

# English

## (An Alien Hand) (Chapter - 5) (The Bear Story) (Class - 7)

### Exercises

#### Question 1:

Where did the lady find the bear cub? How did she bring it up?

##### Answer 1:

The lady found the bear cub in the forest. It was brought up in the bottle because it was half dead due to hunger and was very small and helpless too.

#### Question 2:

The bear grew up but "he was a most amiable bear". Give three examples to prove this.

##### Answer 1:

Three examples to prove that the bear grew up but "he was a most amiable bear".

- He did not harm anybody, man or beast.
- He looked at others with his small intelligent eyes most amicably.
- The children used to enjoy riding on his back and he didn't harm them.

#### Question 3:

What did the bear eat? There were two things he was not allowed to do. What were they?

##### Answer 3:

He ate the food which was given to the dogs and often from the same plate like bread, porridge, potato, cabbage, turnip etc. He liked to eat fruit the most. Two things which he was not allowed to do were to climb trees and touch the beehives.

#### Question 4:

When was the bear tied up with a chain? Why?

##### Answer 4:

He was tied up with a chain whenever he did some mischief. He was also put in chain at nights and every Sunday when his mistress went out to spend the afternoon with her married sister. This was done because it was not good for him to wander about in the forest which had all those things which could tempt so it was better to make it stay tied with a chain to keep it safe.

#### Question 5:

What happened one Sunday when the lady was going to her sister's house? What did the lady do? What was the bear's reaction?

##### Answer 5:

One Sunday when the lady was going to her sister's house, she saw a bear coming to her in the forest with full speed. She thought that it was her bear, she started scolding him and told him to go back. She didn't want him to accompany her. She got very angry when she saw that bear had lost its new collar and hit him on his nose with her sun umbrella. The bear opened his mouth several times and gave a look to her as if it wanted to say something and looked at her with his shrewd eyes. After that, it turned around and went away.

#### Question 6:

Why was the bear looking sorry for himself in the evening? Why did the cook get angry with her mistress?

##### Answer 6:

The bear was looking sorry for himself in the evening because he was in chain whole Sunday afternoon. He was looking for his mistress and thinking why he had been chained without doing anything. The cook got angry with her mistress because she had scolded the bear for no mistake. He had been sitting there quiet and still on his haunches like a timid angel, looking at the gate for the mistress to come back.



Discuss the following topics in groups.

**Question 1:**

Most people keep dogs and cats as pets. Can you think of some unusual pets that people keep?

**Answer 1:**

Some people keep are Hedgehogs, Fennec Fox, Pigs, goats etc.

**Question 2:**

The second bear did not attack the lady because he was afraid of her. Do you agree?

**Answer 2:**

No, I don't agree that the second bear did not attack the lady because he was afraid of her. According to me, the second bear was also affable like her own bear and wanted to make friends with her. Even when she lost her control and scolded him and hit him, he didn't attack her. Although, a bear is capable of killing a person easily still he did not harm her. He opened his mouth several times as if he wanted to say something and looked at her with his sneaky eyes which shows that he was not afraid of her at all but wanted to make friends with her.