

Chapter- 7

Bukka learns a lesson

STUDY NOTES

At a glance

In a dense forest, there lived an elephant calf named Bukka. Everyone in that forest lives in harmony. There are seven or eight calves in his herd, but one can easily identify Bukka because of a white mark on his forehead. Elephants with white marks on their foreheads become leaders of the herd. So perhaps Bukka is loved a little more than others. Elephants roam, eat and live together and they are followed by female elephants. The leader of the herd is Tusker who is large and powerful and everyone in the forest fears and respects him. Bukka admires him and wants to be a leader in future. The older elephants used to teach the young elephants the rules of the jungle. "It is very important to learn how to live in harmony." The young animals listen to them carefully but Bukka takes no interest. Because he knows that one day he will become the leader of the herd and he starts to break the rules.

All the animals are tired of his mischief and complain against him to the leader of the elephant herd. The leader decided to teach him a lesson. That night, as always, Bukka goes to sleep next to his mother. But in the next morning, he finds himself alone and there is no sign of the elephant herd. He feels frightened and starts crying. He enquired everywhere. He asks the squirrels, rabbit, butterflies and sparrows. He was sad and disappointed and cried a lot. He gets tired and falls asleep beside the pool. When he wakes up, he finds himself sleeping in the middle of the herd next to his mother's warm belly. He thought that it was a dream and from that day no one has complained about Bukka again.

Changing your Tomorrow ▲

Get going

A. Let us find the answers from the story.

1. Who was Bukka? Why was he loved a little more than others in his group?

Bukka was an elephant calf. He was loved more than the others in the group because he had a white mark on his forehead and according to them the elephants with this mark on their forehead becomes the leader of the herd.

2. "Bukka looks up to him and dreams of growing up to be a leader one day." Who did Bukka look up to?

Bukka looked up to Tusker – the leader of the herd.

3. Why did Bukka listen half-heartedly when the elders tried to teach the rules of the jungle?

Bukka listened half-heartedly when the elders tried to teach the rules of the jungle because he dreamed and admired of growing to be a leader one day.

4. Tick the correct rule of the jungle and cross the wrong ones.

- a) The elephant calves are allowed to wonder afar. x
- b) Never break the branch of a tree without checking for bird's nest. ✓
- c) One can break the branches with flowers. x
- d) One must be careful not to crush small animals with one's weight. ✓
- e) One must check for baby squirrels in the hollow of the trees before shaking their branches to pick fruits. ✓

B. Let us read between the lines.

1. Do you think the other animals were happy seeing Bukka lost and miserable? Give reasons to support your answer.

A. No, I don't think the other animals were happy seeing Bukka lost and miserable. They wanted to teach him a lesson as all the animals were tired of his mischief.

2. What was Bukka trying to do as he lifted his trunk to catch the smell floating in the breeze?

A. Elephants pick up the smell by using their trunk. As his mother and his herd of elephants were missed, so he lifted his trunk and tried to find out by catching the smell floating in the breeze.

3. Why did Bukka speak meekly to the butterflies? What does this tell us about Bukka?

A. Bukka spoke meekly to the butterflies because he lost his mother as well as the herd. This tells us about Bukka that he realizes his mistake now.

Vocabulary junction

1. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate forms of phrasal verbs watch out, call out, hear out and check out.

- a) Anna did not hear Sam **call out** her name.
- b) Minal **watch out** the book carefully before she decided to buy it.
- c) Priyanka would have slipped on the banana had Rakesh not asked her to **check out**.
- d) **Hear out** my side of the story first and then come to any conclusion.
- e) I asked her to **watch out** for the speeding car, but she could not hear me **call out** her name.

Grammar junction

1. Complete these sentences based on the story.

- a) If you break the branches with flowers, **there will be no flowers, fruits, seeds or new trees.**
- b) If big animals are not careful while sitting down, **the snails will be crushed with their weight.**
- c) If the animals find food, **they will inform others.**
- d) If there are no butterflies, **there will be no flowers as they are the match maker of the plant world.**
- e) If there is fire in the forest, the **whole jungle will destroy and all the animals will die.**

2. Complete the following sentences using appropriate if clause.

- a) **If I have an umbrella,** I will not get wet in the rain.
- b) **If the road is slippery,** you will fall down.
- c) **If you park your car here,** the road will be blocked.
- d) **If you allow me,** I can play with my friends.
- e) If **we go for a picnic,** we can have a bonfire.

Writing junction

Listen to the rules that must be followed at different places in school. Identify each of the places and write down any one rule that must be followed at each place.

| PLACES | RULE |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1.CLASSROOM | Maintain discipline in the class. |
| 2.SWIMMING POOL | No one is allowed in the pool without a swim ring. |
| 3.ASSEMBLY GROUND | Maintain one hand distance and stand. |
| 4.CANTEEN | Stand in a queue to take food. |
| 5.LIBRARY | Keep the books properly after reading. |

