

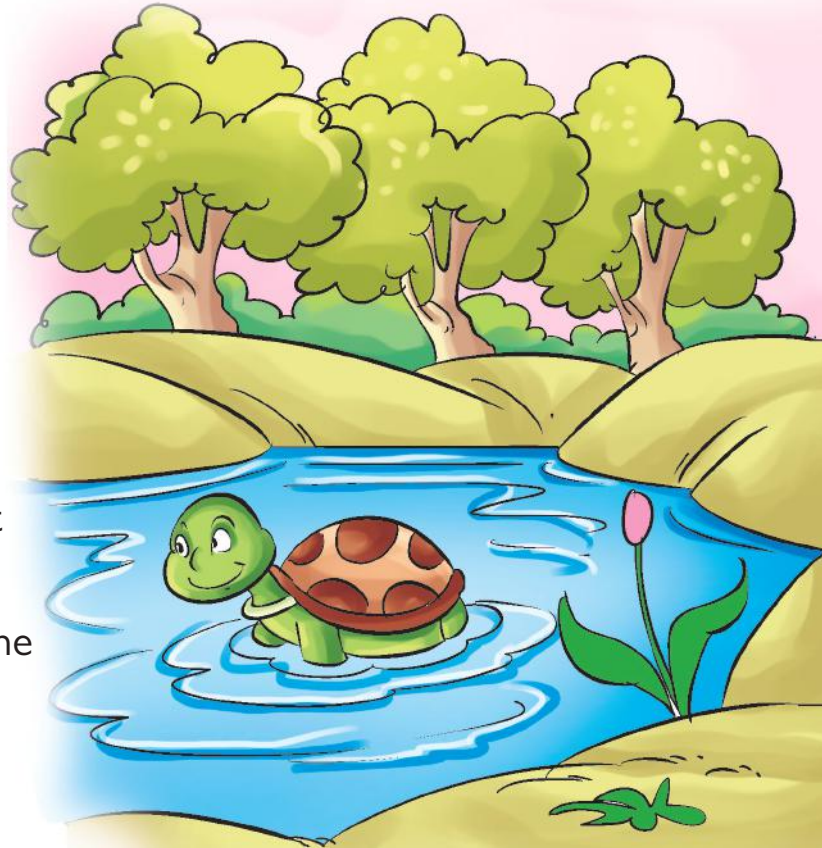
Talkative Turtle

A turtle lived in a pond at the foot of a hill. Two young geese, looking for food, saw the turtle, and talked with him. The next day the geese came again to visit the turtle and they became *acquainted*. Soon they were great friends.

“Friend Turtle,” the Geese said one day, “We have a beautiful home far away. We are going to fly back to our home tomorrow. It will be a long but *pleasant journey*. Will you go with us?”

“How could I? I have no wings” said the turtle.

“Oh, we will take you, if only you can keep



your mouth *shut*, and speak not a word to anybody,” they said.

“I can do that,” said the turtle. “Do take me with you. I will do exactly as you wish.”

So the next day the Geese brought a stick and they held the ends of it. “Now take the middle of this in your mouth, and don’t say a word until we reach home,” they said.

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The Geese than *sprang* into the air, with the turtle between them, holding fast to the stick. The village children saw the two Geese flying along with the turtle and cried out, “Oh see, the turtle up in the air! Look at the Geese carrying a turtle by a stick! Did you ever see anything more *ridiculous* in your life!”

The turtle looked down and began



to say, “Well, and if my friends carry me, what business is that of yours?” As he said so, he fell dead at the feet of the children. As the two Geese flew on, they heard the people say, when they came to see the poor turtle. “That *fellow* could not keep his mouth shut. They said and so lost his life.”

Word Treasure

acquaint : make aware of

sprang : move suddenly upwards

fellow : a man or a boy

journey : an act of travelling from one place to another

pleasant : enjoyable

ridiculous : absurd

shut : close.



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

1. Who lived in a pond?

a. Turtle

b. Geese

c. Monkey

2. The geese became friends of a :

a. Monkey

b. Fish

c. Turtle

3. The geese brought a _____ to take turtle with them.

a. Leaf

b. Stick

c. Stone

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct option :

Turtle, Geese, stick, young, mouth

1. Turtle could not keep his _____ shut.

2. Two _____ geese saw the Turtle.

3. _____ lived in a pond.

4. Geese brought a _____ to take turtle with them.

5. Stick was held by _____ at its end.

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

1. Turtle lived in a village.

2. Turtle became friend with Geese.

3. Geese brought a stone to take turtle with them.

4. The turtle could not keep his mouth shut.

D. Who said to whom :

1. "We have a beautiful home far away."

_____ said to _____

2. "How could I? I have no wings."

_____ said to _____

3. "Don't say a word until we reach home."

_____ said to _____

4. "If my friends carry me, what business is that of yours."

_____ said to _____

E. Answer the following questions :

1. Who lived in a pond?
2. Who asked turtle to go along with them?
3. How did the Geese manage to take turtle with them?
4. What made the turtle speak?
5. Finally what happened with the turtle?

Fun with Words

F. Write the opposites of the words with the help of given words in the box :

careful, hot, soft, before, true, cruel, wise, below, forward, night

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| 1. Good | – | _____ | 6. Careless | – | _____ |
| 2. Day | – | _____ | 7. Hard | – | _____ |
| 3. Above | – | _____ | 8. Cold | – | _____ |
| 4. After | – | _____ | 9. Foolish | – | _____ |
| 5. Backward | – | _____ | 10. Kind | – | _____ |

Essential Grammar

Gender : Gender is of four types.

Masculine : Words that belongs to boys, men and male animals are called masculine gender.

Feminine : Words for girls, women and females belongs to feminine gender.

Common : Words that can be used for both males and females are common gender.

Neuter : Words for non-living things belong to Neuter gender.

G. Here the masculine words are given. Write down the feminine gender for these :

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|-----------|---|-------|------------|---|-------|
| 1. Boy | – | _____ | 2. Brother | – | _____ |
| 3. Father | – | _____ | 4. Actor | – | _____ |
| 5. Man | – | _____ | 6. God | – | _____ |
| 7. Prince | – | _____ | 8. Uncle | – | _____ |

H. Fill in the blanks with the help of (has, have, had).

1. Jack _____ fun at the party last Saturday.
2. I'm sorry, but I _____ to go now.
3. The match _____ already started when we arrived.
4. John _____ passed his driving test.
5. My boss never _____ time.
6. Can we _____ the bill, please?
7. They _____ breakfast at 6:30 this morning.
8. _____ you ever been to Canada?

Essential Speaking

I. Say a short story with the help of the given pictures :



J. "A friend in need is a friend indeed." Explain the importance of a good friends in life.

Fun to Do

K. Write the possible meaningful words with the help of the letters in the word teacher without repeating a single letter :

Cheer