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Exercises (Questions-Solutions)

The Monkey and The Crocodile

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1. The monkey was happy living in the fruit tree, but his happiness was not complete. What did he miss?

Ans. The monkey was quite happy. He lived in the fruit tree. He ate the fruits of his choice to his heart's content. However, his happiness was not complete. He was lonely. He missed (wanted) a companion badly.

2. What did the two friends generally talk about?

Ans. The two friends were never tired of talking. They generally talked about birds and animals; about the villagers nearby and the difficulties they faced in farming in the absence of rain.

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

Ans. One day, the monkey and the crocodile talked longer than usual. The crocodile's wife kept waiting for him. She felt great difficulty in managing the newly hatched little crocodiles. Therefore, she got annoyed with her husband.

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

Ans. The crocodile's wife had asked him to bring the monkey home so that she could eat his heart. Being a true friend, the crocodile could not betray his best friend. He knew that the monkey would be killed as soon as he reached his home. Therefore, he was unwilling to invite his friend (the monkey) home.

5. What did the crocodile tell the monkey midstream?

Ans. The crocodile carried the monkey in the midstream. There, he told the monkey that his wife could not survive without eating his heart. Therefore, he had brought him to kill him. He also told him that he would be under water then.

6. How did the monkey save himself?

Ans. The monkey asked the crocodile to carry him back to the river- bank. He would bring his heart from the tree. The stupid crocodile obeyed. They reached the bank of the river. The monkey jumped on to the tree and bade him good bye for ever. Thus he saved himself.

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

Ans. The crocodile would tell his wife about his failure. 'He who tries to betray his dear friend himself gets betrayed. The ungrateful are always the worst losers. Never be a henpecked husband. Never befriend a person with unknown antecedents. 'Ignorance of facts is the worst weakness.'