

1. Read the following outlines and develop them into a complete story. Give a suitable title to it :
Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. His army was defeated again and again against the King Edward-1 of England. Being defeated for six times he lost his hope..... [DB '20; RB '16; CtgB '19; DjB '16]

Ans. **The Role of the Spider in Inspiring the King/ Failure is the pillar of Success**

Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. His army was defeated again and again against the King Edward-1 of England. Being defeated for six times he lost his hope and fled away from his kingdom and took shelter in a remote cave (গুহা).

The king was always in a gloomy state for his unhappy condition. Once he was thinking of his sad lot lying in the cave. Suddenly he noticed a spider trying hard to reach the ceiling of the cave. The spider failed again and again to attain success. But it did not give up hope. Bruce saw the spider climbing to the ceiling after six unsuccessful attempts. This dauntless (অদম্য) spider inspired Robert Bruce to shake off the darkness of despair (হতাশা).

He gathered an army of strong men and attacked his enemies. The enemies courted defeat (পরাজয়) and Robert Bruce regained his kingdom.

6. Read the beginning of the following story. This story is not complete. Write ten new sentences to complete the story and give a suitable title to it :

One day two rats stole a piece of bread. They tried to divide it into two equal parts but failed. Because each rat wanted the larger part of the bread. They even fought for that. Lastly, they agreed to put up their problem to the monkey who was considered the wisest animal in the forest. They went..... [CgtB '17; BB '20]

Ans. **Two Rats and the Monkey**

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The cunning (ধূর্ত) monkey divided the piece in such a way that it is not equally divided. Then he cut a small part of a piece and ate that instantly (তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে) which is larger than the other. Again, the dishes of the scale was unequal and the monkey ate another small part of the larger portion. He continued this method and the bread piece became smaller gradually. The rats understood the monkey's crafty trick and ordered the monkey to stop that. The monkey stopped his deception (প্রতারণা) but claimed the rest of the bread as his charge.

Moral ▶ Grasp all, lose all.

23. Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story.

One day a crow stole a piece of meat. It flew away and sat on the branch of a tree. Suddenly a fox..... [JB '15]

Ans. **The Fox and the Crow**

One day the door of a cottage stood open. A tame crow flew through the door into the cottage. She stole a piece of meat from the table, and flew to a branch of a tall tree.

Just as she had settled there to enjoy her meat a fox came along and stopped under the tree. He sniffed something good to eat. Looking about, he saw the meat in the crow's mouth and wanted it.

How could he get the meat? He could not climb the tree. What good would it do if he could? The crow would fly away when she saw him coming. He could not coax the crow to come down to the ground. She knew what a fox likes to eat.

At last the fox had a happy thought. He said to himself, "A crow is one of the proudest birds I ever knew. I will flatter her and she will forget about the meat."

So he called out in his sweetest voice, "Good day, my pretty bird"; but the crow did not reply. She only stepped about proudly on the branch.

"I wish I had such a beautiful form as you have," said the fox.

Still no answer, but the crow held up her head and turned it first to one side and then to the other, showing that she was pleased.

"What a graceful neck and bright eye!" said the fox. "The other birds may well be jealous of you."

No answer yet. She only raised her wings a little and gazed down upon the fox.

"If your voice were only as beautiful as your form and your dress, you would be queen of all the birds; but it seems that you cannot talk at all. What a pity that you are dumb!"

The crow gave a loud "caw!" As she did so, the meat fell from her mouth. The fox snapped it up quickly.

The poor crow at last understood that the fox was only fooling her but it was too late.