

The Bear Story

Exercises

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did the lady find the bear cub? How did she bring it up?
2. The bear grew up but “he was a most amiable bear”. Give three examples to prove this.
3. What did the bear eat? There were two things he was not allowed to do. What were they?
4. When was the bear tied up with a chain? Why?
5. What happened one Sunday when the lady was going to her sister’s house? What did the lady do? What was the bear’s reaction?
6. Why was the bear looking sorry for himself in the evening? Why did the cook get angry with her mistress?

Discuss the following topics in groups.

1. Most people keep dogs and cats as pets. Can you think of some unusual pets that people keep?
2. The second bear did not attack the lady because he was afraid of her. Do you agree?

Whose Side?

Once during the American Civil War a woman said to Abraham Lincoln, “Oh, Mr President, I feel so sure God is on our side, don’t you?”

“Ma’am,” said the President, “what should be of greater concern to us is whether we are on God’s side.”

B. 1. Answer the following question in 120 words.

What does the lady’s misunderstanding about the bear’s behavior reveal about human assumptions, and how might this impact our treatment of animals or others we misunderstand?



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