not in favour of killing his friend. His wife dived to hide herself at the bottom of the river. The crocodile was confused what to do. He loved his wife and was very fond of his friend too. He decided to please his wife and planned to invite the monkey at home for dinner.

The Monkey Accepted the Invitation and Played a Trick on Knowing the Truth

The crocodile invited the monkey for a meal. The monkey accepted the invitation and agreed to ride on the crocodile's back. In the middle of the river, the crocodile told the truth to the monkey. The crocodile said that his wife wanted to eat his heart. The monkey was scared, but kept his head cool. The monkey said he was ready to meet the demand, but has left his heart on the tree. The foolish crocodile turned back and reached the tree on the river bank. The monkey jumped on the tree and saved his life. He broke his friendship with the selfish crocodile.



NCERT Corner

1. **The monkey was happy living in the fruit tree, but his happiness was not complete.**

What did he miss?

The monkey was happy living on the tree full of fruits, but wanted a companion to talk and share the fruits with him.

2. **What did the two friends generally talk about?**

The monkey and the crocodile became good friends. They talk about birds, animals and the villagers who live nearby. They also talk about the problems faced by the villagers in growing crops.

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

The crocodile's wife was annoyed with her husband because he stayed with the monkey for long time. His wife waited for him and managed the little crocodiles alone at home.

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

The crocodile's wife wanted to eat the monkey's heart. The crocodile was not ready to invite the monkey to his home because he was not ready to kill his dear friend.

5. **What did the crocodile tell the monkey midstream?**

The monkey agreed to ride on the crocodile's back and visit his home. However, in the middle of the river, the crocodile told the monkey the truth that his wife wanted to eat his heart. The crocodile told him that he has brought him to kill.

6. **How did the monkey save himself?**

The clever monkey saved his life by playing a trick. He told the crocodile that he will meet his wife's demand.

The monkey said that he has left his heart on the tree and need to return. The foolish crocodile returned to the tree to collect the heart. The monkey jumped on the tree and saved his life.

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



The crocodile must have thought to tell his wife in a strong way how she had spoiled a good relationship between him and the monkey. There were areas where she really needs to improve and change herself.

Chapter Practice

Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. **Why did the crocodile come near the bank of the river?**

The crocodile came near the bank of the river in search of food for him and his wife.

2. **How did the monkey react to the crocodile's invitation?**

The monkey completely trusted the crocodile and agreed to visit his home. He was not a swimmer so rode on the crocodile's back.

3. **Why the crocodile reveal the truth to the monkey?**

The crocodile shouted at his wife because she wanted to eat the heart of the monkey.

4. **Where did the crocodile reveal the truth to the monkey?**

The crocodile revealed that he has brought the monkey to get killed in the middle of the river, where the current was the strongest.

5. **What happened after the monkey come to know that his life was in danger?**

The monkey kept cool and persuaded the crocodile to swim back to the tree after he came to know that his life was in danger.

Short Answer Type Questions

1. **How did the crocodile and the monkey become best friends?**

The crocodile visited the monkey frequently and ate fruits with him.

The crocodile took some fruits to his home for his wife.

They talked about many things and their bonding resulted into friendship.



2. Who was in a serious dilemma? Give reasons behind it.

The crocodile was in a serious dilemma because his wife wanted to eat the heart of his best friend. He was not able to decide what to do. He loved his wife and was very fond of his friend too. He did not want to kill his friend so he was confused.

Long Answer Type Questions

Why did the monkey decide to discontinue his friendship with the crocodile?

The monkey was deceived by his friend, the crocodile, so he decided to discontinue his friendship with him. The crocodile invited the monkey for a meal to his home. The monkey agreed, but the crocodile told him in the middle of the river that his wife wanted to eat his heart. The monkey was scared, but kept cool.

The monkey said he was ready to meet the demand, but has left his heart on the tree.

The foolish crocodile turned back and reached the tree on the river bank. The monkey jumped on the tree and saved his life. He broke his friendship with the selfish crocodile.

Value Based Questions

Do you think the crocodile took the right decision to kill the monkey? Give reason to support your answer.

No the crocodile took the wrong decision when he decided to be on the side of his wife. He decided to kill the monkey just because she was his life-partner and wanted to eat his heart. The crocodile was aware that it was a sin to betray a friend, but he was ready to commit a crime for his wife.

The crocodile could have discussed the issue with his wife and made her realise the importance of friendship in one's life before taking the extreme step. The crocodile lost his friend forever after the incident.