



THE BEAR STORY

EXERCISE

Question 1:

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

Answer:

The lady found the bear cub in the forest near her house. She fed him with bottle milk. Her cook helped her in this task.

Question 2:

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

Answer:

The friendly bear was harmless. He watched amicably at the cattle grazing in the field. The children used to ride his back safely. The three dogs loved to play all sorts of games with him, pull his ears and his stump of a tail and tease him in every way.

Question 3:

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

Answer:

The bear ate the same food as the dogs. He was given bread, porridge, potatoes, cabbages and turnips. He was a vegetarian. He liked the apple most. He was not allowed to pluck apples from the tree and attack the beehive.

Question 4:

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

Answer:

The bear was usually tied up with a chain only at night and on Sundays when the lady visited her sister for lunch.

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:

One Sunday while the lady was on way to her sister's house, she heard the cracking of the branches behind her. She saw the bear following her. She punished him by hitting him on his nose with her umbrella. The bear turned round and went back.

Question 6:

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

Answer:

The bear looked sad when the lady came back home in the evening. The poor creature had been in chains all day. He was kept waiting for the mistress to come and set him free.

The mistress scolded the bear for following her in the forest. The cook got angry. She told her mistress that the bear had been sitting gently all day and he didn't to be treated harshly any more.

