

(The Clever Jackal)

Word Meanings

1. honest - good; not false; not telling lies.
2. immediately - straight away; at once
3. replied - answered
4. rubbish - useless or unwanted things; garbage.

1. Answer the following questions:-

a) How did people hurt the road?

Ans: People hurt the road by walking, riding and throwing rubbish on it.

b) How did people hurt the tree?

Ans: People hurt the tree by eating its leaves and cutting its branches.

c) Do you think the bullock was very strong?

Ans: No, the bullock was not very strong as it got only little to eat after working all day.

d) Who let the tiger out of the trap?

Ans: The old man let the tiger out of the trap.

e) Who put the tiger back in the trap?

Ans: The clever jackal put the tiger back in the trap.

2. Fill in the blanks with words from the list below

extra, agree, through, suddenly, fought, awful, decided

- a. The jackal decided to help him.
- b. They will not agree to save me.
- c. This is an awful trap.
- d. I can't get through the bars.

4. Match the following :-

A

B

- 1. a thing made of wood with four wheels. (a) a shirt (3)
- 2. a thing made of metal and wood (b) a book (5)
- 3. a thing made of cotton (c) a cart (1)
- 4. a thing made of glass (d) a knife (2)
- 5. a thing made of paper (e) a mirror (4)

Make Sentence

1. Friend — Rajat and Sheetal are good friends.
- b. Awful — An awful smell was coming out from the room.
- c. Immediately — He was immediately taken to the hospital after the accident.
- d. lucky — She was lucky that she won the lottery.
- e. Rubbish — We should throw the rubbish in the dustbin.

Homework

State whether the sentences are True (T) or False (F)

1. The bullock was pulling a cart.
2. The trap was very strong.
3. The tree helped the old man.
4. The oldman was not very honest.
5. The jackal was very clever.

2. The Clever Jackal

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Once upon a time, a tiger was caught in a trap. He tried and tried to get out, but the trap was very strong and he could not get through the bars. Just then, an old man came walking by.

The tiger cried out, 'Let me out, my friend! Let me out of this awful trap.'

'No,' said the old man. 'You will eat me up.'

'No, no!' said the tiger. 'I shall be your friend and servant.'

Then he cried and cried until the old man at last opened the door. The tiger immediately caught hold of the old man.

'You fool!' roared the tiger. 'Now I shall eat you up.'

The old man started to cry, and the tiger said, 'All right. I shall let you go. But first ask for help from three things you see. If they agree to help you, I shall let you go.'

The old man asked a great tree in the forest for help. But the tree laughed.

'You are lucky!' said the tree. 'People eat my leaves and cut my branches. Go away.'

The old man saw a bullock pulling water from a well. He asked the bullock for help.

'You are lucky, old man,' said the bullock. 'I work all day and get little to eat.'

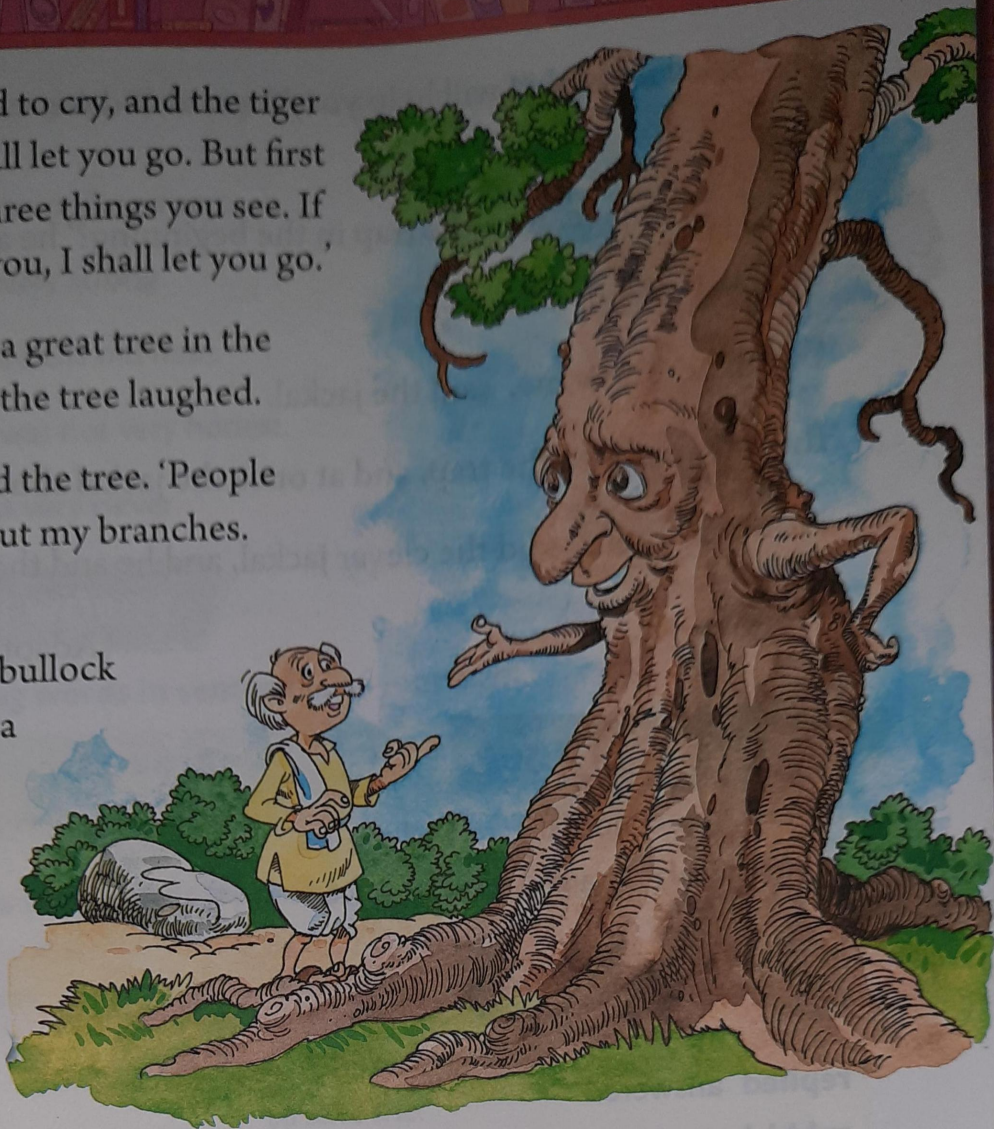
Then the old man said to the road, 'O road, tell the tiger to let me free.'

'Never,' said the road. 'You are lucky. Look at me. People walk and ride on me. They throw rubbish on me. Go back to the tiger.'

The old man was sad, but he was also honest. He walked back to the tiger. On the way he met a jackal.

'What's the matter, old man?' asked the jackal.

The old man told him the story of the tiger. 'And now the tiger will eat me,' he cried.



The jackal felt sad. 'I will help you,' he said and went with the old man to the tiger.

'How did you get into the trap in the beginning?' he asked the tiger.

'Like this,' replied the tiger.

'But how? Show me,' said the jackal.

The tiger got into the trap, and at once the jackal shut the door.

'Now stay there,' said the clever jackal, and he and the old man went away.

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