

Long ago, there lived a fox and a bear. They were very close friends. Food was often hard to find, so one day they decided to grow their own food.

First, they grew some rice. The bear asked, "How shall we share the rice?"

"You have all the parts that are growing under the ground and I'll take the top parts," said the fox.



When they pulled up the plants, the bear saw that only roots grew under the ground. The tasty rice seeds grew above the ground. The cunning fox laughed and ate the rice.



Next, they decided to grow potatoes.

When it was time **to harvest** the crop, the bear said “This time I’ll take the top part.” They dug up the plants and the bear was amazed to see all the potatoes which lay **beneath** the ground. The fox laughed out loud and ate the potatoes but the bear was very sad.



Then, they grew coconut. The fox said, “Decide which part—the outside or the inside.” The bear said, “It will have nasty **pips** on the inside. I’ll eat outside instead.”



When they cut through the coconut’s hairy shell, the bear saw that on the inside there was cool, milky water and flesh.

He was very angry. The fox laughed and ate the coconut.

At last, the fox decided they should grow sugarcane. He was just about to promise the bear both the roots and the

leaves when the bear had a good idea... "Let's both eat everything", said the bear.

From that day on, the fox and the bear always had plenty of food to eat and lived happily ever after.

Word Treasure

to harvest : cut the crops for getting the grains

beneath : under (the ground)

pips : seeds



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

- They were very close _____.
a. brothers b. men c. friends
- How shall we share the _____ ?
a. rice b. flour c. fruits
- Bear was very _____.
a. sad b. happy c. angry
- The bear was _____ to see all the potatoes.
a. shocked b. amazed c. surprised

B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements :

- The tasty rice seeds grew under the ground.
- The fox chose the part growing on top when they grew potatoes.
- The bear wanted the inside of the coconut.
- The bear became wise in the end.
- Both friends lived happily ever after.

C. Answer the following questions :

1. Who were the two friends ?
2. What did the animals find inside the coconut ?
3. What did the bear say when they decided to grow sugarcane ?
4. Which parts of the rice did the bear decide to take ?
5. What is the moral of this story ?

Fun with Words

D. Put these things in the right columns :

crocodiles lions sparrows trees ocean
 pigeons bushes ponds plants dogs
 streams whales waterfalls peacocks rivers
 crows grass dolphins cats ducks

Animals	Birds	Vegetation	Water Bodies
lions	sparrows	trees	oceans
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Essential Grammar

You have learned about the adjectives in previous class. Let's learn about the **Comparison of adjectives.**

Adjectives in Positive	Adjectives in Comparison
big	bigger
smart	smarter
cold	colder
warm	warmer
fast	faster

E. Fill in the blanks with comparative adjectives :

1. My mother is _____ than me. (tall)
2. The aeroplane is _____ than bus. (fast)
3. The knife is _____ than spoon. (sharp)
4. The paper is _____ than water. (thin)
5. The palm is _____ than pipal. (high)
6. The summers are _____ than winter. (warm)

Essential Writing

F. Write about the story of the clever monkey and the crocodile in your own sentences :

Essential Speaking

G. Discuss the same story of 'Monkey and the Crocodile' in the form of dialogues with your partner.

Fun to Do

H. Draw the things both of the animals eat in this story.

