

## The friendly mongoose

### Glossary

pet = an animal or bird at home

companion = It is with you

Tiny = Small

fully grown = grow big in size

Shining = bright

busy tail = tail with thick hair

alternately = one after another

Fed = give food

rocked = move gently from side to side

cradle = Swing

pick up = take up off

Keep one eye = guard/watch

Frankly = Honestly

far away = distant place

quite some time = for a long time

Groceries = Kirana goods

as if = suggests

customary = usual

Screamed = cried

Smear = covered

wicked = cunning

Hysterically = in an uncontrolled way

rage = anger

Brought down = struck with force

tear = cut into piece

Bleeding = losing blood from the body

in a flash = in a time

Realized = understood

Look for = Search

Still = unmoved

unaware = Unknown



Sobbing = crying

hastily = not thing deeply

Stared long = looking for long time

rashly = recklessly

wipping = cleanly

feed = to give food

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1) Why did the farmer bring a baby mongoose into the house?

1A) The farmer and his wife had a baby son. They loved him very much. They thought that their son would need a companion when he grows up. So the farmer brought a baby mongoose into the house. They believed that he would be their son's companion and friend in future.

2) Why didn't the farmer's wife want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose?

2A) The farmer's wife did not trust the mongoose. So she did not want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose. Therefore, she told her husband to keep an eye on him.

3) What was the farmer's comment on his wife's fears?

3A) The farmer understood that his wife was afraid of the mongoose. He commented that the mongoose was a friendly animal. It was as sweet as their baby. Our son and mongoose are friends.

4) Why did the farmer's wife strike the mongoose with a basket?

The farmer's wife returned from the market. She saw the mongoose at the entrance of the house with blood on its face and paws. She thought that the mongoose had killed her son. So out of anger, she struck the mongoose with a basket full of groceries. As a result, the mongoose died on the spot.



5) Did She repent her hasty action? How does She Show her repentance?

yes, she repent her hastily action when she realized that the mongoose has actually saved her son from a snake. She ran out - up for the mongoose but it was already dead. She sobbed and extremely Sorry for her hastily action.

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