

Chapter 2: The Peacock and the Crane

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Read the following sentence carefully and choose the correct meaning.

The Peacock had a gorgeous tail like no other bird.

1. No other bird had a tail.
2. **The Peacock's tail was more beautiful than any other bird's.**
3. All birds had gorgeous tails.

SOLUTION

The Peacock's tail was more beautiful than any other bird's.

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Read the following sentence carefully and choose the correct meaning.

Fine feathers don't make fine birds.

1. You cannot use feathers to make birds.
2. You can judge something by its outward beauty.
3. **Something that looks beautiful may not really be useful.**

SOLUTION

Something that looks beautiful may not really be useful.

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Read the story aloud (or present it) in groups of three - the narrator, the peacock, and the crane.

SOLUTION

Speech

A friendly and good-natured peacock would say Hi. Crane! How are you? What a lucky bird you are! You can fly high in the sky among the clouds and stars. You can see the beauty of the earth in all its glory from above. As for me, even though my feathers are so beautiful and shine in all the colors of the rainbow, I cannot fly high. I have to live down here just like any other cock. Well. all of us have something beautiful or useful in us. We should be happy and grateful for this. Bye, Crane. Tell me what you see the next time you are up there among the stars.

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Imagine you are the Crane. What actions and words of the Peacock would you not like? Write about it in short.

SOLUTION

If I were the Crane, I would not like the conceit of the Peacock. I would not like the way he scoffed at my feathers, calling them pale and colorless while spreading and showing off his own tail. I also would not like the way he boasted about his own feathers, saying that they shone in the colors of the rainbow. and that he was dressed like a king.

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Discuss what a friendly and good-natured peacock would say to a crane. Write his speech. (5-8 lines.)

SOLUTION

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Find one more example which shows that a beautiful appearance is not enough.

SOLUTION

Another example that shows that a beautiful appearance is not enough. is that of the stag and his antlers. The stag was very proud of his beautiful antlers and ashamed of his spindly and ugly legs. One day, he was chased by hunters. His beautiful antlers got entangled in the low branches of a tree, and the hunters nearly caught and killed him. He got his antlers free just in time and escaped because his spindly legs helped him to run fast, away from the hunters.

Exercise | Q 6 | Page 19

List 5 adjectives and 5 nouns from the story.

SOLUTION

1. **Adjectives:** conceited, gorgeous, colourless, dull, colourful.
2. **Nouns:** Peacock, Crane, tail, bird, feathers.

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Find five adjectives that end with

- '-ful' and
- '-less'. Then write the antonym of each

SOLUTION

	Adjectives ending ID 1-fal'	Antonyms	adjective ending ID 1-less'	Antonyms
1.	beautiful	ugly	tasteless	tasteful
2.	careful	careless	lawless	lawful
3.	colorful	colourless	limitless	limited
4.	harmful	harmless	meaningless	meaningful
5.	tactful	tactless	painless	painful

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Start a collection of proverbs. A proverb is a short, well-known sentence or phrase that gives advice or tells you what is generally true. For example, 'A stitch in time saves nine' means 'If one does something in time or immediately, it saves a lot of work later'. A proverb is also known as a saying. Here are some proverbs for your collection.

- Appearances can be deceptive.
- Do not judge by appearance; a rich heart may be under a poor coat.
- All that glitters is not gold.
- You can't tell a book by its cover.
- Clothes do not make the man.

SOLUTION

1. A friend in need is a friend indeed: A true friend is one who helps and supports you in difficulties.
2. A stitch in time saves nine: Taking immediate action at the right time saves a lot of work later.
3. Every cloud has a silver lining: Something good will result from every difficulty.
4. Blood is thicker than water: Family ties and emotions are stronger than the ties with others.
5. Better be safe than sorry: Sometimes extra caution is better than a rash act.

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SOLUTION

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