



Class 6

CHAPTER - 1 A TALE OF TWO BIRDS

OUTLINE

A mother bird and her two young ones lived in a forest. In a story the mother was killed and the young birds were separated from each other. Now each found a different home. The first one reached in the company of robbers and the second one reached in storm the company of a saint. One day a king came to the forest, he was amazed to hear the voice of them. One used abusive language and another used welcoming language. He was confused that how two sisters could behave differently than the Rishi/ Saint explained him that one is known by the company one keeps.

INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

Ques.1 Names some birds that you can see in your daily life?

Ans. Crow, sparrow, parrot.

Ques.2 Who takes care of a child?

Ans. Parents.

Ques.3 What do we call a child whose parents are dead?

Ans. Orphan.

NEW WORDS

1. Storm
2. Thunder
3. Fortunately
4. Landed
5. Suddenly
6. Amazed
7. Faint
8. Imitates
9. Comfortable
10. Issuing

WORD MEANING

Word	Meaning
1. Forest	Jungle
2. Shady	Shielded from sun
3. Little ones	Babies
4. Storm	Wild wind
5. Thunder	Roar of clouds
6. Hit	Struck



7. Fortunately	Luckily
8. Gang	Group
9. Robbers	those who loot others
10. Landed	Came down
11. Distance	Space between two places
12. Hunt	to prey
13. Tired	Exhausted
14. Got off	Came down
15. Suddenly	Unexpectedly
16. Voice	Sound of human beings
17. Jewels	Precious stones
18. Amazed	Astonished
19. Faint	Dim

VERY SHORT QUESTIONS ANSWERS

Ques.1 Where did each of them find a home?

Ans. One of the birds found a home in a tree that stood near a cave. The other birds found a home in a tree near a Rishi's ashram.

Ques.2 What did the first bird say to the stranger?

Ans. The first bird said 'Quick! Hurry up! There's someone under the tree. Come and take his jewels and his horse. Hurry or else he'll slip away.'

Ques.3 Which one of the following sum up the story best?

- a. A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.
- b. One is known by the company one keeps.
- c. A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Ans. One is known by the company one keeps.

Ques.4 What is 'one is known by the company one keep's'?

Ans. The success or fiasco of a person depends upon the people one has around. Simply, if we will become good if not we will become bad.

SHORT QUESTIONS ANSWERS

Ques.1 How did the two baby birds get separated?

Ans. One day, there was a big storm. The wind blew down the tall tree in which the birds lived. The strong wind blew away the baby birds to the other side of the forest. One of them came down near a cave. The other birds landed outside the Rishi's ashrams. In this way, the two baby birds get separated.



Ques.2 What did the second bird say to him?

Ans. The second bird said to the king, "Welcome to the ashram, sir, please go inside and rest, the Rishi will be back soon. There is some cold water in the pot. Please make yourself comfortable."

LONG QUESTIONS ANSWERS

Ques.1 How did the Rishi explain the different ways in which the birds behaved?

Ans. The Rishi explained to the king that one is known by the company one keeps. The bird living in the company of robbers has heard the talk of robbers. He has learnt to imitate them. This bird has lived near the ashram. He has learnt to welcome people to the ashram.

Ques.2 What do you think about the story?

Ans. This is the story of company one has got. Company matters the most. Or we can say that we are what we have around us. One's success always depends on one's company. The people around you determine or fix your goal. Bad things lead to bad things and good things lead to good things. There is an old maxim that "one is known by the company one keeps".

HOTS QUESTIONS SOLVED

Ques.1 How did the mother bird and the young birds were separated from each other?

Ans. Once there was a big storm. Rain and the wind blew down many trees. A big, heavy branch hit the nest and the mother was killed and the young birds were separated from each other both landed at the different palaces.

Ques.2 What did the king hear when he came to the forest to hunt?

Ans. One day the king of the country came to the forest to hunt. He lost his way he didn't know where he was. He rode for a long time, and he fell so tired. The king left his house and sat down under a tree that stood near a cave. Suddenly he heard a voice, "quick! Hurry up! There is someone under the tree, come and take his jewels and his hares."

HOTS QUESTIONS UNSOLVED

Ques.3 why was the king amazed and run quickly?

Ques.4 What did the king tell the Rishi about the story of two birds?

VALUE BASED QUESTIONS.

Ques.1 Briefly discuss two good qualities of second bird and give reasons in support of your answer?

Ans. When the king reached the Rishi's ashram. He heard a gentle voice, it was the voice of second bird. The second bird had so many qualities as follow –

(1).The second bird welcomed the stranger in a gentle voice to the ashram, and requested him to go inside and rest.

(2).Then he said that Rishi would be back soon and asked him to drink some cold water and make himself comfortable.



ACTIVITY

Ques.1 Imagine you spent a day with hermit (Rishi) in the forest. Mention any five things you learnt from him?

Ans. Hint- one is known by the company one keeps. Our company decides our behavior.

I learnt many things by the company of hermit.

1. At first I learnt from him; how we behave and respect, & welcome to our guest.
2. We will take care of all of their needs and requirement.
3. I learnt to take care all the refugee to make yourself comfortable drink water and take food.
4. By doing this we will show them about the culture of our country
5. I will always try to be polite and calm in every situation.



CHAPTER - 2 THE FRIENDLY MONGOOSE

OUTLINE

A farmer, his wife and their small child lived in a village. They brought a baby mongoose in their house. Who they believed would be their son's companion and farmer and his wife went out leaving the child alone with the mongoose the farmer's wife returned home from the market carrying a heavy basket. She found the mongoose at the entrance of the house with blood on his face and paws. She jumped to the conclusion that it was her son's blood, and the mongoose was the guilty one. So without thinking she brought down the heavy basket on him and killed him but when she saw a snake lying dead on the ground. She understood the matter found her baby safe, she repented on her hasty action.

NEW WORDS

1. Companion
2. Mongoose
3. Alternately
4. Bushy
5. Paws
6. Scrammed
7. Hysterically
8. Groceries
9. Smeared
10. Sobbing

WORD MEANING

Word	Meaning
1. Pet	A tame animal
2. Need	Require
3. Companion	Fellow
4. Tiny	Very small
5. Still	Even then
6. Alternately	In turn
7. Rocked	Swung
8. Picking	Taking, lifting
9. Off to	going
10. Frankly	Clearly
11. Ran into	Met
12. Groceries	General supplies
13. Customary	Usual
14. Screamed	Cried
15. Smeared	Covered



INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

Ques.1 Name some animals that you saw in your surrounding?

Ans. Cow, dog, snake, mongoose.

Ques.2 What are the things that these animals are eat?

Ans. Wheat, Grains, Milk etc.

Ques.3 What do we call a person who is working in the field?

Ans. Farmer.

VERY SHORT QUESTION ANSWERS

Ques.1 Why didn't the farmer's wife want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose?

Ans. The farmer's wife didn't want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose because she was afraid that the mongoose could harm her child.

Ques.2 What was the farmer's comment on his wife's fear?

Ans. The farmer asked her not to be afraid. The mongoose is a friendly animal. He was their son's friend.

Ques.3 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?

Ans. Yes I have a dog at my place. I and my family love and care our pet. We take him for a walk daily and keep him clean. We call him with his name rocket. He is very faithful to us. I am against for keeping birds in a cage as pets

Ques.4 From where this story has been taken?

Ans. This is a story is taken from the Panchtantra.

Ques.5 Activity based question given in the text book will be done by the students.

Where did the parents go after leaving the baby alone?

Ans. The father went to be field and the mother went to bazaar after leaving the baby alone.

Ques.6 Did she repent her hasty action?

Ans. Yes, she (the farmer's wife repented) her hasty action.

SHORT QUESTION ANSWERS

Ques.1 Why did the farmer bring a baby mongoose in to the house?

Ans. The farmer had a small son. He and his wife loved the baby very much. The farmer thought that his son would need a companion when he grows up. Therefore, he brought a baby mongoose into house.



Ques.2 Why did the farmer's wife strake the mongoose with her basket?

Ans. The farmer's wife saw that the flaws of the mongoose were smeared with blood. She thought that the mongoose had killed her son. Therefore, the farmer's wife struck the mongoose with her basket.

LONG QUESTION ANSWERS

Ques.1 Did she repent her hasty action? How does she show her repentance?

Ans. Yes, the farmer's wife repented her hasty action. She realized her folly on finding her baby fast asleep. The mongoose had killed a black snake. He had saved her child. She touched the mongoose and started long at it. She kept crying and sobbing.

HOTS QUESTIONS

Ques.1 What was the main purpose behind the farmer to brought a baby mongoose into the house?

Ans. The farmer brought a baby mongoose into the house because he thought that when his son grow up, he will need a companion. The baby mongoose would be a friend to their son in the future. He believed that he would always be their son's companion.

Ques.2 Why did farmer's wife went to leave the child alone?

Ans. One day the farmer and his wife went out leaving the child alone with the mongoose. She said to his husband to keep an eye on him. She afraid and didn't like to leave the child alone with the mongoose. But the farmer believed on the mongoose that it is a friendly animal and as sweet as our baby.

Ques.3 What did farmer wife thought when she found the mongoose with blood on his face and paws?

Ques.4 What mistake did farmer wife made?

VALUE BASED QUESTIONS

Ques.1 What do you learn from the story of "mongoose"?

Ans. We learn a lot of things from the story of mongoose that we should never take the decision miserly or blindly. As the farmer's wife saw the mongoose face and paws smeared with blood and concluded that it must have killed the baby. She was blind with rage and with her all strength she brought down the heavy basket on the blood smeared mongoose. Then she knew the reality and she repented her hasty and rash action. It means we never acted hastily.



ACTIVITY

Write the Bio-Sketch of the Author of this chapter.

Vishnu Sharma

Born – Kashmir (Based on geographical Features and animals described in his stories).

Occupation – scholar and author

Notionally – India

Period – Gupta era

Netable work – Panchatantra

Vishnu Sharma is one of the most widely translated non religious authors in history. The Panchatantra was translated into middle Persian in 570 CE. Since there is no other independent external evidence about him, “it is impossible to say whether he was the historical author..... Or is himself a Literary invention. Adapting stories that had been told for thousands of years into an entertaining five part work to communicate the essence of diplomacy relationships, politics and administration to the princess. These give discourages. Titled “The loss of friends”, “The winning of friends”, of crows & owls, “Loss of gains” and “Imprudence”- become the penchant meaning the five (Pancha) treatises (tantra)



CHAPTER - 3 THE SHEPHERD'S TREASURE

OUTLINE

A poor shepherd once lived in Iran. Though uneducated he was very wise and helpful. On hearing this, the king of Iran decided to meet king in disguise. The shepherds were able to make out that his visitor was none other than the king. After judging his good behaviour, the king made him the governor of small district but other governors became jealous of him and called him dishonest. So he was called to the palace for keeping the iron chest as it was considered the house of keeping illicit money. Now he was ordered to explain why he always carried an iron chest. But the chest contained no gold or silver, It had an old blanket which was used by the shepherd in the need. He was down to earth.

INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

Ques.1 What do we call a person who has not sufficient food and a house?

Ans. Poor.

Ques.2 What do person who solve the problem and sorrow of his friends?

Ans. Wise, intelligent.

Ques.3 The groups of sheep is called?

Ans. Shepherd.

NEW WORDS

1. Shepherd
2. Disguised
3. Meager
4. Astonished
5. Disguised
6. Mockingly
7. Summoned
8. Fastened
9. Jealous
10. Humblest

WORDS MEANING

Word	Meaning
1. Shepherd	One who tends sheep
2. Cottage	A small hut
3. Own	Belonging
4. For	Since, because
5. Uneducated	Unlettered, illiterate



6. Sorrows	Grief's
7. Courage	Boldness
8. Advice	Counsel
9. Famous	Well- Known
10. Disguised	False appearance
11. Mule	An animal like a horse
12. Wise	Sensible
13. Towards	In the direction of
14. Meager	Poor in quality, scanty
15. Impressed	Convinced
16. Conversation	Talk
17. Depart	To leave

VERY SHORT QUESTIONS

Ques.1 The shepherd hadn't been to school because

- a. He was very poor
- b. There was very little school in those days.
- c. he wasn't interested in studies.

Choose the right answer.

Ans. There were very few schools in those days.

Ques.2 Who visited the shepherd one day, and why?

Ans. The king of the country heard about the shepherd's wisdom and friendly nature. Therefore, he visited the shepherd one day to see how wise he was.

Ques.3 a. What did the iron chest contain?

Ans. a. The iron chest contained an old blanket.

b. Why did the shepherd always carry it?

Ans. b. The shepherd always carried it because it was his only treasure. That blankets would protect him if the king took away his new and royal cloaks.

c. Is it an example of the shepherd's humility and wisdom.

Ans. c. It is an example of shepherd's humility and wisdom.

SHORT QUESTIONS

Ques.1 Why did the other governors grow jealous of the shepherd?

Ans. The fame of the shepherd as a fair and wise governor soon spread all over the country. The people loved and honored him for his wisdom, Sympathy and goodness. Therefore, the other Governors grew jealous of him.

Ques.2 Why was everyone delighted to see the iron chest on the camel's back?



Ans. The new governor brought the iron chest on the camel's back. Everyone was delighted to see it. They thought that the iron chest contained the treasure. They thought that the shepherd's dishonesty will be found out.

Ques.3 How did the king reward the new governor?

Ans. The King was very pleased to hear the new governor's reply. He realized that he was the humblest and the wisest man in the land. He rewarded the new governor by making him the governor of a much bigger district the very same day.

Ques.4 Who was shepherd?

Ans. Shepherd lived in Iran. He was poor, uneducated but helpful and courageous so people used to come to him to have the solution of the problems.

LONG QUESTIONS

Ques.1 Why was the new governor called to the palace?

Ans. The governors of the other provinces began to talk to the king against the new governor. They called him dishonest who kept for himself a part of the tax (money) collected from the people. The king discovered that the new governor always carried an iron chest with him. He grew suspicious and called him to the palace.

Ques.2 What do you learn from the story?

Ans. Becoming famous or rich is the desire of every one. Once we get money power or fame, we get snobbish. We start down sizing others and start preparing ourselves. This is to be seen generally. But the shepherd in the story has proved that we must come down to earth because this phenomenon gives us inner pleasure which helped us in our darkest hour, things will start forgetting us. This story reveals that how a haves belonged to the real condition.

HOTS QUESTIONS SOLVED

Ques.1 What reward did the new governor get from the king?

Ans. The king was pleased with him and how embossed the jealous governor became to hear the wise men's reply! Now they knew that the shepherd was indeed the hum to lest and the wisest man in the land. The king made him the governor of a much bigger district that very day.

VALUE BASED QUESTIONS

Qies.1 Mention any five qualities of the shepherd?

Ans. The following qualities of shepherd are –

1. A poor shepherd lived in Iran though he was uneducated, yet he was very and helpful.
2. He always tried to understand the people's sorrows and troubles and solve their all problems
3. He was very pity, he shared his simple food with the travelled and gave them water to drink,
4. All the people of the district loved and honored for his wisdom, empathy and goodness.



5. He was indeed the humblest and wisest new in the world.

ACTIVITY

**Ques.1 What lesson you learnt from the humbleness and the courage of the shepherd.
Write within 150-150 words.**

Ans. Humbleness is the most powerful weapon to become a good person.

Through, we are educated or uneducated, poor or rich, yet we have always be humble behavior we always tried to understand the saw rows and trouble of the people and help them to solve their problems with courage.

As the shepherd's was very pity and he become famous for his wisdom and jocundly nature of always welcomes and respects the visitors he gave them water to drink and share his own meager meal . as we should always respect and help our friends, neighbors and poor people although we achieve a lot of things in life, he rose to power & dignity we always remained as humble as ever.



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