

THE BEAR STORY

[Exercises]

Question 1. Where did the lady find the bear cub? How did she bring it up?

Answer: The lady found the bear cub in the forest, half dead of hunger, so small and helpless that it had to be brought up on the bottle by the lady with the help of the old cook.

Question 2. The bear grew up but “he was a most amiable bear”. Give three examples to prove this.

Answer: The three examples that prove that he was a most amiable bear are:

- He used to friendly watch the cattle grazing.
- The three dogs used to play with him, pull his ears and tease him.
- Children used to ride his back.

Question 3. What did the bear eat? There were two things he was not allowed to do. What were they?

Answer: The bear ate the food same as the dogs- porridge, bread, cabbage, potato, turnip. He used to like fruits. He was not allowed to do the following:

- Pluck apples from the apple tree.
- Harm the beehives on the tree.

Question 4. When was the bear tied up with a chain? Why?

Answer: The bear was tied up on Sundays because the lady used to go for a visit to her married sister.

Question 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?

Answer: One Sunday, when the lady was going to her sister’s house, she heard sound of cracking of a tree-branch on the winding footpath behind her. She saw the bear when looked back. She was angry at him to have left the room. She hit him with her parasol. The bear turned around and began to walk back.

Question 6. Why was the bear looking sorry for himself in the evening? Why did the cook get angry with her mistress?

Answer: Because he did not like to stay in the room locked and wanted to join his mistress in the walk. The cook got angry with her mistress because the mistress was scolding the bear for following her to the forest. The cook told her that he did not leave the room anytime and has been sitting there gently all day long.