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The Mountain Goat

1.1 What you will learn?

At the end of this lesson:

- Read and understand a simple story in English
- Use the simple past tense
- Use nature words
- Introduce yourself in speech
- Write and ask short questions

1.2 Let's read

Here is a story of a brave and clever mountain goat. Let us read and find out more about him.

There was once a young mountain goat who lived in a valley at the foot of the Himalayas. The valley was full of beautiful flowers and covered with green grass. Living in such a fine place, the young goat never felt hungry and grew up to be a strong animal, sure of foot and able to run fast. He climbed any hill easily and skipped lightly from one rock to another. He was a handsome animal, with his coat of long brown hair and a head with a pair of large strong horns. With them he could face his life-long enemy, the tiger.

One day, our young friend the goat was grazing on a patch of green grass and suddenly he heard a sound. Quickly turning round, he found that the old tiger was following him. It was too late for him to run; so he stood his ground and faced the tiger, ready to meet any attack. The tiger, turning to the goat, said, "I see you are ready to fight, but why should we both get hurt fighting? If you can tell me any three truths, I shall let you go away."

"All right," said the goat, "I shall tell you three simple truths about yourself and me. The first truth is this: if you go and tell the other tigers that you met me here and still you didn't kill me, they will not believe you."

"Too true," said the tiger. "Go on, tell me the other two."

"Well", said the goat, suppose I get away and tell the other goats that you did not want to fight, they will not believe me."

"Too true", said the tiger, "go on, tell me the next truth."

"The next truth is this," said the goat, "we are both talking here and you are listening to all I say without trying to kill me. So you cannot be really hungry."

"Yes, yes," said the tiger, "go in peace, you clever fellow, remember but the next time we meet, there will be no more talking. You will not live to open your mouth again."

"Ah!" said the goat, "there is yet one more truth, the last. It is this: you will never catch me another time."

So saying, the goat ran away and took good care that the tiger never caught him again.

1.3 Overall Questions

Tick the right answers.

- 1) The strong mountain goat lived
 - a) in a valley
 - b) in a cave
 - c) on a mountain.
- 2) The mountain goat looked handsome because
 - a) he was brown in colour

- b) he had two strong horns
 - c) he had long brown hair and a pair of strong horns.
- 3) He did not feel afraid to face the tiger because –
- a) he had two strong horns
 - b) he had four legs
 - c) he was well fed and strong.
- 4) The mountain goat met the tiger while –
- a) grazing on a patch of green grass
 - b) playing in the valley
 - c) drinking water.
- 5) The tiger promised not to hurt the goat if the goat –
- a) told him any two truths
 - b) told him any three truths
 - c) told him any truth.
- 6) The first truth that the tiger did not kill the goat will be –
- a) believed by other tigers
 - b) will not be believed by other tigers
 - c) laughed at by other tigers.
- 7) The third truth was that –
- a) the tiger was hungry
 - b) the tiger was not hungry
 - c) the tiger was kind.
- 8) The last truth was –
- a) that the tiger would never catch him

- b) that the tiger would come back for him
- c) that the tiger would be hungry.

1.4 Let's learn Grammar

Past tense

Add -ed and form new words.

play + _____ = _____

talk + _____ = _____

touch + _____ = _____

move + _____ = _____

Now use the new words to fill in the blanks below:

Mohan and Reena _____ loudly while they _____ cricket. Mohan hit the ball hard and it fell on something. It was grey and shining. Reena _____ it. To her horror it _____. The grey thing was a snake.

1.5 Increase your Word Power

Nature Words

- (i) The words given below are all jumbled up. Write them correctly.

NN U MOTAI - - - - -

WFSLOER - - - - -

NLISAMA - - - - -

ISBRD - - - - -

TEESR - - - - -

- (ii) Now use these words to fill in the blanks below:

The _____ in front of my house is green. It is full of tall _____. In spring lots of

lovely — bloom. — and — live happily in the mountain

(iii) Write out 5 more words on nature. Remember words like those in (i) above are called nature words.

1.6 Let's Talk

Introducing yourself

Study the following:

A.

Asha:- Hello! I'm Asha. I come from Assam.

Nitin:- Nice to meet you. I'm Nitin. I come from Gujrat.

B.

Ashok:- Hello! I'm Ashok. I am a mechanic.

Lata :- Hello! I'm Lata. I work in an office.

Role Play

Introduce yourself to your friends along the lines of the above models.

1.7 Let's Write

The underlined words are the core of the answers. Frame questions using question words where, what, when.

Eg: Q) Where does Renu live?

A) Renu lives in Delhi.

1) Q) _____?

A) This is a pencil.

2) Q) _____ ?

A) The Taj Mahal is in Agra.

3) Q) _____?

A) India got her independence in 1947.

1.8 Check Your Answers

Overall Questions

1- a, 2- c, 3- a, 4- a, 5- b, 6-b, 7- b, 8-a

Let's Learn Grammar

laughed, played, touched, moved

Increase Your Word Power

(i) Mountain, Flowers, Animals, Birds, Trees

(ii) Mountain, Trees, Flowers, Birds, Animal

Let's Write

(1) What is this?

(2) Where is the Taj Mahal?

(3) When did India get her independence?