



Passage -Listening and Answering

Set 1



This is an apple. It is a healthy fruit. It is usually red in colour but also available in green. Apple is a very common fruit that is available in every corner. It is true that An apple a day keeps the doctor away because Apple keeps us away from sickness.

ANYBODY CAN SPEAK

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CARROT



This is a carrot. Carrot is a healthy vegetable. It grows under the ground. The colour of the carrot is orange. It is conical in shape. Carrot is a sweet and crunchy vegetable. It can be eaten raw and cooked. Carrots contain a lot of iron and vitamins.

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STRAWBERRY



This is a strawberry. It is a small fruit that grows on a small plant. Strawberries are bright red in colour and in conical shape. Its taste is a mix of sweet and sour. It is a good source of vitamin C. It is used to make jam, ice cream, cake and jelly.

Rainbow



Rainbows are formed after the rain. The Rainbow consists of seven colors. The colors together form a thick band which makes it beautiful. The seven colors of the rainbow are violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. The Rainbow is a lovable scenery that is colorful and pleasant to eyes.

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BEARS



The bear is a wild animal. It can be found in black, brown and white colour.

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It has sharp teeth and a lot of fur on its body. It can climb trees and eat fruits like berries. It loves to eat fish and honey. Bears can stand on their two

Cow



Cow is a farm animal. A cow has four legs, two ears and two horns on the head. The cow gives us milk. Cow milk is good for health. Cow skin is used for making leather. A baby cow is called a calf. Cow sound is called 'moo'. Cow live in groups. They eat grass and other vegetables. Cows drink a lot of water. Cows can live for 25 years.

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LION



A lion is one of the most powerful wild animal. It has a strong body. It has four legs and a large head. It has glowing eyes and sharp teeth. Lions can roar loudly. It runs very fast to hunt other animals. The Lion is also known as the King of the jungle.

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ZEBRA



A Zebra is a peculiar wild animal. Most of us have seen zebras at the zoo. It looks beautiful with black and white stripes all over its body. Zebras belong to the horse family. Zebras live in big fields. It is a plant-eating animal that mostly eats grass and leaves. Zebras cannot eat meat.

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ELEPHANTS



The elephant is the largest land animal in the world. It is grey in colour. It has two big ears and two big tusks. It has a very long trunk. It would play filling in water in their trunks and spraying on its body. We can see elephants in forest. It makes a loud sound called as 'trumpet'.

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RABBITS



A rabbit is a small animal with two long ears. It is popularly known as "bunny". Rabbits have thick fur on their skin. They love to eat carrots. They live in burrows which are made inside the ground. Rabbits can be found in different parts of the world.

Butterfly



The butterfly is one of the beautiful creatures in the world. They taste with their feet and have a suction tube for a mouth. There are 4 stages in becoming a butterfly: egg, caterpillar, pupa, and adult. This process is called metamorphosis. An adult female lays her eggs on a plant.

Parrot



Parrots are beautiful birds. Parrots have green feathers. Parrot has a curved beak. Parrots eat on nuts, grains, small fruits, and insects. Parrots can talk. Parrots live in tree hollows. Parrots are found in all countries. Parrots have sharp claws and two wings to fly. Parrots can live up to 50 years.



This is a kangaroo. It is a large animal. It likes to eat plants. Kangaroos are herbivores. They have large legs and a long tail. They can be orange or grey. They can jump very well!

ORANGE



This is an orange. It is a sour and sweet fruit. It is round in shape, orange coloured and rich in vitamin C. It is a juicy fruit that has pulp inside it. This fruit is widely eaten in winter. The skin of orange cannot be eaten. We can make tasty juice out of it.

TOMATO



This is a tomato. Tomato is used as a vegetable. It is round in shape. When it grows, it is green and as it ripens it changes into red colour. Tomatoes are widely used in salads, sauce and chutneys. Tomatoes are rich in vitamin c and vitamin A. Tomatoes keep us strong and healthy.

ONION



This is an onion. Onion is a vegetable. It has the shape of a bulb. It is available in pinkish white colour. Onions grow under the ground. It brings tears in eyes while cutting. It is used in many dishes. Onions add taste to the dishes. So, Onion is considered as the basic ingredient of many food items.

BANANA



This is a fruit named banana. There are different varieties of bananas in the world. This fruit is usually yellow in colour. But Raw banana is green. People use Raw bananas in cooking. Banana leaves are also used in cooking and serving.

MANGO



This is a Mango. It is a tasty, pulpy and healthy fruit. The colour of the mango is yellow. It is generally known as the king of fruits. Mango is the national fruit of India. Mangoes are rich in vitamins and minerals. It can be eaten as raw fruit, juice or salad.

Fishing at the River



Last week, Naim and Hadi went to the river nearby. They went there by bicycle. They brought their fishing rods and baits.

At the river, they found a perfect spot and sat down. They put the baits and started fishing. While fishing, they chatted about school.

Suddenly, Hadi caught a fish. Hadi pulled his fishing rod but the fish was strong. Naim helped Hadi. They pulled together. Finally, they managed to pull out the fish. It was very big. They laughed happily.

After catching a few fish, they felt hungry. So, they stopped and ate lunch. Their mother had prepared sandwiches for them.

Then, they went home. It was a great day.

RAIN

After hot summer months we can only wait for a rainy day. The season of rain starts from the month of June and it continues till August. The first shower of rain washes away our seats of hot sunny days, and brings relief from the uneasy summer heat. On a rainy day, we enjoy playing in the rain getting all wet. School remain closed on a rainy day. A normal day comes to a halt because of heavy shower. Vehicles stop playing on the road. There is water everywhere. Frogs croak on a far off village basin. We sing song of rain and thank the rain God for the day.

SUN

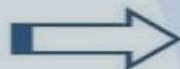
The Sun gives us light. My teacher says that it is a ball of fire. So it keeps us warm and gives us heat. My mother dries our clothes in the sun. Plants make their food with the help of sunlight. When the sun rises it becomes day and when it sets it becomes night. The sun rises in the East and sets in the West. Every day morning I look at the sun through my window. The sun rises early in the morning even before I get up. I like a sunny day as I can play outside with my friends. If there is no sun it will be dark everywhere. So I like the sun very much.

The ant and the grasshopper



A little ant and a grasshopper lived together in a rocky green area. The little ant always got up early to collect and store grains for the winter. However, the grasshopper spent its time flying and jumping in the area. The little ant advised it many times to collect its food before the difficult winter, but the grasshopper didn't care and spent its time playing. The difficult winter came and the grasshopper didn't find enough food to eat.

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Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

The Poor Kitten



Last week, Linda walked home. She heard a noise. She looked around. She found a kitten in the drain.

The kitten was wet and dirty. It was hurt. She felt sorry. So, she took the kitten home.

At home, she cleaned the kitten. She fed milk to it. She put medicine. Linda wanted to keep the kitten. She asked her father and mother. They said yes.

So, they bought a basket and cat food. Linda was happy. She named it Cornel.

1. The Hare and the Tortoise



There was once a hare who was friends with a tortoise. One day, he challenged the tortoise to a race. Seeing how slow the tortoise was going, the hare thought he'd win this easily. So, he took a nap while the tortoise kept on going. When the hare woke, he saw that the tortoise was already at the finish line. Much to his chagrin, the tortoise won the race while he was busy sleeping.

2. The Dog and the Bone



Once, there was a dog who wandered the streets night and day in search of food. One day, he found a big juicy bone, and he immediately grabbed it in his mouth and took it home. On his way home, he crossed a river and saw another dog with a bone in its mouth. He wanted that bone for himself, too. But as he opened his mouth, the bone he was biting fell into the river and sank. That night, he went home hungry.

3. The Thirsty Crow



After flying a long distance, a thirsty crow wandered the forest searching for water. Finally, he saw a pot half-filled with water. He tried to drink from it, but his beak wasn't long enough to reach the water inside. He then saw pebbles on the ground, and one by one, he put them in the pot until the water rose to the brim. The crow then hastily drank from it and quenched his thirst.

4. Lazy John



There was a boy named John who was so lazy he couldn't even change his clothes. One day, he saw the apple tree in their yard was full of fruits. He wanted to eat some apples, but he was too lazy to climb the tree and take the fruits. So he lay down underneath the tree and waited for the fruits to fall off. John waited until he was starving, but the apples never fell.

5. The Fox and The Grapes



Once, there was a hungry fox who stumbled upon a vineyard. After seeing the round, juicy grapes hanging in a bunch, the fox drooled. But no matter how high he jumped, he couldn't reach for it. So he told himself that it was probably sour and left. That night, he had to sleep on an empty stomach.

6. The Ant and The Grasshopper



The ant and the grasshopper were good friends. In the summer, the ant works hard to fill his storage with food. While the grasshopper was enjoying the fine weather and playing all day.

When winter came, the ant was lying cozily in his home, surrounded by the food he stored during the summer. While the grasshopper was in his home, hungry and freezing. He asked the ant for food, and the ant gave him some. But it wasn't enough to last the entire winter. When he tried to ask the ant again, the latter replied: "I'm sorry my friend but my food is just enough for my family to last until the end of winter. If I give you more, we too will starve. We had the entire summer to prepare for the winter but you chose to play instead."

7. The Boy Who Cried Wolf



There was once a shepherd boy who liked to play tricks. One day, while he was watching over the herd, the boy decided to play a trick and cried, “wolf! wolf!”. The people who heard rushed over to help him. But they were disappointed when they saw no wolf, and the boy laughed at them. The next day, he did it again, and people rushed to his aid, only to be disappointed again.

On the third day, the boy saw a wolf devouring one of his sheep and cried for help. But the people who heard him thought this was just another of the boy’s pranks, so no one came to help him. That day, the boy lost some of his sheep to the wolf.

8. The Ugly Duckling



Most of us have probably heard of this story as it is one of the most famous fairy tales in the world. The story revolves around a duckling who, from the moment of his birth, has always felt different from his siblings. He was always picked on because he didn't look like the rest of them.

One day, he had enough and ran away from the pond he grew up in. He wandered nearby, looking for a family who would accept him. Months passed, and seasons changed, but everywhere he went, nobody wanted him because he was such an ugly duck. Then, one day, he came upon a family of swans. Upon looking at them, he realized that during the months he spent looking for a family to call his own, he had grown into a beautiful swan. Now he finally understood why he never looked like the rest of his siblings because he wasn't a duck but a swan.

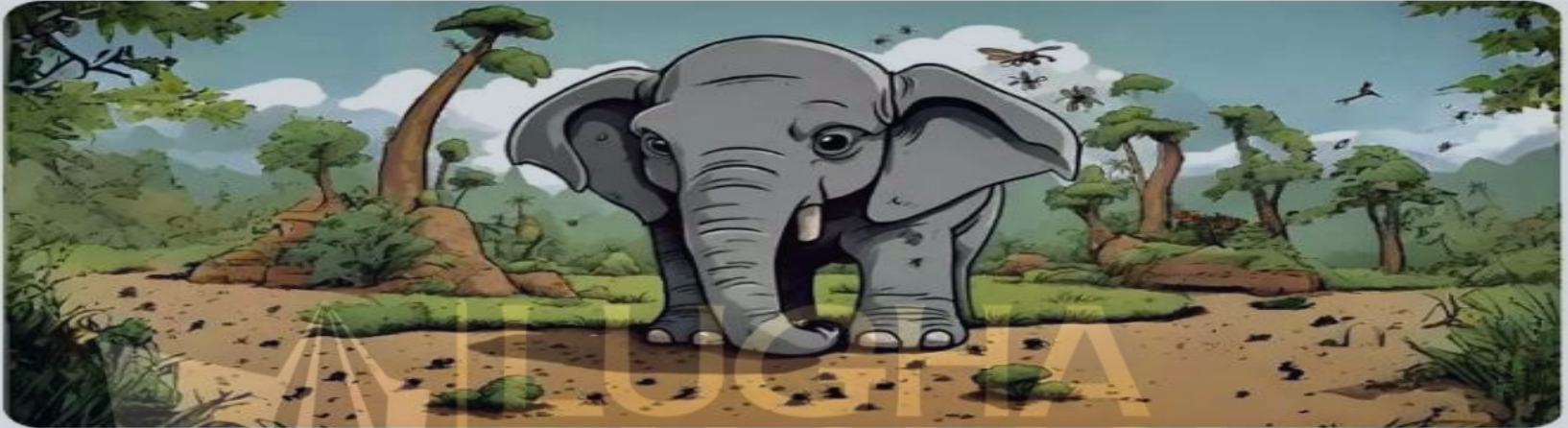
9. The Lion and the Poor Slave



There was once a slave who was treated cruelly by his master. One day, he couldn't take it anymore and ran to the forest to escape. There, he chanced upon a lion who couldn't walk because of the thorn in its paw. Although scared, the slave mustered his courage and took out the thorn in the lion's paw. When the lion was finally free of the thorn, he ran into the forest and didn't harm the slave.

Sometime later, the slave was caught by his master along with some animals in the forest. The master then ordered the slave to be thrown into the lion's den. When the slave saw the lion, he recognized it as the lion he helped in the forest. The slave was able to escape the den unharmed, and he freed all the other animals.

10. The Elephant and the Ants



There was once a proud elephant who constantly bullied smaller animals. He would go to the anthill near his home and spray water at the ants. The ants, with their size, could do nothing but cry. The elephant just laughed and threatened the ants that he would crush them to death. One day, the ants had enough and decided to teach the elephant a lesson. They went straight into the elephant's trunk and started biting him. The elephant could only howl in pain. He realized his mistake and apologized to the ants and all the animals he bullied.



Water

Every day we waste a lot of water and food. Water, in particular, is a renewable resource but it's also limited. We can find, purify and package it, but we can't produce it! No life is possible without water. Saving water means protecting life on earth and gives us the chance to provide food and water for people who don't have enough.



Passage -Listening and Answering Set 2



The real wealth

One day, a rich man decided to take his son on a trip to the country. The wealthy man wanted to show his son how the poor people live so he could be thankful for his wealth.

They spent two days on a farm of a very poor family. On their way home, the rich man asked his son, "How was our trip with this poor family and what did you learn?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have servants to serve us, but they serve others. We have one dog and they have four. We have imported lanterns in our gardens and they have stars at night. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have a big pool in our garden, but they a creek that has no end. We have large walls to protect us and they have friends to protect them " Finally, the son added, "Thanks dad for showing me how poor we are "

A visit to the zoo



Today our class teacher took us to the zoo. We went to the zoo by bus. We were about twenty students on the bus. We entered the zoo through a large gate. Our teacher guided us. We saw a lion inside a cage. We also saw tigers, giraffes and other wild animals in a fenced area. The best experience was seeing the roar of the big Lion face to face. Snake park was also a part of the zoo. It was a thrilling experience watching the snakes move just like that behind the glass panes. We came back to school at 3 PM. It was a place worth to spend time with family or big groups.

Never Lie

Adam had learned from his friends that lying is the easiest way out of any situation. So he became fond of lying and enjoyed telling small lies. When his parents caught him and warned him against telling lies, he shrugged them off, saying, "Lies never harm anyone!" Adam's father decided to explain to him why lying is bad.

Never Lie



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One evening, Adam and his father were walking down the street with some groceries. Just then, they saw a car rammed into a bookstore. Adam's father asked a man what happened and he replied, "The car driver lied to his father that he could see without spectacles. They both were in the car when the accident happened. The father is seriously hurt. I'm sure the boy regrets ever lying!" Adam's father looked at Adam and said, "See Adam, a lie is so dangerous! It can hurt people!" Adam realized huge cost of a lie and stopped lying.

A WISE JUDGE



O a golden necklace was lost from a rich man's house. A few servants worked in that house. Naturally it was suspected that any one of the servants had stolen the necklace. Each of them was asked. But nobody confessed the guilt. So, the master of the house lodged a complaint before the Judge. All of the servants were summoned to the court. But all of the servants denied the charge. Then the Judge hit upon a plan. He gave each of them a stick of same length and told them to submit them to the court the following day. He told them that the person who had stolen the necklace, his stick would increase an inch. When they returned home, they kept their sticks as they were. But the servant who stole the stick shortened it by an inch. The next day when everybody submitted the sticks, it was found that one stick was short by an inch. Then the thief was detected and he was given punishment.

MORAL : Truth is always revealed.

Miss Fern

STRONG OR WEAK



There was a proud teak tree in the forest. He was tall and strong. There was a small herb next to the tree.

The teak tree said, "I am very handsome and strong. No one can defeat me." Hearing this, the herb replied, "Dear friend, too much pride is harmful. Even the strong will fall one day."

The teak ignored the herb's words. He continued to praise himself.

A strong wind blew. The teak stood firmly. Even when it rained, the teak stood strong by spreading its leaves.

During these times, the herb bowed low. The teak made fun of the herb.

One day, there was a storm in the forest. The herb bowed low. As usual, the teak did not want to bow.

The storm kept growing stronger. The teak could no longer bear it. He felt his strength giving way.

He tried his best to stand upright, but in the end, he fell down. That was the end of the proud tree.

When everything was calm again, the herb stood straight. He looked around. He saw that the proud teak had fallen.

MORAL : Pride goes before a fall.

Miss Helina

TWO TRAVELERS and a BEAR



Two Men were traveling in company through a forest, when, all at once, a huge Bear crashed out of the brush near them. One of the Men, thinking of his own safety, climbed a tree.

The other, unable to fight the savage beast alone, threw himself on the ground and lay still, as if he were dead. He had heard that a Bear will not touch a dead body.

It must have been true, for the Bear snuffed at the Man's head awhile, and then, seeming to be satisfied that he was dead, walked away.

The Man in the tree climbed down.

"It looked just as if that Bear whispered in your ear," he said. "What did he tell you?"

"He said," answered the other, "that it was not at all wise to keep company with a fellow who would desert his friend in a moment of danger."

MORAL : Misfortune is the test of true friendship.

Miss Helen

THE MILKMAID and her PAIL



Patty the Milkmaid was going to the market carrying milk in a pail on her head.

As she went along, she began calculating what she would do with the money she would get for the milk. "I'll buy some fowls from Farmer Brown," said she, "and they will lay eggs each morning, which I will sell to the parson's wife. With the money that I get from the sale of these eggs, I'll buy myself a new dimity frock and a chip hat, and when I go to the market, won't all the young men come up and speak to me!

Polly Shaw will be so jealous, but I don't care. I shall just look at her and toss my head like this." As she spoke that, she tossed her head back and the pail fell off it, and all the milk was split!

Always Share

Caleb was a very selfish boy. He never shared his toys with anyone. His parents were worried as to how to teach him about kindness and sharing.

Always Share



Then, one day, Caleb was returning from school on his new bicycle. As Caleb was watching, a boy fell into a ditch and hurt himself. The boy cried, “Ah! I can’t move my arm.”

Caleb would never help anyone but that day, he felt sad for the boy. So, he rushed to him and helped him stand up. He said to the boy, “Looks like you have fractured your hand. Sit behind me and I’ll ride you to the hospital.”

Later, that evening, the boy’s parents visited Caleb and thanked him, “You are a very kind boy. God will always bless you.” After they had left, Caleb’s father said, “Son, see the blessings you receive by being kind and sharing.” Caleb understood the importance of being kind and decides to share always.



A Brave Girl

Once upon a time, there was a sweet little maid who lived with her parents in a pretty little cottage in a beautiful village. At the further end of the street was another pretty cottage and in it lived her grandmother.

Everybody loved this little girl, her grandmother perhaps loved her most of all and gave her a great many pretty gifts. Once she gave her a red cloak with a hood which she always wore, so people called her Little Red Riding Hood.

One morning Little Red Riding Hood's mother said, "Put on your things and go to see your grandmother. She has been ill; take along this basket for her. I have put in it eggs, butter and cake, and other dainties."



It was a bright and sunny morning. Red Riding Hood was so happy that at first, she wanted to dance through the wood. All around her grew pretty wild flowers which she loved so well and she stopped to pick a bunch for her grandmother.

Little Red Riding Hood wandered from her path and was stooping to pick a flower when from behind her a gruff voice said, "Good morning, Little Red Riding Hood." Little Red Riding Hood turned around and saw a great big wolf, but Little Red Riding Hood did not know what a wicked beast the wolf was, so she was not afraid.

A Glass of Milk



There once was a poor boy who spent his days going door-to-door selling newspapers to pay for school. One day, as he was walking his route, he started feeling low and weak. The poor boy was starving, so he decided to ask for food when he came to the next door.

The poor boy asked for food but was denied every time, until he reached the door of a girl. He asked for a glass of water, but seeing his poor state, the girl came back with a glass of milk. The boy asked how much he owed her for the milk, but she refused payment.

Years later, the girl, who was now a grown woman, fell sick. She went from doctor to doctor, but no one was able to cure her. Finally, she went to the best doctor in town.

The doctor spent months treating her until she was finally cured. Despite her happiness, she was afraid she couldn't afford to pay the bill. But, when the hospital handed her the bill, it read, 'Paid in full, with a glass of milk.'

The Moral
No good deed goes unrewarded.

The Proud Rose



Once upon a time, in a desert far away, there was a rose who was so proud of her beautiful looks. Her only complaint was growing next to an ugly cactus.

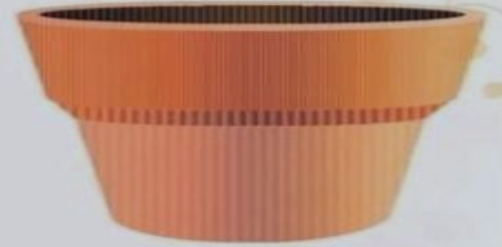
Every day, the beautiful rose would insult and mock the cactus on his looks, all while the cactus remained quiet. All the other plants nearby tried to make the rose see sense, but she was too swayed by her own looks.

One scorching summer, the desert became dry, and there was no water left for the plants. The rose quickly began to wilt. Her beautiful petals dried up, losing their lush color.

Looking to the cactus, she saw a sparrow dip his beak into the cactus to drink some water. Though ashamed, the rose asked the cactus if she could have some water. The kind cactus readily agreed, helping them both through the tough summer, as friends.

The Moral
Never judge anyone by the way they look.

The Empty Pot



An emperor in China decides to choose his successor by organizing a contest.

He asks contestants to grow a flower and the most appealing flower will win the contest.

Ping works hard with persistence, however, he fails to grow a flower. But he honestly presents his empty pot in front of the emperor and gets the reward for his honest approach.

The Moral
Honesty is the best policy in life, even if you have to disappoint some people.

A Wise Old Owl



There was an old owl who lived in an oak tree. Every day, he observed incidents that occurred around him.

Yesterday, he watched as a young boy helped an old man carry a heavy basket. Today, he saw a young girl shouting at her mother. The more he saw, the less he spoke.

As the days went on, he spoke less but heard more. The old owl heard people talking and telling stories.

He heard a woman saying an elephant jumped over a fence. He heard a man saying that he had never made a mistake.

The old owl had seen and heard what happened to people. There were some who became better, some who became worse. But the old owl in the tree had become wiser, each and every day.

The Moral

*Be more observant. Talk less and listen more.
This will make us wise.*



The Ugly Tree

A long time ago, a forest had straight and beautiful trees. But in this forest, there was a lonely tree, whose trunk was hunched and bent. The branches of the tree were also twisted. The other trees teased and made fun of this tree, and called it a 'hunchback'.

This made the tree very sad. Wherever it looked at the other trees, it sighed, "I wish I was like other beautiful trees. God has been cruel to me."

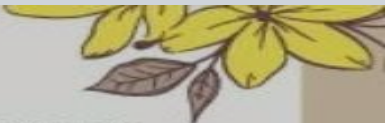
One day, a wood-cutter came to the forest. He saw the hunchback tree and grumbled, "This twisted tree is useless for me."

And then, he cut down all the straight and smooth trees.

The hunchback tree realised that God had saved his life by making him different.

Moral: Looks can be deceptive.

The Hungry Dogs



Once, there were three dogs who were very good friends. One day, the three dogs were very hungry, and even after searching for a long time, they failed to find any food. Suddenly, they saw some bones floating in the stream. They tried hard to reach the bones, but could not. So, they decided to drink all the water in the stream in order to get to the bones. All three started drinking the water in the stream.

After some time, they felt full and their stomachs were bloated with water. But the dogs didn't stop drinking.

Their stomachs grew bigger and bigger until they burst and all the three dogs died. If you attempt the impossible through foolish methods, you are bound to perish.

Moral: Big mouthfuls often choke.



The Jackal and the Sage

Every night, a wicked jackal went to a neighboring village to steal food. The villagers looked for the thief but were unable to catch him. One day, when the jackal went to the village, he saw the villagers were still searching for him. After a while, he saw a sage coming his way. In a piteous voice, the jackal cried, "Dear good man, I am injured. Please put me in your bag and carry me home."

The holy man was kind and agreed to carry the jackal. When the jackal reached his den, he cried aloud, "Here is the thief, the man with the bag!" and slid inside. The villagers took the sage for the thief and punished him. Don't ever trust anyone blindly.

Moral: Do not trust a stranger blindly.

The Hen and Falcon

A falcon and a hen were talking to each other. The falcon said to the hen, "You are ungrateful bird." "Why do you say that?" the hen asked angrily. The falcon replied, "Your masters feed you but you fly from one corner to another if they come to catch you. You are ungrateful. I am a wild bird, yet I always please those who are kind to me."

The hen asked quietly, "I have seen hundreds of hens being roasted. If you were in my place, you would never go near your masters. While I only fly from corner to corner, you would fly from hill to hill."

Moral: Do not judge without understanding the whole story.

